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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 16:01:57 GMT

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Starbuzz wrote on Wed, 11 June 2008 11:41: cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 11 June 2008 09:40: Starbuzz, are you suggesting that you believe that there is a "god", but nothing so much as any religion wants to claim? If so, you really can't consider yourself an atheist, but a deist.

I think so.

It is quite easy to understand why volcanoes are shaped the way they are but why do plants exist? I can see the change in seasons through my eyes but can't understand why my eye should even exist in the first place to let me see the seasons. I can understand the layers of rocks and sediment in the Grand Canyon but something is more peculiarly complex and orderly about muscles, nerves, organs, and the bones that support and protect them.

If it was all planned and designed, I don't know if this "god" or "gods" should be worshipped but I am past the point where I can simply write them off and not acknowledge the possibility of their/its' existence.

And the thousands of religions can easily be the attempts of hundreds of generations of humanity seeking to understand something greater than them.

That's why I'm a theist. I will argue that there has to be something greater than us. I don't try to pretend that any religion even begins to understand this deity.

Though, if you just believe in the possibility, then you're agnostic.

See, your last paragraph puts what I believe better than what I've been able to describe it. It's like, why can people (monotheists, to be exact) write off so many different religions, including polytheistic religions, when they're the product of polytheism that reduced the number of deities to one? That's why I have a problem with a religion saying that their beliefs are the one, true beliefs. I'm sure billions of people that existed before them believed the same about their beliefs, and there's no decent reason to suggest that everybody else was wrong.

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