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Subject: Re: Questions I would like to pose to athiests

Posted by [reborn](#) on Thu, 13 Jan 2011 11:28:45 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 05:15

I've no idea, but at least I'll be honest about the fact I've no idea. If someone thinks they know the answers to these questions, they'd better be ready for the follow-up questions.

What possible explanation could satisfy the question? Does this not make you ponder that there could be a God?

Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 05:15

I'm not sure, but if I can reply to the question with a question, why are so many people wrong in what they worship?

Perhaps that is not the important part of the question, perhaps it's the fact that so many people do worship that should be interesting?

Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 05:15

Whoah, whoah, whoah, steady on there. Since when was "significance" and "meaning" in life a synonym for a god? You're not saying that the only way a life could have "meaning" is if that meaning was determined by a super-powerful celestial dictator?

I do think that life is an experience and I do think it'll end, but I wouldn't use the words "nothing more" in that sentence and I certainly wouldn't call it a waste of time.

You have a child, don't you?

I'm saying what's the point of learning if what you gained is lost when you die. What will your experiences matter to anyone in a 1000 years time? If there is no real lesson plan for us, as there is no teacher, then why bother going to class?

I do have a child, she means more to me than anyone else. I would face anything for her well being. If I cease to exist when I die, then I would not be sad.

However, if you cannot reflect on your past (because you do not exist), then those experiences you had are lost.

Everything you take in is unique to you. All your experiences are interpreted by you, so are unique. If you cease to exist, then what was the point of you experiencing them if they are lost?

Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 05:15

Your statement about intelligence and reasoning surely is one possible answer to the first question. The second one's an evolutionary matter.

I was trying to say that Yes we are different to the other animals, but why are we the only ones with higher reasoning?

No other animals have been capable of gaining this level of reasoning over the period of time the Earth has existed?

Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 05:15

Again, why are you equating these two concepts? You might as well swap "God" for "Kim Jong-Il" or "McDonalds"

Because people can have faith in a God that their prayers will be heard. If it is just chance, then you just have to wait and see.

Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 05:15

How are you defining hope?

I am asking you how you define it.

You are in a room with a murderer holding a gun who hates you.

You hope he doesn't kill you. Do you hope for a 1 in a million chance, but realsie you're probably going to die as that is extremely far fetched?

Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 05:15

Universal...? Well, the concept of God doesn't qualify as that. Read the bible - the character of Yahweh is absolutely monstrous.

If we were to suppose that there isn't a "universal force of fairness and equality", then that's all the more reason to create as fair a system of laws as we can.

Yeah, you're right. But logically there are people that will miss out. Are you saying that some pople exist, have bad luck, and then die? There is no higher power at work that can save them, or causing them to have this existance so they can learn this hardship? They have this lot in life, experienace some shittyness, then just cease to exist? What's the point of their life?

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