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Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 00:07:00 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 01:36:09 GMT  
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Surprisingly, I must say that I completely agree with you.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 01:40:32 GMT  
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I agree with you 200% as well.

AMEN, BROTHA!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 01:46:50 GMT  
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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 01:51:45 GMT  
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Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 03:08:45 GMT  
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Do we not have more inportant things to worry about.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [PointlessAmbler](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 04:21:45 GMT  
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Burning flags and effigies is an acceptable form of expression (OH NO NOT SYMBOLISM), but burning down embassies? That sure isn't.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Dr. Lithius](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 08:31:51 GMT  
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Alright, I heard something light on this on that other news show on Comedy Central or something... Someone wanna gimme a link to the news article or somethin'?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 09:40:22 GMT  
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the retard in London dressing himself as a suicide bomber to "avenge the slur on his religion" was a convicted drug dealer... which is, of course, strictly forbidden by the Koran, but who cares because cartoons are a much more damaging issue than crack could ever be.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 10:48:37 GMT  
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Posted by [YSLMuffins](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 21:43:29 GMT  
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Isn't this being perpetuated by mostly Iran's new president to draw attention away from nuclear  
ambitions and a struggling economy?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 23:29:34 GMT  
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Saudi Arabia is actually buying protestors for this.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 2006 01:46:10 GMT  
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A French newspaper "did it" today too.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 2006 15:27:45 GMT  
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The muzlums and go Muzzle off.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Toolstyle](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 2006 18:23:28 GMT

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I was reading the paper a couple of days ago and the Muslim writer of the article pretty much said that it's ok to take the piss out of the Pope and Christianity but not ok to take the piss out of Mohammed.

Found the quote:

"Over the years, we have become de-sensitised to issues our forefathers would have been tried for as heretics. No one thinks twice about lampooning the Pope, or Christianity and for most non-Muslims this is just another bit of fun within our rights to freedom of speech.

But with freedom of speech comes responsibility and the cartoon was plain irresponsible."

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Renerage](#) on Fri, 10 Feb 2006 06:47:21 GMT  
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Ok, we're sittin in Civis class (grade 10) our tecaher, whos very apathetic to the worlds needs and what not tells us about this.  
Shes telling about his mohammus blah blah blah.

Then its funny, its mostly boys, so all I had to say was, "who cares" The whole class agreed.  
She sat down, and cried. And shes a white christian.  
lol funny shit.  
Who cares, its a fucking picture.

OT: I heard this in an old thread, and its funny shit.  
Link to Topic: <http://www.renegadeforums.com/index.php?t=msg&th=252&start=0&rid=19649>  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Fri, 10 Feb 2006 12:43:44 GMT  
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Posted by [Renerage](#) on Fri, 10 Feb 2006 17:11:14 GMT  
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lol i usually dont go to those forums. this was the first time ive wondered what they were about. I literally shit my pants when i heard that.  
And besides, i didnt join until mid 05

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Posted by [Jaspah](#) on Fri, 10 Feb 2006 19:26:18 GMT  
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QFT!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 05:57:27 GMT  
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Quantitative Feedback Theory?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [ogreomg](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 21:51:24 GMT  
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I have to agree.

I do believe that this was an offenisve thing to do towards muslims, but the pure unintellectual rage these people went into when this cartoon hit they're streets is just beyond ridiculous. It's more an excuse to create anarchy in the streets than it is anything else, IMO.

And then they do this "Holocaust" contest thing...dropping to the same low levels as the folks who made the bomb on the head cartoon. It's simply deplorable...

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 23:10:38 GMT  
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Argh what is this "QFT" I keep reading on forums around the place?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 23:23:07 GMT  
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Buckery wrote on Sat, 11 February 2006 00:57 Quantitative Feedback Theory?

This is all I found.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [csskiller](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 23:24:36 GMT  
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Hmm, is it French for WTF?  
Quoi = What

and the letters are usually backwards relative to english.

ie KFC = PFK

[Edit] Then again I might have taken this a bit seriously

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Posted by [Nightma12](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 23:36:45 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [csskiller](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 23:45:51 GMT  
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Bah!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [SCOTT9](#) on Sun, 12 Feb 2006 00:30:29 GMT  
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it was funny though they had a arab school girl with a i love al qiada hat on!!! ROFL!!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [bandie63](#) on Sun, 12 Feb 2006 01:37:16 GMT  
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I'm all for freedom of the press, and I'm not condoning the riots, which are just using this as an excuse, but that was poor judgement on the news paper's part. What makes it even worse, are the stupid papers feeding the fire by re-printing it.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [bigjoe14](#) on Sun, 12 Feb 2006 01:43:05 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Toolstyle](#) on Mon, 13 Feb 2006 19:10:05 GMT  
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I though it stood for "Quite F\*cking True" never mind.

What's really annoying about all this is that if Christian's had been offended by something a took to the streets we'd be condemned by everyone and the police would arrest as many as they could but because they're Muslims in a Christian country nothing happens.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [runewood](#) on Thu, 16 Feb 2006 19:47:41 GMT  
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Ok, these events have made me sad. I know what Im about to say may be wrong but for me its true.

I have lost all my respect for the Muslim world. I use to think, sure some extremists but mostly normal down to earth types. Then this happened. Now I don't see them a civilized people. It just sickens me. To think that a people, in the civilized world, could do this...Im sorry for anyone who is Muslim but what the hell is wrong with you people? Someone draws on paper and you start killing each other and burning down buildings? You can't do shit like that. Sure you can have your rallies and such but when you kill innocent people and your own people then something is wrong. Islam

needs to take a good long look at itself and wonder if it can survive in the world as it is.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [thrash300](#) on Wed, 26 Apr 2006 20:13:04 GMT  
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God Bless You! You see what is going on and all the bullshit that goes with it. But a little thing you should know is that Alquada is said to start these things. But they should be smart, but when you hear only one voice you get determined, and think that it is the act of God. You see, they don't have CNN, or ABC, they don't have the truth, so these Alquada bastards take advantage of that. Some Arabs knew the truth and did not protest, and told others not to as well.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Fri, 28 Apr 2006 19:47:55 GMT  
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Thanks alot for Nodbuggering my post. Oh and suggesting that CNN and ABC are truthful is a joke.

See entry 1  
<http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=nodbugger>

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [thrash300](#) on Fri, 28 Apr 2006 22:10:21 GMT  
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Yea, your kind of right they just talk talk talk, I mean seriously yap, yap, yap, like it, going to fix anything. Have you watched it?  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [thrash300](#) on Fri, 28 Apr 2006 22:12:39 GMT  
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Ow, and IM NOT A NODBUGGER I only follow when its for the right!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Im a free person I can follow then leave!!!!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Sat, 29 Apr 2006 02:50:43 GMT

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Heh, Nodbugger. That just ruined the Nod Buggy for me...

Dover wrote on Tue, 25 April 2006 14:46thrash300:

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [SCOTT9](#) on Sat, 13 May 2006 21:03:34 GMT  
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Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Sat, 13 May 2006 23:22:34 GMT  
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SCOTT9 wrote on Sat, 13 May 2006 22:03Muslims=pricks who are making a 65 decibal speaker mosque in my town and guess how much they paid for the land 1 fucking pound

Not you again.

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Posted by [mision08](#) on Sun, 14 May 2006 04:54:29 GMT  
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And you're a racist. Prejudiced/Religionist/whatever the hell you call him these days.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Feetseek](#) on Thu, 18 May 2006 04:12:22 GMT  
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Hmmmmmmmmmm..... I heard that almost the same thing is happening with Christians and the DaVinci code. Although I don't think they did anything destructive, I find this rather ironic that they taunted the Muslims for being mad over a cartoon while they get mad over a book/movie.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Thu, 18 May 2006 23:21:48 GMT  
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You couldn't be more wrong. Muslims ATTACKED AND KILLED PEOPLE AND DESTROYED PROPERTY over these cartoons. The most any Christian has done over The Da Vinci Code is boycott them both or publish rebuttals.

Don't even try comparing the two.

Besides, even if they WERE comparable, the most your ridiculous attack on Christians can be considered is, at most, off topic for this thread. This thread is about how muslims RIOTED AND KILLED over the publishing of these cartoons.

Take your attacks on Christianity somewhere else.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Feetseek](#) on Fri, 19 May 2006 01:50:37 GMT  
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It's not an attack.... I'm just saying that I find both Muslims and Christian do different things, but have a somewhat similar anger.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Fri, 19 May 2006 15:21:19 GMT  
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It most certainly was an attack. You try to excuse the actions of muslims because Christians, you claim, respond to criticism in a way similar to muslims.

You're equating peaceful protests with violent riots, which is just plain ludicrous.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

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Posted by [Javalcx](#) on Fri, 19 May 2006 15:52:42 GMT

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No he didn't. He said exactly what he reiterated to you in his second post. The irony is not really all that intriguing, but it's still there. I spoke to many Christians about the cartoons, and none of them responded to "well, it's what they believe, they have a right to be mad", whereas most of them responded with "wow, it's just a cartoon".

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 19 May 2006 19:16:01 GMT

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Question:

Hydra, are attacks on Christianity any worse than attacks on Islam? If so, why?

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Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Fri, 19 May 2006 19:43:45 GMT

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A right to be mad yes, but not throw molotov cocktails at embassies.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [Dover](#) on Mon, 22 May 2006 14:52:09 GMT

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But then again, what rights do European knights have for pillaging the holy land?

Quote:As long as there has been one true god, there has been killing in his name.

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Posted by [Hydra](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 06:09:11 GMT  
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They probably said "wow, it's just a cartoon" because of the way the muslims responded to them; no sane person is going to say, "They have a right to be mad, which justifies their rioting."

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Where did I get angry? The all-caps? Those are there simply for emphasis.

DoverQuestion:

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No, though you want me to say yes.

Both religions have been attacked in similar ways--Islam with the cartoons, Christianity with The DaVinci Code book and movie.  
Both have responded in starkly different ways--Islam with violent riots, Christianity with peaceful protests (and banning of the movie in some countries at the worst; nothing violent (to my knowledge))

Is it an attack to say Islam responded in a much more violent way to criticism than Christianity?  
How about if I said that it is illegal and punishable by death to be a Christian in every country governed by Islamic law while it is perfectly legal to be a muslim in most countries founded on Christian principles?  
Of course not; it's a simple observation of reality. The modern-day media leads us to believe that these are attacks because it has become politically incorrect to confront the brutal facts.

Quote:But then again, what rights do European knights have for pillaging the holy land?  
If you want to bring the Crusades into this (wars started IN REACTION TO muslim aggression), you can throw all relevancy of your argument to today's world (that's the year 2006, not the year 1306) right out the window.

Quote:As long as there has been one true god, there has been killing in his name.  
As long as there have been multiple true gods, there has been killing in their name.  
As long as there has been no god, there has been killing in our name.  
As long as there has been a human race, there has been killing in man's name.  
For as long as I don't have what you have, I have always been killing you to get it.

You can't blame on religion what has been caused by our nature.

If anything, religion serves to assist us in controlling our nature and NOT killing each other just to get the other guy's stuff. That whole "love your neighbor" and "serve others" thing wouldn't even exist had it not been for religion. Mankind would have never left the caves and advanced to where we are now had we never had any religion.

Sure there's been killing in His name, but moreso than killing, there has been innovation.

Amen.

P.S. Word to the wise: don't take anything in The DaVinci Code for fact without doing your own independent research.

There's more evidence for a secret treasure hidden by Freemasons that our Founding Fathers left clues to find in our founding documents than there is for Jesus's supposed daughter.

Disney ends up making a more compelling case than Ron Howard.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 11:16:51 GMT  
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Durka Durka!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 17:35:50 GMT  
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Funny. I saw The DaVinci Code this past weekend, and I didn't see it as an attack at all. Quite the opposite, I saw it as a call for free-thinking. It simply presents a case and allows the viewer to form his or her own conclusions. Christianity on the other hand, basically says "This is what the bible says, therefore it's right. Any deviance from this is wrong. If you don't believe you're going to hell."

What's an attack on what, exactly?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 17:57:22 GMT  
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It's fiction...I don't know why religious loonies are getting all worked up over it.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 18:02:50 GMT

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Say someone calls your mother a slut. Even if it clearly isn't true, are you going to respond to that or just let it happen?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 18:36:10 GMT

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Just let it happen. Duh. What kind of insecure nut would get worked up over WORDS?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 19:11:52 GMT

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SpyGuy246 wrote on Tue, 23 May 2006 13:02 Say someone calls your mother a slut. Even if it clearly isn't true, are you going to respond to that or just let it happen?

That must be the most retarded thing I've ever read...

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 22:14:25 GMT

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So your mother is a slut, I take it.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 22:47:49 GMT

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Hydra wrote on Tue, 23 May 2006 02:09 It may not be as vehement as I suggested in my earlier post, but it was still an attack in that he tried to downplay the actions of those muslims by saying "well Christians complain about stupid stuff like this too."

After rereading his posts a few times, I really don't know how this conclusion could be reached. He didn't downplay anything, especially since he didn't suggest such a matter was even in contention. As stated before, the irony he mentioned isn't very spectacular in the first place, but it still exists regardless of the specifics of the situation. Religious people tend to take this process of non-thinking epistemology to such an extreme that belligerence is a repercussion of whatever the situation is. It is highly unfortunate that the poor and stupid Muslims of the world take to violence to express such anger, don't get me wrong. But the fact that Christians also get so angry over

similar stimulus does not dismiss the fact that they take extreme action in turn. In this case, it's obviously not violence, it's smear campaigns against a fiction being purported as fact by none other than the conservative wing in the first place! Mr. Brown may have stated that his work contains factual information regarding certain categories, but he also made quite clear (and reiterated in that trial) that the work is nothing but a fiction to be taken with a grain of sand as a whole. The point the person who started this was trying to make was that both sides do stupid things for immensely stupid reasons. To such a thing I say "fucking duh" and move on.

Quote:They probably said "wow, it's just a cartoon" because of the way the muslims responded to them; no sane person is going to say, "They have a right to be mad, which justifies their rioting."

On the contrary, I don't believe that anyone in the western world with a shred of sense ever pretended that the action they took was justified. I have the utmost reason to believe it was over the fact that the belief of the muslims states that Muhammed must not be drawn-- or whatever the still retarded dogma is.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 23:09:27 GMT  
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Dan Brown should consider putting a huge disclaimer at the front of his book. STOP FUCKING CALLING THIS THE TRUTH YOU FUCKING RELIGIOUS NUTS! He already publicly denounced the fact that people think it is the truth.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Wed, 24 May 2006 10:39:21 GMT  
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Aircraftkiller wrote on Tue, 23 May 2006 17:14So your mother is a slut, I take it.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Wed, 24 May 2006 14:45:41 GMT  
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You know, what my mother does extramaritally is none of my business, so for all I know, she could be.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Fabian](#) on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:55:15 GMT

I think there would be some warning signs...

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 03:47:06 GMT

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 05:12:43 GMT

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Dover wrote on Tue, 23 May 2006 13:35 Funny. I saw The DaVinci Code this past weekend, and I didn't see it as an attack at all. Quite the opposite, I saw it as a call for free-thinking. Free-thinking as long as it's a humanist form of thinking, right?

Quote:It simply presents a case and allows the viewer to form his or her own conclusions. It presents a case against the Catholic church and steers the viewer to form an anti-Catholic/Christianity conclusion.

It tells us that Christ was simply another figure in history rather than the Son of God and even had a wife of His own.

It goes on to expose some of the atrocities committed by the Catholic church.

I don't see how any viewer who may have been on the fence about religion can draw any other conclusion other than "Christianity is bad" from this movie.

Quote:Christianity on the other hand, basically says "This is what the bible says, therefore it's right. Any deviance from this is wrong. If you don't believe you're going to hell."

I don't know what Christians you've been talking to, but if THAT'S what you think the basic message of Christianity is, you've missed the point completely.

Want to know what the basic message of Christianity is? "Love God, and love people." Love God (in all three forms) with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

What you've said is the basic message of Christianity is a misinterpretation of what SOME judgmental Christian fundamentalists have said over the years. Sadly, many Christians do not know how to tactfully share the gospel with non-believers without being too abrasive or judgmental. It's really not your fault you think the way you do about Christianity; rather, it's the fault of those abrasive and judgmental Christians who failed to explain their beliefs in a tactful way without being too offensive.

Quote:What's an attack on what, exactly?

The DaVinci Code is an attack on a message of love.

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Quote:Just let it happen. Duh. What kind of insecure nut would get worked up over WORDS? When those words have the power to destroy your reputation and add to the slander that's already out there against you, thus giving people on the fence one more reason to turn away from you.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 05:38:14 GMT  
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Hydra wrote on Thu, 25 May 2006 00:12

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Which was my point in bringing it up in the first place. Thank you for seeing it when a couple people missed it.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 09:28:58 GMT  
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I didn't read through this whole thread, but something here is very, very wrong.

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You do know that it's just a fictional story, right? That's like secret service agents getting mad because some thriller portrays them as evil...if people take that stuff for real, then it should really be their fault instead of the author's, don't you think?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 14:53:55 GMT  
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Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12 Free-thinking as long as it's a humanist form of thinking, right?

No, just thinking outside what's normally accepted.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12 It presents a case against the Catholic church and steers the viewer to form an anti-Catholic/Christianity conclusion.

But a viewer is free to, as you have I'm sure, form a different opinion.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12 It tells us that Christ was simply another figure in history rather than the Son of God and even had a wife of His own.

There's no actual proof to say otherwise, other than a book.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12 It goes on to expose some of the atrocities committed by the Catholic church.

Which should be kept secret...why? If I'm going to cast my vote for the Catholic church, I expect to know all the crap they've done in their history, similar to the press having a field day with George Bush and the choking on the pretzel, or the fact that he's snorted cocaine in his college years. In the same way the Americans have a right to know the information before electing him to any position, people have a right to know about these atrocities committed by the Catholic church before dedicating part of their lives and wallets to it.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12 I don't see how any viewer who may have been on the fence about religion can draw any other conclusion other than "Christianity is bad" from this movie.

Maybe, but there are more than enough "Pro-Christian" influences in the world. Too many, in fact. One movie on the other side isn't going

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...And if you don't want to love god, because you don't believe, you're going to hell, right?

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Amongst the most "fundamentalist" of Christian groups are the Catholics. They're literally the

foundation for all the churches that came thereafter. Last I checked the Catholic church numbered about 1,000,000,000 people. Hardly SOME.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12 The DaVinci Code is an attack on a message of love.

Christianity does not hold a monopoly on them messege of love. To continue the metaphor, they own very little shares of the messege of love.

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12 When those words have the power to destroy your reputation and add to the slander that's already out there against you, thus giving people on the fence one more reason to turn away from you.

That's implying I give a shit about what people I've never met and never will meet care about me. Who cares if they turn away from me. Similarly, why should you care if The DaVinci Code results in less recruitment for the church?

Hydra wrote on Wed, 24 May 2006 22:12 Quote: I love how everyone expects me to shit bricks like a bible-thumper watching The DaVinci Code because my mother was dragged into this conversation.

Quote: What's an attack on what, exactly?

You're implying that I attacked Christianity, I'm assuming?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 17:27:06 GMT  
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You've stated a mouthful there, Hydra.

Hydra wrote on Thu, 25 May 2006 01:12  
Free-thinking as long as it's a humanist form of thinking, right?

This is an interesting point to make. As someone who pertains but doesn't subscribe to Christianity, and having been immersed in Christian schools since the age of four, I feel I have at least an informed opinion on this matter. The DaVinci Code does not, at least to me, come off as a humanist dogma. It lends itself to a thoroughly agnostic position. That IS free-thinking. It's the mean between the extremes of deism and atheism, which as far as I'm concerned is the sweet spot.

Just because something squelches what you believe does not mean it is wrong, evil, or even slander. That's a harsh point to make, seeing how DVC is also a fiction-- something to reiterate thoroughly because it doesn't seem to be sinking in with those who believe it has ever been purported as anything but.

On a side note, Christianity is supposed to be a free-thinking institution. And while I think that is an oxymoron to boundless extremes given the criteria that come standard with the [Christian] tag, I ask why it is considered such a pox on the institution to facilitate alternatives to what is

commonly accepted? Is Christianity only free-thinking when it's in line with the accepted dogma? Or am I missing something here that wasn't revealed to me over nearly 15 years of Christian schooling and 5 years of independent study?

Quote:It presents a case against the Catholic church and steers the viewer to form an anti-Catholic/Christianity conclusion.

JohnDoe made a very ample comparison to this.

Quote:That's like secret service agents getting mad because some thriller portrays them as evil

Similarity, should you subscribe to Christianity, wouldn't this fiction allow you to ask questions to strengthen your faith? Mind you, I've never bought into that standard response to discernment from the Christian front either, but some people find logic in it so I'll toss it out there.

Quote:It tells us that Christ was simply another figure in history rather than the Son of God and even had a wife of His own.

So? Metal Gear Solid uses factual coincidences to establish a hidden sub-government within the US government dating back to the birth of America that runs the world secretly. But that was a fiction too, right?

I certainly don't believe that if Jesus lived, He lived any other way than what the Bible purported Him as (seeing how the Biblical texts and similar books are our only "reliable" source on His life). I certainly don't think that, nor ever did, Da Vinci would be privvy to such information contrary in the first place.

Quote:It goes on to expose some of the atrocities committed by the Catholic church. I don't see how any viewer who may have been on the fence about religion can draw any other conclusion other than "Christianity is bad" from this movie.

The Catholic Church is guilty of atrocities. They are one of the most corrupt institutions in history. Mind you, they're also one of the most long-standing, so they've had a long time to rack in the distrust and reputation they have. They are guilty of doing vastly good things, but that's shadow in comparison when they commit an evil thing. That goes a great deal farther when you hear what Catholic dogma says about the nature of the papacy.

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Want to know what the basic message of Christianity is? "Love God, and love people." Love God (in all three forms) with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

I think that you'll find that most people who don't subscribe to the Bible or Christianity will fit the description of the Christian version of "love thy neighbour". You'll also find that they may also have contention with your description of the Divine. Personally, I'd like to know how it is you know that God is the way you claim He is and not like the way I say He is. It certainly isn't as simple as just saying "love God and love your neighbour", because loving God is a pretty big freaking

commitment to make. Let me elaborate:

In order to love God, you need to know what God is. You can throw that idea that God is in people, but the Old Testament and New Testament seem to suggest that God is Himself a separate entity from all of us and should be loved in such a respect. Further, that claim is dismissed when the second piece of message says "love thy neighbour" which further suggests God is something other than people. I say this because in previous discussions, this point has been raised and I want to nip it in the bud. In order to love God, you need to know what He is-- or in fact, that He IS a He. In order to do this, we refer to the Bible, the Koran, the Torah, whatever. All books say that God is. You read through them and you come to the conclusion that God exists simply because He does. So, now you are told to love someone whom you have no reason to believe actually exists in the manner described. So the problem is clear, and the problem with Christianity is clear.

Those people who love their neighbours without subscribing to Christianity tend not to have a problem with loving each other, they have a problem with loving a logical being extrapolated into an immensely illogical fallacy\*\*\*.

Quote:The DaVinci Code is an attack on a message of love.

Why? Please define love, because I think we're referring to different things.

Quote:When those words have the power to destroy your reputation and add to the slander that's already out there against you, thus giving people on the fence one more reason to turn away from you.

Turn away from you, or turn away from your beliefs? Is being offered material to study and confirm or dispute constitute this? Or should the information claimed to be truth by Mr. Brown be left secret for those only privy to a theology degree or an impulse to study church history? I'm not saying everything he claims as truthful is truthful, because there are several debatable points. However, there are many others that raise important questions that have every right to see the light of day. If they cause your belief system to suffer, that is not the truth's fault. It is your institution. It is most definitely not slander.

\*\*\*I say that God is a logical conclusion based on the works of Thomas Aquinas. I say that the Bible however is an illogical extrapolation because there is no proof outside conjecture suggesting that anything supernatural in the Bible has ever happened or could happen. I can say that God probably exists, but He certainly isn't the God that turned a woman to salt and flooded the world. That God has evidence stacked against him, while mine has nothing but evidence FOR Him.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 17:50:13 GMT

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I agree with most you've said, but what evidence is there for your form of god? There's no evidence for either.

Thomas Aquinas just assumes that there is a first cause to everything and that it is god...but why should it be that way? I mean, if god can exist without a reason, then why can't the universe?

And maybe there isn't a first cause at all...how could we possibly know?

Suck my nuts, Tom!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 17:55:14 GMT  
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Some of Thomas Aquinas' proof for a god was, being frank, just plain silly.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 17:55:38 GMT  
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What I should have said is there is MORE evidence for my concept of God than the Biblical one. I'm thoroughly agnostic, so I tend to pertain to ideas that have a probability attached to them. Aquinas (it was the reader's digest version for complexity's sake) and Kant combined generally make up my theory. I'm not gonna go into too much depth lest I throw this thread off topic, but in a nutshell it seems to be far more probable to me that all things are caused by a causee than an infinite regression of causality.

Aquinas (again, reader's digest) says that an infinite regression of causality is very possible, but it doesn't account for the existence of the regression. That's where the first cause comes in. There are no stipulations on the nature of the first cause, merely that it has happened. Which is also why we have no reason to believe anything other than God probably exists. You can call him Zumpedumple for all I care. It's not the same God as the Bible, but I call Him that nonetheless because His existence is akin to that God.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 18:16:19 GMT  
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No, that's exactly the flaw in Aquinas' logic...he assumes that there is a god in the first place (call him zumpedumple if you wish), but why couldn't there just be the universe? It's much more probable since we have proof that the universe exists.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 18:28:08 GMT  
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Not quite. Aquinas himself might have assumed God existed and went on to prove it, but the theory does not. The theory suggests that because all things are caused, there must be a causer. This is why I say it is probable and not definite that God exists. Aquinas himself thought it absolutely certain, whereas everything we know about this universe today suggests things are only probable.

To me personally, all things I have experienced suggest to me that all things are almost certainly caused by something else. As this regression proceeds to a single first cause (to which I also don't know existed, I can only speculate), I can call it God, Java, Xcx, whatever. It's the first cause that exists only in such a form that is transcendental. That's why there can be the appearance of a universe that has always been here but it has also been caused into being. Similarly, it can simpler and the universe could have started at a single point. I didn't want to touch too much on Kant here because his theories are just as far out there.

But it's like string theory. The conclusions are pretty intense, but it is challenging to prove them wrong. Make note though, this God doesn't even need to be all that special. It's merely the cause that allowed all things today to happen. It doesn't necessarily mean that such a God isn't capable of anything else, but it doesn't negate that possibility.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javacx](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 18:33:18 GMT  
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JohnDoe wrote on Thu, 25 May 2006 14:16It's much more probable since we have proof that the universe exists.

This is another thing to consider. When you say that you have proof that the universe exists, what is it? I'm not trying to be a broad spectrum here, but when you start mixing theories of proof it's necessary to bring it up. If you can say that we can prove that the universe exists, I'm assuming you're basing this on the experience that you exist IN the universe. Then suddenly you're comparing apples and apples because the universe you claim exists under mostly probable objective circumstances must also probably follow some kind of logic. If it's causality, then Aquinas' theory is still applicable because of Kant's Transcendental Aesthetic theory.

Long story short, read a few excerpts on the TA and see what you can come up with. I'd be interested in discussing it with you.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 18:58:10 GMT  
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Just based on the last few comments regarding the universe and God, in short form:

Either everything had a beginning, or some things simply just existed, and always have.

Taking this premise, you have three choices (for all three, assume "the Universe" includes its pre-big bang form):

1) The Universe has always existed. Therefore God did not create the universe.

However, this can not be used to disprove the overall idea of God's existence, as if the universe has always existed, then the possibility of God always existing is still there.

2) The Universe did not exist at one point in time. It simply created itself.

This can also not be used to disprove the existence of God. After all, if an unintelligent thing such as the universe can create itself, why can an intelligent being not do the same?

3) The Universe did not exist at one point in time. Something must have created it.

Self-explanatory. Something created it. That would be the being we call God. Who created God then? Well, something somewhere had to create itself in order to begin creating new things. Whether or not it is true "God" came from nothing, or was simply always there, there had to be a beginning at some point.

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 19:03:55 GMT

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 19:11:27 GMT  
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Warranto is right. God's existance can neither be disproven not proven.

But, from a logical point of view, assuming that there is something you have no proof of whatsoever makes no sense at all.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 19:42:10 GMT  
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JohnDoe wrote on Thu, 25 May 2006 15:03It's not even probable...there is no evidence whatsoever that he exists.

That's not exactly true. Probability is the assumption that things will act a certain way in the future, or similarly, things in the past acted in a predictable manner similar to the immediate present. Based solely on the present, most if not all things I've experienced suggest a universal law of causality. For every action, there is a reaction, and every reaction requires an action. Of course, it's a theory and it is valid because the future has not yet proven it to be truth or not. However, based on this, we have a model by which we can say that the past MAY have been like it is right now. The sample data is as big as I can remember and has remained consistent throughout. Which means by extrapolation I have probability on my side when I say all things are probably caused. That invariably includes the universe, as the universe is comprised by definition of energy. Thus, all energy originated at a single point as a result of some kind of stimulation. I choose to call it God. The proof is based on the same scientific method used to prove simple things like inertia or force. The beauty is that it isn't definiate and is still fallable. Which means while I might be right, there is just a good, if not greater chance that I'm wrong. Which means there is still mystery in the universe for my mind to experience and apply to my understanding. However, as it stands now I can merely say THAT God exists based on my experience, I simply can't tell you how He does, why He does, or what He might be capable of.

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Then there is one god, then another, then another. I don't know, or have any recourse to suggest such a thing even is probable. So my position that is that it is merely possible, but infinitely unprovable. I don't try and figure out the nature of what the first cause is like. I only need to be convinced as much as I am sure the sun will rise tomorrow THAT such a cause existed.

As for the universe existing forever, I'm assuming you're talking about the universe having existed forever as opposed to existing forever in the future. To which Aquinas' argument still works because of the TA of Kant. Our concepts of past, present, and future are the means by which our consciousness makes sense of the universe around it. There is no doctrine to suggest that the universe itself must revolve around these concepts. Like warranto said, should the universe have existed forever, then it lends there must be some kind of means to an ends. It must mean that infinity is a tangible construct and not an abstract attributed ONLY to the transcendental. There is so little evidence for this that I can't help but be inclined to think it isn't true. Now, that doesn't mean that it ISN'T true, it's merely saying that the chances of it being true are significantly less then the universe having begun at some point. If you can provide enough evidence for a claim, I'd be forced to reevaluate the situation.

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Why? What makes you think this is more likely then the universe starting at some point?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 21:03:20 GMT

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The whole idea of "god" is based on something resembling an intelligent life form, right? What can possibly make you think that something like that should exist? It's about as probable as the pink

unicorns in my front yard that only become visible once the moon explodes. I can understand why people would think that there is a starting point to the universe, but isn't a Big Bang that we can't fully understand with our current knowledge of physics a lot more likely than some kind of creature? After all, god is just something people invented in order to explain things that they couldn't themselves.

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Well, that's just your feeling. I just don't see why a chain of actions and reactions should even come to sudden halt. It kind of defeats the purpose of it, don't you think?

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 21:25:42 GMT  
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I'll read and reply 2morrow...I'm tired and spent too much time at the PC today anyway.

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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 21:36:08 GMT  
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Fair enough

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 21:37:26 GMT  
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Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 05:09:35 GMT  
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Similar to when around that same time the head of the U.S. Patent Office resigned for the same reason.

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Ouch. I thought you were a bit more clever after your first post. I said that it doesn't make sense to assume something exists than you have no proof whatsoever for. I didn't say it doesn't exist, because that's impossible to find out. Get the difference? So yea gj obliterating something I haven't said, genius.

I'm saying that assuming that there is a planet with pink unicorns which are high on glue is nuts, because there is no proof whatsoever. I can't however say that it doesn't exist for sure. Exchange the unis with god and you get the picture.

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 08:41:37 GMT  
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That's definitely too long for me to read without getting good grades for it . Is there some wikipedia thing that sums it up or something?

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Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 13:52:13 GMT  
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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 14:03:28 GMT  
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Your point?

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Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 14:23:52 GMT  
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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 14:53:12 GMT  
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I know what spontaneous generation is and I know what you were trying to say...I just don't see how that affects my arguement in the slightest. You might as well have told us that you like zebras..

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 15:42:01 GMT

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Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 15:49:42 GMT

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I don't go around telling others that what I believe in is truth. You should probably listen to yourself, as well. You shouldn't be telling me that my thoughts are illogical when you have no proof that they are. Just because YOU believe that they are, doesn't make you right. The same goes for me, as you said.

God existing is just as likely as Him not existing. It's a 50/50 chance. Not 99/1, not 80/20. Either He does or doesn't exist.

It IS logical for us to have faith in things. You believe in material things all the time. The only difference is that what I have faith in is spiritual and cannot be seen, felt, or smelled.

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Faith is all I need. In my mind, I'm quite sure of God's existance. Whether or not you believe in it.

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I believe that God exists because of the world around me. I look at the beauty, the intricacy, and I see God. I don't see how any of this could have just spontaneously generated. It's far too complicated to have just came from nowhere. At least, that's my opinion. If you place all the components of a watch next to each other, they're not going to come together and form the watch. Not even if you added heat, pressure, or seismic activity. It's just not going to happen.

How is it more likely than pink unicorns existing? I can't, nor can you... same with God. God cannot be disproven. I'm also not going to discount the possibility of pink unicorns. We have no proof to say that they don't exist. Do I personally believe they do? No, but I'm not going to argue back and forth about their existance if I'm just as unsure as the people who DO believe in them.

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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 17:47:45 GMT  
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You misunderstand. It doesn't have to be intelligent, it doesn't have to be unintelligent, it doesn't

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Meh, if he has trouble trusting anyone he knows, then there is nothing much we can do about it.

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You said that you're sure that God exists and non-believers make you chuckle...

It doesn't work that way...you have to prove to me that your far-fetched idea is correct.

Quote:

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You think it's beautiful because people tend to need a place where they can feel happy like that...wouldn't we all commit suicide if we couldn't think of something beautiful?

Quote:How is it more likely than pink unicorns existing? I can't, nor can you... same with God. God cannot be disproven. I'm also not going to discount the possibility of pink unicorns. We have no proof to say that they don't exist. Do I personally believe they do? No, but I'm not going to argue back and forth about their existance if I'm just as unsure as the people who DO believe in them

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sat, 27 May 2006 08:49:04 GMT  
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Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Sat, 27 May 2006 15:34:48 GMT  
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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Sat, 27 May 2006 21:39:58 GMT  
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His categorical imperative worked for him and him alone. His epistemology and metaphysics made a bit more sense once you get your head around them.

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Yes, now tell me what's wrong with that? The existence of God is highly unlikely to me, since the only "clue" is intuition, which isn't a clue at all. I'm still leaving the opportunity open for God

existing after all, tho, since I can't prove that he doesn't exist, same goes for the pink unicorns.

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Intuition is neither clue, evidence or proof, Simple as that. It's a bit late and I'm tired, so tell me tomorrow if I missed what you were trying to bring across by that.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Sun, 28 May 2006 03:56:17 GMT  
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On a side note, I have changed my opinion on the whole universe thing. I now think that there can be something that is uncaused, but I cut the superfluous God and say that the universe is that thing. Therefore, I believe the Big Bang sounds more plausible than the Big Crush.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Sun, 28 May 2006 13:46:20 GMT  
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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 29 May 2006 09:17:26 GMT

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How is that a contradiction? Before the experiment, there wasn't any proof that it could have happened that way, now there is. The next step is proving that it did. It was proven that life can start from chemicals...how is that a contradiction?

Yes, I've never claimed otherwise. However, it is the only possible way that has been proven to work. There is no proof or evidence whatsoever that life can start spontaneously, but there is that it started out of chemicals. You're not only assuming that life can start spontaneously, but you're assuming as well that the same rules that apply to the universe apply to a single planet inside the universe...that's extremely far-fetched especially considering that we've found a much more plausible way.

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 29 May 2006 09:18:51 GMT

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Aircraftkiller wrote on Sun, 28 May 2006 23:46: What about heat death and gravity death?

Don't we need to know how the universe is shaped in the first place in order to know what will happen to it?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 29 May 2006 12:09:58 GMT

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 29 May 2006 15:48:43 GMT

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 29 May 2006 20:24:58 GMT  
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Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 30 May 2006 00:14:00 GMT

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It's not poilte to change positions mid-argument, without announcing it, while still tying everything into the first argument.

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Philosophy can help science, but it won't prove stuff, just like religions won't...science however can.

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What? How do you explain the makeup of the ozone layer for exemple without them?

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Last I checked, the Universe is always changing. Going from a small concentration of matter, to a nearly-ever expanding thing. If it wasn't subject to the laws of physics, then physics would never be able to measure it, as the variables would not be constant.

The ingredients, not the Universe.

Quote:You got me there. It's near impossible to explain something to someone who is ignorant of anything not told to him by someone else. (Oh wait, that almost sounds like a religion!)

Aren't you someone else?

Quote:Exactly! Perhaps there is hope for you yet!.. For the most part, anyways.

You may have missed the reference,though, so I'll explain it for you.

There was no evidence to support them, yet they were held as Scientific truths! The idea of the world being flat, worked.. so it was used.

However, there is evidence fot pre-evolved solutions such as what was used back when the basic computers were used. They worked, so it was used, before evolving into the computers we know today, and before evolving into the computers of tomorrow.

Infact, most comercial products had a pre-evolved form, that changes into something better over time. Yet, there is more than enough evedece, as the product exists in the first place.

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As for making up your own religion, that is true. However, science can, and has, done the same thing. You just need to falsify every, just as you would need to falsify every with a fake religion.

Besides, we're not arguing the quality of a religion, but the idea of the existance of God himself. You can have an infinite number of wrong religions without being wrong about the existance of God. A religion is just one interpretation of someone's idea of God.

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Pre-evolved means how something existed before today. This includes anything and everything.

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Wed, 31 May 2006 10:15:31 GMT

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Me: Can't be proven.

You: Life can be created through a chemical reaction

Me: Can't prove it happened to us.

You: But life can be created through a chemical reaction

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 31 May 2006 14:58:35 GMT  
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See my point above. I didn't blame science for something that isn't science. I blame you for thinking that science is always right, all the time, and any wrong of science is somehow different than a wrong of religion.

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The appropriate definition would be more like the place where we humans live; which hasn't changed at all.

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OK let's go back in time and look what your arguement was:

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No the only thing, but it is one thing.

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Ok, so you believe in something simply based on the idea of it being illogical to you... ok then. I can't actually believe I'm going to reference Star Trek here, but by all Vulcan accounts, all human logic and intuition is illogical... however, that never made it wrong.

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Yes, quoting something that has nothing to do with your argument is going to work.

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Other than that, it was deemed science back then. Stating it wasn't science now, doesn't change that fact of what it was back then.

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Finally resorted to blatant avoidance, huh? I can't blame you. And please don't start mixing belief with proof. Of course I believe he could throw the stone, just as I believe in the existence of molecules. However, that does not mean I can prove it until I can independently witness it.

Quote:Then it's your intuition and irrational. Live with it..

Kind of like your inability to prove the existence of molecules then, I take it?

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Ah, finally you're one the right track. No longer looking for proof in God, just a reason to believe. I applaud that.

Simplistic Reason: Something had to create the universe, why not God? Or, if the universe could have always been there, why not God?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

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JohnDoe wrote on Tue, 30 May 2006 05:40 Sorry, I must've read "science" instead of "philosophy" the first time...that doesn't change, however, that you have no reason to bring philosophy into this when we're talking about science vs religion.

I've intentionally held back posting so you and warranto could continue your exchange unhindered. But this is a pretty outstanding point regardless of what is written on pages 6/7.

Philosophy literally is the unsung root of ALL epistemological discussions; especially this one. You can bring a priest and a biologist into the same room, and give them the one big philosophical question (the likes of which have been discussed in one form or another throughout this thread): "How do you know what you know?"

The problem is, neither the biologist or the priest can answer this question in its entirety. If you ask the biologist how he knows that DNA is comprised of phosphate groups, ribose sugars, and millions of amino acid combinations, he'll tell you that he knows this through evidence. Well, that's all well and good, but ask the question again. "How do you know that evidence is accurate"? The answer of course, is more evidence. The regression is pretty obvious. Eventually you'll get to a point where the biologist needs to prove the so-called "laws" that govern the universe. This is where science fails in lieu of agnostic philosophy. I'll come back to this in a moment.

Similarly, if you ask the priest how he knows that God exists, he'll use a similar but less reliable logic. He might tell you that he knows that God exists because "the watch must have a watchmaker". Or he might say that God must exist because, by definition God is the highest possible idea; of perfection. Thus, because we are able to consider the idea, the form must exist. He might even say he knows God exists based entirely on intuition and sensorial feelings. Compared to science, these proofs are pretty fleeting. But if you keep asking the big question "why", the priest hits the same road block; however clearly a lot faster than the biologist.

The point I'm trying to make here is that what you think you know is not necessarily what is truth. Your integrated knowledge, and mine, and warranto's, are all the byproducts of a combination of consistency and potential rational predictions. We say that there is a world outside our front doors because it was there before. But is it? Science, and not necessarily religion are both in the absolute dark when it comes to predicting the future with 100% certainty. David Hume was the guy who took this to the extreme. You exist in the absolute present. Therefore what happens now is knowable. But this is a contradiction. The past tense "happens" suggests that there is an ability of the mind to comprehend what has happened to it in the past and accurately predict the future in relation to that event. Well, science has been doing this for the... existence of science. And they've almost always been wrong. We thought that quantum mechanics was absolutely predictable based on mathematic models. Turns out, the very premise is ludicrous. What happens in the not-now is absolutely 100% INDEPENDENT of the immediate-now. That means that even though the sun rose today, we have no real evidence suggesting it will tomorrow. The only reason we say that it will, is because it has every day beforehand. This is technically an incorrect statement. We ASSUME the sun will rise tomorrow because it rose today, and supposedly yesterday and so on. The point is, in the same scale science does the same thing.

These "laws" of science that define reality are not laws. They're consistent theories. For example, in 2D space a triangle, in theory, has 180 degrees and three side; "Angle Side Triangle Theorem". It's an idea that is demonstrably consistent, so we call it "proved" so we don't have to

say that it's only "99.9999999999% probable". Turns out though, according to just about every modern epistemologist (and some ancient ones) that technically, such a thing that says a triangle is to be 180 degrees and 3 sided is not necessarily true for the not-now. However, it's so unlikely that we don't even consider it an option. That does NOT mean, however, that it is impossible. This is extremely important, because epistemologically speaking, science and religion are precisely the same.

For every proposition stated by a biologist or priest, there is a basis extrapolated from reality. Neither man has the ability to prove his position absolutely. To science, we might call them laws of the universe, to religion, it might be God. Point is, neither are provable. They're only "likely". Thankfully, thanks to both science and religion, the "law of causality" and "law of conservation of energy" suggest that the universe has not existed forever, but began at one point.

Interesting enough, the concept of an infinite number of bangs and crunches has no demonstrable scientific probability attached to it. Mostly because the nature of such an event is untestable; like most of string theory. So while it is certainly possible that such an event could take place, it is also possible that the universe merely started once. We have more conclusive evidence to suggest this than not based on science's "laws". This, interestingly enough, provides us with more of rational and probable reason to suggest that something caused our universe to exist in the first place. Just so happens some people call this God. That's about as far as we can go though, because I'd sure like to know how it is a priest or a cleric knows what they claim to know came from God in terms of morality or ritual worship criteria. Also for the record, I'm 23.

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Posted by [mision08](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 04:49:59 GMT  
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Do you know who wrote the New Testament?

...and once again Science can be self-taught, Christians have to fully rely on what those 4 guys wrote.

Quote:

No the only thing, but it is one thing.

Yes, and therefore you can't put them in the same category.

Quote:Ok, so you believe in something simply based on the idea of it being illogical to you... ok then. I can't actually believe I'm going to reference Star Trek here, but by all Vulcan accounts, all human logic and intuition is illogical... however, that never made it wrong.

I can't actually believe it, either...

Quote:Yes, quoting something that has nothing to do with your argument is going to work.

My choice not to explain something has nothing to do with my ability to.

Then don't argue..

Quote:All you can do is possess the belief that science is not lying to you. You have no way to independently verify everything that is told to you, so you must rely on faith that it is correct.

Other than that, it was deemed science back then. Stating it wasn't science now, doesn't change that fact of what it was back then.

1. I could walk the steps that lead to the scientific conclusion on my own.
2. Just because it was deemed science back then doesn't make it science...lol.

Quote:Finally resorted to blatant avoidance, huh? I can't blame you. And please don't start mixing belief with proof. Of course I believe he could throw the stone, just as I believe in the existence of molecules. However, that does not mean I can prove it until I can independently witness it.

I don't have to prove things over and over again that have been proven before. Yes, it's not 100% certainly, it's 99.9999%, which we call proof.

Quote:Kind of like your inability to prove the existence of molecules then, I take it?

I can get there with 99.9999% certainly....how close can you get with your belief?

Quote:Ah, finally you're one the right track. No longer looking for proof in God, just a reason to believe. I applaud that.

Simplistic Reason: Something had to create the universe, why not God? Or, if the universe could have always been there, why not God?

If God can exist as a starting point, then why not the universe? Follow your logic further and you'll see that someone must have created God. Or, why should God have always been there? What makes you think that something that superfluous exists?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 10:57:49 GMT  
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mision08 wrote on Wed, 31 May 2006 23:49 Stop feeding the troll!

Don't make me be mean to you again and make you snap like yesterday:

mision08 wrote on Wed, 31 May 2006 14:31 Go fuck yourself. You little cumtwat. I hope you fall on your head, leaving you with slurred speech and a lame leg.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 11:56:48 GMT  
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Quote:Well that's a light pulse, not "real" light...

Actually, it's a full-fledged beam of light.

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Both deal with the unprovable, and the superfluous. Both are used to attempt to prove something without being able to present "proof". Yup, sounds like a different category to me.

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First, I don't see you walking the steps to prove every single scientific discovery ever made. And if you can't do that, your argument here holds no water.

Second, just because it was deemed science back then, **MAKES** it science. The only difference was that the science was wrong.

After all, the idea that the sun revolved around the earth has some very convincing "proof".

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Ah, so to follow my logic, then some all powerful being must have created all things, and somewhere along the line we decided to worship the being that created the universe, instead of the actual primary creator itself. Well, I guess religion got it wrong, and that God still exists, just not as was previously believed.

And please, explain to me WHY qualifying as being beyond what is required or sufficient is so wrong?

Quote:....how close can you get with your belief?

There is a reason it is called a belief, meaning there is no proof for it.

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Wrong. Any integer less than 100% is a belief. If it is "proof", it MUST be 100%, or else there is room to call it into question. And, if it can be questioned, then it can not be a proof. Now, 99.9999999% is the closest thing to "proof" that a belief can get to, but it is not qualified proof.

Unless you actually want to suggest that something that is proven still possesses the ability to be disproven....

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 13:09:31 GMT  
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Quote:Actually, it's a full-fledged beam of light.

I could care less how you call it...end of the day it's not full-fledged light.

Quote:Most physicists, however, say that while a beam may travel faster than light, such a beam cannot carry a signal, that is, information. A signal is a sudden change in the character of light waves within the beam -- for example, a change in the wavelength, the length of the wave.

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Scientists have evidence for their theories, you've got 4 guys that heard a fantasy story and decided to write a book.

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OK I'll explain it: It's not wrong, there's just no point in believing it.

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I said we call it proof, because there is no such thing as 100% proof.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 13:39:08 GMT

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All you did was show me where it says the beam of "LIGHT" can't carry information. It's still light, just not one you can transport information along.

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Heard? From a credible source. And that's only the main four books. What about all the others included who witnessed the things themselves?

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Ok, we'll change the scope of things then.

Religion is founded on at least 2 of those things, then. There is no evidence for history text to state who did what (maybe that someone mentioned did exist, but not that it was them who did the act). You have to rely on what they were told by other sources of information. That, in itself, is less credible than the bible, as the majority of the New Testament is written by people who witnessed it themselves.

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I'm not talking about what's possible, I'm talking about what's proven.

As for lightning being God's anger, that was Religion back then, but it was also wrong. Using what I said in a completely irrelevant context doesn't help your argument. I stated what science believed made it science, not that the belief itself was true. Turning that into an argument about the belief itself being true does nothing to assist your side.

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Based on what, that evil thing called intuition? You have no proof that what he says is real, so you can't rely on evidence. Nor can you expect your "guess" to be the correct one.

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Oh, I know my own logic, I was just waiting for you to say something like you did. As such: You are correct! There would be no primary creator if everything had to be created by someone else. So, where does it begin? If the universe has the ability to "always-exist", then the idea that a different being also "always-existing" could also be possible.

As for your second argument there, thank you for admitting it's not wrong. However,, it does not make it nonexistent. If the qualification of superfluous makes something wrong... see back to what I said about using the existence of molecules to explain things.

Quote:There is a reason why some things are more realistic than others...once again, how close can you get to the 99.999%?

99.999% is too subjective to adequately answer. Besides, there is a reason Religion is called a "belief"

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So, you're willing to hold something that could be disproven, as a valid truth?

Gee, that sounds a lot like your argument against religion.

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 17:37:41 GMT  
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Whatever...it's still not the usual light that we know, that's all I'm saying.

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It's only theory that's said to be the truth tbh. Did the Evangelists witness Jesus' life themselves? Like I've said, if you want to discuss Christianity, then I'm going to try to disprove it as a whole

next time. If you'd rather talk about God in general without the religions, then we should just drop this.

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I used that to show how a phenomenon of nature was mislabeled as something religious, just like world being flat was mislabeled as science.

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I've never said it was wrong...I'm just saying that there's no point in believing into something that superfluous.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 18:03:41 GMT  
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You brought up the "four main books", so that's what I argued based on. But I agree, save the religious-specific arguments for a different thread.

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Actually, what he's saying is that Philosophy and Religion argue differently about the same thing. Kind of like apples and oranges. Not the same, but they are both in the "fruit" category. That's where Philosophy and Religion are the same. They argue the same thing, using the same "formulas", just argue it in a different manner.

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Neither are "realistic" as neither can be conclusively proven. I'll use a legal analogy, since that is

my area of profession. Science would be like a Criminal Trial. The burden of proof is beyond a reasonable doubt. The existence of God, since it is in itself unprovable, would only qualify in the Civil Trial, where the burden of proof is simply on a balance of probabilities.

While, admittedly, God is in the lower form of required "proof", it doesn't make it any less possible that he does exist. The innate lack of the availability of proof just makes it more likely that something like we are arguing about will come about.

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Changing the definition to suit your needs doesn't make it any less than a lack of "proof" to make it 100%. Anything less, and (as I mentioned before) is simply a belief that what is thought of to be true, is.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 18:23:06 GMT

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JohnDoe wrote on Thu, 01 June 2006 12:37Did the Evangelists witness Jesus' life themselves?  
-Matthew was one of Jesus's apostles, called Levi in Luke and called by both names in Mark.

-Mark was the person to whom that specific gospel was attributed, a disciple of Peter the Apostle who recorded his discourses

-Luke's gospel was written by the same person as Acts and both are thought to have been written around the 60s A.D.

-Tradition states John's gospel was written by the apostle himself, though it is unclear if it was the same John who wrote the epistles and/or Revelation.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 09:28:32 GMT

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 13:19:56 GMT  
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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 14:00:19 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 17:32:43 GMT  
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JohnDoe wrote on Fri, 02 June 2006 10:00That's just wrong...read Java's post again.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 18:48:50 GMT

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There never has been, as far as we (meaning you and me), as individuals, can ascertain. Just as there is no proof (99% or 1%) to the existence of anything that we have not discovered for ourselves. It all comes down to a matter of belief. Both science and religion rely on that aspect (well, all things in humanity do) to succeed. There is no way we can honestly say "I know", unless we have experienced it ourselves, and can trust that our senses are not fooling us ( and for all intents and purposes, they don't... but it's still a concern)

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 20:15:08 GMT  
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Quote:Eventually you'll get to a point where the biologist needs to prove the so-called "laws" that govern the universe. This is where science fails in lieu of agnostic philosophy.(...)But if you keep asking the big question "why", the priest hits the same road block; however clearly a lot faster

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The people who said they have proven molecules exist can walk you through to proving it yourself...the people that have "proven" God exists can't, I wonder why.

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You can never be sure that your senses aren't fooling you...that's why I said that nothing can really be proven 100% before. We have to rely on not being involved in any conspiracy, so that we can call those things that belong in the .0001% "proven". God, however, doesn't belong into that category, the existence of molecules does.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 20:24:57 GMT

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JohnDoe wrote on Fri, 02 June 2006 16:15 If Philosophy and Religion are so synchronous, then how should I understand this?

That was the so-called laws of the universe are as provable as the existence of God, the existence of molecules, the existence of your favourite colour, or even the existence of yourself

one second from now. The world of our preceptions is not very distant from the world of our minds.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 20:47:19 GMT  
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Quote:Zzing

Err... Huh?

What does that have to do with Science getting something wrong?

Quote:The people who said they have proven molecules exist can walk you through to proving it yourself...the people that have "proven" God exists can't, I wonder why.

Err, I've said this time and again, that the existance or lack thereof of God can not be proven... The people who have "proven" that molecules exist must rely on something outside of their control to prove it (outside of the control does not include the senses, which we will, for sanities sake, assume are "perfect"). That there is not proof, but trust once again.

But, to continue with the point I was making, the people who have claimed to proven God exists, can walk you through it just as easily.

Quote:It was the Sungod cruising around...

Yea, that's exactly what I've been saying...that's everything but a scientific approach.

That was one interpretation, far before the time that I am referring to. The Greek/Roman polytheism died out long before the idea that the sun revolved around the earth was wrong. It wasn't until the early 1600's that it was proven wrong. Unless, you are suggesting that science didn't exist before then.

Quote:You can never be sure that your senses aren't fooling you...that's why I said that nothing can really be proven 100% before. We have to rely on not being involved in any conspiracy, so that we can call those things that belong in the .0001% "proven". God, however, doesn't belong into that category, the existance of molecules does.

Why, then?

And please, don't go off again about things being provable.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sat, 03 Jun 2006 12:41:15 GMT  
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Quote:That was the so-called laws of the universe are as provable as the existence of God, the existence of molecules, the existence of your favourite colour, or even the existence of yourself one second from now. The world of our preceptions is not very distant from the world of our minds.

I know, but it also means that the philisopher doesn't hit the road block, thus isn't synchronous.

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My way of saying "You were right!".

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That interpretation lead to people believing that it was the sun instead of the Sungod, that's all. The roots are found in Religion.

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Uhm I said something wrong the last time.

Quote:We have to rely on not being involved in any conspiracy, so that we can call those things

that belong in the .0001% "proven".  
^This should be changed in "belong in the 99.9999%".

What do you mean by "Why, then?"?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Sat, 03 Jun 2006 17:44:16 GMT  
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Quote:Someone had to make the things that are outside of their control, so for sanity's sake, I assume that they don't try to screw you ever.

Right. But the idea is relating to the belief in someone that they aren't going to screw you, as you have no way of actually knowing if they will.

Quote:How can they walk me through it? God never shows himself after the "holy book" is written...if you're aiming at the people who saw God in their steak, then...yea, I'd probably kick them in the nuts for wasting my time.

Of course, for that to be true, someone must have to foolishly follow the "seeing is believing" phrase. At least in relation to God not showing himself as people would expect.

I'm relating more to the idea of religious experts being able to walk you through their idea of proof for God's existence. The same as scientists, they rely on their own means to get you to believe them.

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Most things have their roots in religion. That doesn't ignore the idea that it was supported and held true by science.

Quote:What do you mean by "Why, then?"?

If you have to choose to believe things that can not be 100% proven, that you must trust that you are not going to be subject to a conspiracy, why, based on that, does God not fit in to the same "subject to flaws, but does not mean its untrue" category?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sat, 03 Jun 2006 19:51:58 GMT  
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Quote:Right. But the idea is relating to the belief in someone that they aren't going to screw you,

as you have no way of actually knowing if they will.

You don't know if your eyes or whatever will screw you, either...it belongs to the basics that you have to live with.

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Yes, the watchmaker stuff, but didn't I already explain before, why that logic is flawed?

Quote:Most things have their roots in religion. That doesn't ignore the idea that it was supported and held true by science.

Those roots however gave them the feeling that it must be that way...but yes, since they found "evidence" that the sun moves around the earth, I could say you're sort of right on that occasion. They eventually got it right, tho and I have faith in science being able to prove that the universe wasn't created by some kind of "God", seeing as how unrealistic the alternative seems.

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I didn't say that we have to believe things that aren't 100% proven in general, I said that we can believe things that are 99.9999% certain, the kind of things that can only be flawed if all of a sudden everyone's senses are wrong or the equipment that we built for that reason chooses to malfunction all over the world...

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Sat, 03 Jun 2006 21:18:54 GMT  
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JohnDoe wrote on Sat, 03 June 2006 08:41 I know, but it also means that the philisopher doesn't hit the road block, thus isn't synchronous.

It is, because both scientists and theists are philosophers of varying degrees. Both of them hit the "road block" when it comes to epistemology.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sun, 04 Jun 2006 08:43:04 GMT  
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...therefore it's wrong to say that philosopher is to science as theist is to religion.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Sun, 04 Jun 2006 21:53:50 GMT  
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Nope. Theists don't necessarily rely on faith. You can very much have a philosophically inspired reason for believing in the divine. Such a good reason infact, that it cannot be considered faith any more than you can say you have faith that the chair you're sitting in will be there as you sit down.

The philosopher is to science and religion equally.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sun, 04 Jun 2006 23:08:39 GMT  
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Exactly...that's why I'm trying to say.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 02:58:24 GMT  
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Then I hope you can appreciate the scientific evidence that suggests an agnostic-theist approach to the origins of our existence.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 08:50:01 GMT  
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I can appreciate it, but I'll still find the scientific approach more compelling.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
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Then I'm glad we agree that it is more probable for a watchmaker of undiscernible composition or partiality.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 14:26:31 GMT  
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Just to bring in a "new" argument, there is nothing that says science and religion are incompatible.

I thoroughly believe that science will be able to prove everything wasn't made by God, at least not directly.

Consider this, if you would:

My personal belief is that God is the ultimate scientist. He's the one that developed the rules for the universe, and, perhaps as a result, initiated the big bang.

Everything after that, up to the point of life appearing, is pure coincidence. However with this "guiding hand" theory of mine (my own phrase), God tends to interfere a little bit in his "experiment" (don't read too much into that), simply to make things don't completely fall apart. He may have created humans (through scientific means), whether through evolution, or simply the "poof" factor. But more or less stays out of our hair to let us develop on our own.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 15:42:46 GMT  
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Javaxcx wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 09:10 Then I'm glad we agree that it is more probable for a watchmaker of undiscernible composition or partiality.

What is more probable?!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 15:44:20 GMT  
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If God was the ultimate scientist, then why would he have to interfere?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 15:48:29 GMT  
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The same reason other scientists interfere with the natural course of things. To ensure that it doesn't become a complete failure.

If a Scientist is trying to develop a cure for something, he won't just leave it be once the start of the experiment has begun, he'll modify and assist the process to ensure that the end result is what he wants.

But like I said, don't read too much into the "experiment" word. That's mostly there as a placeholder until I can find a better comparison. It works, but gets people thinking of the wrong ideas.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javacx](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 16:08:16 GMT  
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JohnDoe wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 11:42What is more probable?!

That we were caused.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
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Javacx wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 11:08JohnDoe wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 11:42What is more probable?!

That we were caused.

I'm losing you here tbh. What exactly are you arguing? Give me the whole picture.

My position is that God is superfluous, since all of his characteristics can be given to the universe. I can however appreciate people thinking that a thing like the universe must be made by "somebody", because we humans make things, too.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
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So the "ultimate" doesn't imply all-knowing?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 17:09:43 GMT  
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It .could. The example doesn't discount him being all-knowing

Being all-knowing, all-powerful, all-whatever. Doesn't necessarily mean that we are going to be the same. For argument's sake, let's assume that he is all-knowing. That just means he'll know when and where to make the "fix" to put us back on course.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 17:57:39 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 19:53:46 GMT  
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Think of it as us being able to predict the future, We may know when something will occur, how it will happen, where it will happen, etc., but we won't be able to do anything about it simply by knowing about it.

The outcome may be clear, but that doesn't mean some modification won't be required to reach that. Cause and effect, and every other time-based paradox being as they are.

As for the all-powerful, just because you have the power, doesn't mean you'll use it. Besides, you know as well as I do that the universe (or, the substance within it ) are subject to rules. If he started to break them, despite his creation of them, there would be consequences.

More later, large workload came in.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 20:12:25 GMT

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The premise however is that he engineered it. So by being all-knowing he would know what consequences are going to happen with each "setup". The case that he will have to "fix" something would never occur.

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Speaking of work, I should be studying for my final oral exams...too bad I'm a very lazy person

when it comes to those things.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 22:01:45 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
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1. Warranto said something about modifications, so I just used the verb fix in "" to express that...it doesn't change my point in the slightest.

2. So you're saying that God can't create such a rock? Hmmm...

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 00:02:07 GMT  
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Only the all-powerful would be able to take their own power away. That's the beauty of being all-powerful. Of course, once you take it away, you cease being all-powerful.

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So, until he actually does create that stone, he has not taken his own power away. You can't judge the current status of something by what will modify it in the future, by reasons that can ONLY be done by the person it would affect.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 04:50:15 GMT  
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WITH ALL OF THE INTELLIGENT DEBATE IN THIS THREAD IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE AN IDIOT CAME TO RUIN IT

GG K THX ALL THAT SHIT.

THANKS A LOT FOR RUINING WHAT WAS A PERFECTLY GOOD DISCUSSION WHERE PEOPLE HAD SOME KIND OF BRAIN UNLIKE YOU

BUT THEN I GUESS YOU JUST CAN'T HELP YOURSELF

"OMG INTEILIGANTE DABATE!!! MIST RUINES!!!!!!1"

FUCKING RETARD.

GET OFF MY THREAD YOU SHIT

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.

Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 05:34:01 GMT

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What was this thread about again?

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 09:55:41 GMT

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Ooops wrong stone!

BTW Darkdemin, you should feel proud that this thread has turned into an intelligent debate despite being started by a retard.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 14:16:47 GMT  
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JohnDoe wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 13:57 All-powerful doesn't really work either, given the good 'ol exemple of telling God to make a stone that's too heavy for him to carry.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 14:34:30 GMT  
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I have already scrapped the all-powerful argument. The whole idea of what powers god possesses is nonsense anyway...we're giving an abstract idea human traits

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 21:16:15 GMT  
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Well, by chosen, I mean he made the action. Not necessarily made the choice then and there to act.

Or, just because I sense a circular argument being possible, I'll throw in a new variable, perhaps his knowing is simply limited to "right now". and "all-knowing, right now" type of person. It doesn't

infringe upon the idea of "all-powerful", as the future is something that simply hasn't occurred yet. Or, simply that he knows the beginning and the end, but the idea of free will puts the whole "how do you get there" idea out the window.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 22:32:15 GMT  
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Why would you want to believe in some kind of prick that doesn't know what's going on?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 06 Jun 2006 23:31:11 GMT  
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Let's take the worst-case scenario, based on that remark.

God created the universe, and left us to our own devices. He neither cares what we do, nor how we turn out.

Does that mean he doesn't exist?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Wed, 07 Jun 2006 09:40:13 GMT  
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The worst case scenario would be that he was no control.

I'm not talking about why people would feel the need to believe in God, not how likely his existence is (which isn't very).

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 07 Jun 2006 16:14:58 GMT  
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I don't claim to know the reason for this "need", but I can give some educated guesses.

The human condition is that we need something to believe in, for us to continue on a psychologically-"normal" path. Whether it be friends, family, money, violence, sexual gratification, etc. there has to be something there. Some people decide to believe in an all-powerful, all-knowing, omnipotent being. From that, however, different interpretations arise in the form of the multiple religions in the world (Another one of my beliefs: One God, infinite interpretations of the same thing). However, even if the need is based on personal "gain", and the interpretation is

different, based on personal belief, it doesn't negate the idea that there IS something out there which we call God, in some sort of physical presence (I believe you quoted South Park earlier), that created everything to some extent. But that is also the reason why he can never be proven. The interpretation is, at least primarily, human-driven (that doesn't negate God intervening, but it doesn't prove it either), but the simple fact of that doesn't negate the overall ability of the matter. That being, the existence of "God".

Just for clarification: This is simply one reason for it. Not necessarily the one that I believe, or the one that would hold up to scrutiny. But it is a reason, nonetheless.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 18:04:35 GMT  
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Well, the Universe seems just to much more plausible as starting point...

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 21:45:10 GMT  
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"When you have done everything right, they won't think you have done anything at all."

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 22:29:46 GMT  
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Have you noticed any pink unicorns lately? Man they sure know how to disguise themselves!!!

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Subject: Conversation with an atheist  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 06:22:17 GMT  
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"God doesn't exist; God is just some fairytale people made up to give purpose to their meaningless lives. It's easy for people to attribute to 'God' that which they cannot explain. I absolutely KNOW there is no God and believe strictly in science and logic."  
Sure God exists. How the hell else did we get here, completely unorganized randomness? You call THAT science?

"Well, it all started with the Big Bang."  
Still doesn't answer my question as to what initiated the Big Bang or what even originated the matter that exploded in the Big Bang.

"It created itself."

So you believe in spontaneous generation of matter out of nothing (never mind living matter from non-living matter)... (hasn't science failed to substantiate this with any reputable evidence?). Why doesn't this seem to happen anymore within our observable realm of space?

"Um... because... the conditions that caused the Big Bang to occur in the first place aren't present anymore."

Conditions such as...?

"Um... the proper temperature, pressure, chemical reactions and stuff like that, I guess, made it all explode...."

Uh-huh... and what caused all those things to be set just right in order for everything to explode? (Nevermind that you still haven't answered my question as to where it all came from.)

"You know... all the reactions... and stuff.... Y'know, one thing led to another, which led to another, which led to another, which all culminated in the explosion known as the Big Bang."

So, you're saying that you believe in an infinite chain of finite, causal events that have no beginning or any outside cause to exist?

"Umm... well... erm... hmmm...."

...And you say you believe in science and logic when your explanation for our existence is neither scientific nor logical?

"...Religious tool...."

What was that?

"You heard me. You're a tool of your religion."

How am I a tool? Just because I believe that an omnipotent being not bound by any laws (other than those it set for itself) created all that we know?

"You buy into that whole 'God' nonsense; you have created 'God' in your mind in order to put yourself at ease with your inevitable demise."

How could I have created God when God created me? Unlike you, I don't believe I'm God.

"What?"

You heard me right. You believe that you are God.

"The hell are you talking about? There IS no God!"

Sure there is, and you believe in Him; you're just not calling him "God."

"What the hell AM I calling Him, then?"

Man.

"What're you smokin'?"

The same stuff that made you believe we sprung out from nothin'.

"That's not what I meant.... Could you explain yourself, please?"

Certainly. At the beginning of our little conversation, you said you believe strictly in science and

logic, both being incarnations of man to explain what we originally could not (isn't that one of the reasons you gave people believe in God?).

As we progressed, we discovered that you believe (since science does not know for sure whether the Big Bang theory is true (and actually has little evidence to support it)) the universe originated as the result of "an infinite chain of finite, causal events that have (1)no beginning or (2)any outside cause to exist" (both (1) and (2) run counter to the definition of "finite," rendering said belief ironically illogical).

In order for you to believe this, you must believe that something can come out of nothing (therefore accepting the unsubstantiated and unscientific theory of spontaneous generation) and that all the matter in the universe must have created itself.

One of the defining qualities of most deities in which most people believe (myself included) is that they have no beginning/always existed.

What you have done with your belief on the origin of our universe is attribute godly qualities to the events that shaped our universe. You have simply taken traditional, religious views on the origins of our universe and put a scientific spin on it, yet it requires the same "leap of faith" that any other religion requires and does absolutely nothing to disprove the existence of a deity outside the realm of this reality.

"Not only is that utter bullshit, but you completely forgot to mention where I said 'God is man.'" You said it when you said "[I] believe strictly in science and logic."

"Explain."

The concepts of science and logic are incarnations of man to explain our observations of our universe (no different, quite frankly, from religion). Man, through the mechanisms of science and logic, has created the universe. You have said, therefore, that man is God.

"Ridiculous. Preposterous and illogical. More illogical than your parents deciding to keep you for a son. Do you expect to convert me or something with this ridiculous rant?"

No; since I've hurt your ego, you're not going to be receptive to any of my arguments and are going to try to come up with some other (inevitably illogical) way of circumventing my logic to "prove" me wrong.

"So why the hell did you bother in the first place?"

Boredom.

(Could someone smart check the logical arguments and fluidity of that?)

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Subject: Re: Conversation with an atheist

Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 08:55:21 GMT

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The Atheist doesn't ask the right questions and the religious guy fails to give a reason why not to just give God's attributes to the universe. We know one of the two exists, so which makes sense

to believe in?

From which propagandasite did you get this?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javalcx](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 19:48:20 GMT  
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JohnDoe wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 12:35Javalcx wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 11:08JohnDoe wrote on Mon, 05 June 2006 11:42What is more probable?!

That we were caused.

I'm losing you here tbh. What exactly are you arguing? Give me the whole picture.

My position is that God is superfluous, since all of his characteristics can be given to the universe. I can however appreciate people thinking that a thing like the universe must be made by "somebody", because we humans make things, too.

The position I'm arguing suggests that we have no ability to know our origins definitively, but the evidence from what we have consistently observed suggests that we were created by some transcendental cause. Just so happens I call it God.

Unfortunately, the attributes of "God" cannot all be applied to the universe. The very existence of simple concepts like time and space suggest that even the universe is not truly the sum of its parts. Our experiences validate this (see the links I've given you over the course of this thread). This means that we have more reason to believe that some things are not dependent on the abstract notion of "universe" in order to exist. Couple that with the scientifically observed consistency of causality and you, in a reader's digest version, have a cause that allowed all things to come into motion.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 21:40:59 GMT  
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You have no idea what it was like before the big bang, so how can you even say that?

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Through the same inductive arguments scientists use.

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 21:59:11 GMT  
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Care to elaborate? From what I know no scientist has a clue of how it was like before the Big Bang, nor does a scientist have a clue about the existence of God. Therefore, isn't it logical to go with something that's in a way connected to what we know rather than to go with something that isn't?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 22:13:26 GMT  
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Think about it. Scientists have no real way to know that string theory is even applicable. However, they can induce it's probable coherency because everything adds up mathematically. There is no way to actually prove the definitive existence of strings, but we have a solid theory that suggests it is probable that they exist.

The same works for this. Inductive arguments, while an unreliable source of objective truth, are a good tool in clocking what is more probable in a given situation. We have every reason to believe that since probably everything we experience is in motion, it has a mover. This means that regardless of the conditions of the big bang--whether it be the start of the universe, or the next motion in a cosmic ballet--were caused by something that existed or exists. The flipside is to suggest that it is not probable that we can use inductive arguments prior to the big bang (for which ends are confusing, because we have no way to clock when we were caused into existence in the first place, so to assume the big bang was the point is kind of foolhearty). Unfortunately, we have no basis to say such a thing because the evidence suggests the exact opposite.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 23:10:02 GMT  
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God or the "prior-to-bigbang-state" are both prior to the big bang...so why should the more abstract one be more probable?!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 23:56:56 GMT  
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Because one fits the equation better than the other. If the universe is the end all and be all of existence, then it lends that the universe is exactly the sum of its parts and we couldn't possibly experience anything ever (again, see those links I provided) so we wouldn't even be aware of it. The opposite suggests that the universe isn't the end all and be all of existence; something more probable because we are able to sit here today and debate it. That's one way to look at it. There are others, but I don't want to trail off on several tangents at once. I'll stick to the transcendental idealism approach because it makes a great case for being a probable creator.

The point of creation is really a moot point anyway. The issue is that we were created, not when we were created or the nature of such an event. So creation might be before the big bang, at the big bang, or even after the big bang. Chances are we'll not know for certain. We can only speculate as to when based on what we experience today and tomorrow.

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 18:08:05 GMT  
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The "universe" prior to the big bang is something completely different to the universe that we know now so it still fits the equation.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javacx](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 18:20:39 GMT  
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How can you say that? What is your evidence suggesting that is probable?

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Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 18:59:07 GMT  
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There is no evidence and it's impossible to understand...just like God.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Javacx](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 19:51:58 GMT  
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So the universe prior to the big bang is totally different from the universe of today, because there is no evidence?

I'm sorry, but that's a logical paradox.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 19:54:22 GMT  
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I'm not even sure if you can even call it the universe since we have no clue whatsoever what it was like before the big bang and can simply not imagine it...just because we use the same words doesn't mean it's the same thing.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 00:47:25 GMT  
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Ok, here is a theory:

God gave the writers of Genesis divine inspiration to write a story that people could understand at the time. As humans progressed and began to question this story he allowed us to unlock the complicated sciences of our beginnings. In doing this he allowed himself to be questioned but he knew true believers would understand his plans. It's just a theory but I like it.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 09:03:06 GMT  
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Why would he need them to write a book?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 14:40:41 GMT  
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Because people who hear voices in their heads are deemed crazy, and trying it in person resulted in others killing him for it?

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 16:00:03 GMT  
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No, my point is that true believers wouldn't need a book or voices or anything.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 18:53:35 GMT  
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Except that verbal stories told through the generations tend to lose their effect.

Remember the children's rhyme "Ring around the rosy"? That is a perfect example of something starting out as a story about the plague, turning into a children's game, with no knowledge of its origin.

The believers don't really need it, as they already know about it. What about those who currently don't believe? There would be nothing for them to reference to, except for the times that they happen to go to the respective religion's church for instruction.

And of course, that leave everything up to an individual's interpretation of what is correct. On a side note, this is also why laws are codified, and not simply left to the established precedents. Something written down has a lot more restrictions to its interpretation than one where there is no hard copy to reference.

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 19:55:05 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 19:58:14 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 20:22:19 GMT  
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220 posts! ENOUGH!!

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
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Wasnt this about protesting over cartoons... And I agree with Dover.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 21:00:46 GMT  
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Yea this topic has been changed from mindless ranting to an intellectual discussion...just don't read it if you're not interested or can't follow.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 22:04:54 GMT  
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JohnDoeWhy would he need them to write a book?  
If people could memorize the contents of the Bible, there would be no need for it to be written.

JohnDoe  
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But in order for people to question him, they need to know about him.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 10:07:43 GMT  
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I guess that theory is quite compelling for people that believe in a God that actively interacts with his creation...too bad people writing a book to explain things they couldn't understand seems by far more probable.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 03:05:55 GMT  
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(Oh, right, when Gweneth Paltrow decided to have a kid; nvm.)

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That's what he wrote, not me...

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Are you kidding me? A textbook is written so that others can understand...the author already does.

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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 15:31:57 GMT  
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Just because you write about something doesn't mean you understand it. Journalists do it all the time.

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In textbooks? Haha...

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