

On the Existence of God.

I want to address the above by; assuming that God Exists, consider His Nature and then go on to consider His Behaviour.

God's Nature: -

Traditionally our theologians tell us that there are three aspects to God's Nature. He is Omnipresent, Omniscient, and Omnipotent: that is, He is present ever where, is all knowing, knowing the past present and future, and also all powerful.

For purposes of discussion let me concede the above and go on to examine God's Behaviour

God's Behaviour: -

Being present every where and being all knowing; he was aware of the Jewish Holocaust of the Second world War, aware of the Slaughter of the Children in Dunblane, and aware, more recently, the massacre of the Young people on the island of Utoeya in Norway on July 2011.

When we consider his behaviour in respect of the above and a range of numerous similar circumstances, it is clear that he did nothing

That is to say, if he exists he has a non- interventionist policy. This is confirmed my humanity's general experience which tells us that in life there is no such thing as Referee! Moreover having a non-interventionist policy means God is not a participant in the playing field of life, no, not even a Linesman! If he exists its self-evident that he is a Spectator and not a participant.

The religious response: -

The religious response to the above is one which says that, "if God intervened every time human beings were in any kind of danger human experience would become meaningless and that any serious learning from life's dangers, difficulties and tragedies, would be impossible."

Let me concede the argument. In conceding it the reader is invited to note that this means that God has a non-interventionist policy, and that he is a spectator who has no role on the field of play that is called life. In short he might as well not exist. Discussion as to whether or not he exists is irrelevant. We are on our own! There never has been, and there is never going to be a loving divine intervention.

This realization brings to the fore the question of our moral responsibility and how we are going to behave. The Religious have told us that "God is Love" The Humanist looks at them askance, and says.... love is "god." The difference between the two may be subtle, but the distance is vast. At a stroke God dies, and we move from a world, in which for all practical purposes he no longer exists, to a world in which love is "king"

That is to say, we move into a world; where, love is all that matters; where it is seen as the "Summum Bonum;" - the Supreme Good. As consequence humanity (indeed we ourselves) are challenged to aspire to our full moral stature in every area of the human experience. God has nothing to do with it. We ourselves must make love king.

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