

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 four aspects to God's Nature. He is Omnipresent, Omniscient, and Omnipotent: that is, He is present everywhere, is all knowing, all powerful, and a loving Father God.

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

God's Behaviour: -

Being all present, all knowing, all powerful and a loving Father God he was aware of the Jewish Holocaust of the Second world War, of the Slaughter of the Children in Dunblane, and aware, more recently, of 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 similar and numerous circumstances, it is clear that he did nothing.

That is to say, if he exists he has a non-interventionist policy. Moreover having a non-interventionist policy means God is not a participant on the playing field of life. If he exists it is 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. He is a spectator. 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 divine intervention. The nasty rotten reality is that in life there is no referee.

The Humanist Response:-

This realization brings to the fore the question of our spiritual 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 into a world, in which for all practical purposes he no longer exists.

That is to say, we move into a world; where, love is all that matters; where it is seen as the supreme good.

As consequence, having felt the allure of higher and better things, we humans are challenged in the words of Don Cupitt, to "take leave of God" and aspire to our full moral and spiritual stature.

We, alone, are responsible for our spiritual mores and wellbeing; God has nothing to do with it!

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