

WHERE DID GOD COME FROM?

Most frequently asked question?

Chris – Medical profession – Where did God come? I made this statement...

LOGIC DEMANDS AN UNCAUSED FIRST CAUSE!

IF GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE, THEN WHO CREATED GOD?

A number of sceptics ask this question. But God by definition is the uncreated creator of the universe, so the question 'Who created God?' is illogical, just like 'To whom is the bachelor married?'

So a more sophisticated questioner might ask: 'If the universe needs a cause, then why doesn't God need a cause? And if God doesn't need a cause, why should the universe need a cause?'

My reply... Everything which has a beginning has a cause. The universe has a beginning. Therefore the universe has a cause. ¹

THE UNIVERSE REQUIRES A CAUSE BECAUSE IT HAD A BEGINNING. GOD, UNLIKE THE UNIVERSE, HAD NO BEGINNING, SO DOESN'T NEED A CAUSE.

Einstein's general relativity, which has much experimental support, shows that time is linked to matter and space. So time itself would have begun along with matter and space. Since God, by definition, is the creator of the whole universe, he is the creator of time. Therefore He is not limited by the time dimension He created, so has no beginning in time - God is...

Isaiah 57:15 (NIV) "the high and lofty One says, he who lives forever..."

Isaiah 57:15 (NKJV) "the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity..."

Therefore He doesn't have a cause.

THERE IS GOOD EVIDENCE THAT THE UNIVERSE HAD A BEGINNING.

This can be shown from the Laws of Thermodynamics, the most fundamental law of the physical sciences.

1st Law: The total amount of mass-energy in the universe is constant and limited.

2nd Law: The amount of energy available for work is running out, or entropy is increasing to a maximum.

If the total amount of mass-energy is limited, and the amount of usable energy is decreasing, then the universe cannot have existed forever, otherwise it would already have exhausted all usable energy—the ‘heat death’ of the universe.

For example, all radioactive atoms would have decayed, every part of the universe would be the same temperature, and no further work would be possible. So the obvious corollary is that the universe began a finite time ago with a lot of usable energy, and is now running down.

NOW, WHAT IF A QUESTIONER ACCEPTS THAT THE UNIVERSE HAD A BEGINNING, BUT NOT THAT IT NEEDS A CAUSE?

I want to suggest that it is self-evident that things that begin have a cause—no-one really denies it in his heart. All science and history would collapse if this law of cause and effect were denied.

So would all law enforcement, if the police didn’t think they needed to find a cause for a stabbed body or a burgled house. Also, the universe cannot be self-caused—nothing can create itself, because that would mean that it existed before it came into existence, which is a logical absurdity.

SUMMARY

The universe (including time itself) can be shown to have had a beginning.

It is unreasonable to believe something could begin to exist without a cause.

The universe therefore requires a cause...

IS THIS CONSISTENT WITH THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE?

Yes!

1:1 Genesis 1:1 (NIV) In the beginning God... created the heavens and the earth.

Romans 1:20 (NIV) For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

God, as creator of time, is outside of time. Since therefore He has no beginning in time, He has always existed, so doesn’t need a cause.

Go back to Chris...

LOGIC DEMANDS A CREATIVE FORCE...

I SUGGEST THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE MIRACLES TO BE EXPLAINED IN NON-BELIEF OF GOD THAN THERE ARE IN BELIEF...

10 x's 10 cents numbered 1 - 10!!

1 = 1 in 10

2 = 1 in 100

3 = 1 in 1,000

5 = 1 in 100,000

9 = 1 in 1,000,000,000

Heart - photographic mind.

Something from nothing? Great miracle!

To try and dispense with God in a few short words does not solve anything, in fact it just shows how unthinking some people can be.

One question I came to ask was...

If I think there is no creator or no God – What happens if I am right? If I am an atheist or I don't believe there is a God? What have I lost?

a. **Mal Trotter** ... A man who wasted a fortune on drink and gambling, married a good woman and broke her heart by his life. He even pawned their furniture for drink. Realising his wife and children would be better off without him was on his way to a lake to end his life. Some folk from the local Christian mission stopped him, a converted jockey took him to the mission where he was gloriously converted. He began working for Christ. When he had died he had founded 40 mission homes, was reunited with his wife and one of his states most respected men. If Mal Trotter wrong ... then tell me What Did He Lose??

b. Ross Nancarrow...

c. **Jerry McCauley** ... Was sentenced to 15 years in Sing Sing Prison, was saved whilst in gaol, released on parole and became the founder of the Water Street Mission. When Jerry died it was one of the biggest funerals New York had seen. Tell me if Jerry was wrong ... What did he lose?

d. **Ivor Powell** tells of a converted drunkard who was giving his testimony in the open air. Son of his old drinking mates came along and began to rag him. "Come on pal, you're dreaming. Wake up, snap out of it, and come and have a good time with us". His little girl moved over to the interjectors and said to them, "If Daddy is dreaming, then please don't wake him up, we like him best as he is now".

If the atheist is right and the Christian is wrong, neither has lost anything...Christian commitment would be the first decision I would make!!

BUT supposing Atheist is wrong, what has he lost? He's lost everything. The best for today... eternity.

Tragically, Too many have the wrong idea today. i.e. that Christianity is stuffy, a kill joy, that you'll never smile again. That's the devil's lie my friends.

Satan is the evil force. The kill joy, the power responsible for the heartaches in the world today.

2Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

The Bible is very clear. We are either God's or satan's. We are either on the road of life or the road of death.

Both forces are disruptive and bring about change.

One for the good, one for evil.

Nationally. People blame God for war was in bred on hatred, jealousy, greed, lust. God condemns each of these. He says love your neighbour. Do good to them that hate you.

Domestically - If Satan rules in your house you will be experiencing heartache and tension that never should exist. Satan causes fornication, adultery, cheating, and these things cause heartache and split families. If we want happy homes then we need to get back to God and His way.

Individually - people's lives reflect personally this unrest ... nervous breakdown, mental disorders, guilt complex, lack of peace and purpose in life.

Jesus Christ - Jesus is stronger than satan ... cross ... this means when we accept Him we can conquer the things that weigh us down.

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of

life set me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,

God's Spirit comes to live within us and gives us the power to do what we can't do ourselves. We become brand new persons in the Lord Jesus.

Light and darkness cannot co-exist. Either we know God's strength or we know the control and the defeat of satan.

John Newton Story - lived immoral life.

You say I'm not that type. But you are in need of receiving what God has done for you!! You still need to make your peace with God.

Either force for the good or evil - controls your life. Who rules your life??

I don't know where God came from. Nobody knows...But God chose to reveal Himself to man....

JOHN 1:1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.....12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Logic demands that something, someone always existed. The Bible says God was in the beginning.

I know that to be true personally. I know what a difference Jesus makes.

A fellow said to me the other day that everybody needs their religion. NO EVERYBODY doesn't - Everybody needs the power of God, everybody needs the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said - come unto Me.

Satan says - not now. Some other time.

God says, now is the accepted time. My Spirit will not always ...

There was to be an auction in London of some old antiques!! Among these was a dusty, dirty violin. The auctioneer couldn't even raise a bid!! Then an old man walked from there midst and picked up the old instrument, dusted it, tuned it, and then began to play and beautiful music filled the auditorium. The bidding soared to great heights!! What made the difference? It was the Masters Touch, you see the old man was none other than the great violinist - Paganini!!

Why not let your life be transformed by the power of God and know His peace and cleansing.

Stand for Him by faith. Confession, Repenting. Being prepared to follow Him in the waters of Baptism.