

DOES GOD EXIST?

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The Ultimate Mystery: *does God exist?* Well, this God Box exists. (Sort of, or at least in cyberspace it does. And whether or not that's *real* space is a sock of a different stripe). So if there's a God Box, then it stands to reason that there must be a God, right?

(for the God Box, see: <http://www.getitright.nl/site/index.php/news/>)

Wrong - well, at least according to science. And why shouldn't you believe science? After all, science has provided us with answers to some very perplexing questions, such as Darwin's theory of evolution, right? No, not if you're a Creationist. So it keeps coming back to the most enduring question of them all, and the answer that has eluded us all since the human race came into existence (this wording should satisfy both Evolutionists and Creationists): does God exist?

Science asks us not to believe in anything until it's been proven true. There used to be a time when ships didn't dare sail beyond chartered waters for fear of falling off the edge of the earth. That belief didn't get us very far, both literally and figuratively, in our understanding of the planet we live on, its inhabitants and diverse life forms. Science helps us to question our beliefs - but when we are asked to not believe in anything except science itself, then science becomes a religion. And then we're back to square one: science versus religion. But now with a deceptive difference: science *becomes* the new religion.

If this is the case, then we might be better off asking ourselves if *science* is something we should believe in, instead of questioning the existence of something which by its very nature cannot be proven. Does that get the Creationists off the hook? No, but it does give them some time to substantiate their arguments. The Evolutionists are hot on their heels and just a few hypotheses away from overtaking them. "Show us some empirical evidence that God exists," the Evolutionists demand, "and show it to us now. Otherwise we'll leave you in the dust."

That's tough-guy talk from lab types with lots of brain but little brawn, so when push comes to shove at the finish line, the supporters might just storm the field and then all hell will break loose (for the Creationists at least; Evolutionists don't believe in hell.)

Meanwhile, back here in the God Box, things are starting to heat up. Postulates are going ablaze and presuppositions are going up in smoke. The question raised earlier demands an answer: if there's a God Box, then that must mean that God exists, right? No, that's *unscience*. Does this mean then that God does *not* exist? No, that's *unscience* too.

What *does* this mean then? The answer to that is provided by the context in which the question is being asked. You're in the God Box, and that's in the Mystery Box. So the answer to the question "Does God exist?" is straightfoward in this case. In fact, it's even good science. God is... *a mystery*.

Before you become inflamed with frustration or annoyance and jump out of the God Box, try thinking out-of-the-box for a moment or two about this. If God is in fact a mystery, then that means that God, by definition alone, can never be proven by science. So saying that God does *not* exist because it cannot be proven by science is *also*... *unscience*.

So what makes for good science here? Simple logic, for a start. God is a mystery which cannot be proven by science (or at least not yet or in the foreseeable future). If you accept this premise then the only question that remains is: do you want to get to the bottom of this mystery? If so, then you'll have to get to the bottom of your own belief system first. And from there, dig deeper until you find out what you *know* to be absolutely true - and not what you are asked to believe in by either science or religion.

So the most logical answer to the question "Does God exist?" is: you don't know what you don't know, and you can't know what you can't know. *Very* frustrating, and *very* annoying; answers like this only raise more questions. (You're probably already regretting that you ever asked yourself this question in the first place.) But somewhere in the midst of all this unknowingness (which is at least better than unscience), somewhere deep inside yourself, *it is possible* to find an answer that makes sense to you. An answer that you will *know* to be true beyond a shadow of a doubt. And the only way to do this with certainty is to... *find out for yourself*.

How? By sailing your ship to the edge of the world as you believe it to be. Just like those ancient mariners who took a leap of faith each time they steered their ships just a little further than their maps told them was safe to do. They weren't content with sailing around in circles and getting nowhere, like philosophers who use circular logic to arrive at foregone conclusions. These voyagers wanted to *get somewhere new* - and if they hadn't had the courage to question their own beliefs, our world would still be flat.

What can happen to you when you do this? You'll either fall off the edge of your known world (which would be a good thing because then you will have proved that your beliefs are worth holding onto), *or* you'll leave those beliefs behind and sail into new and uncharted territories. And make all kinds of enlightening discoveries along the way.

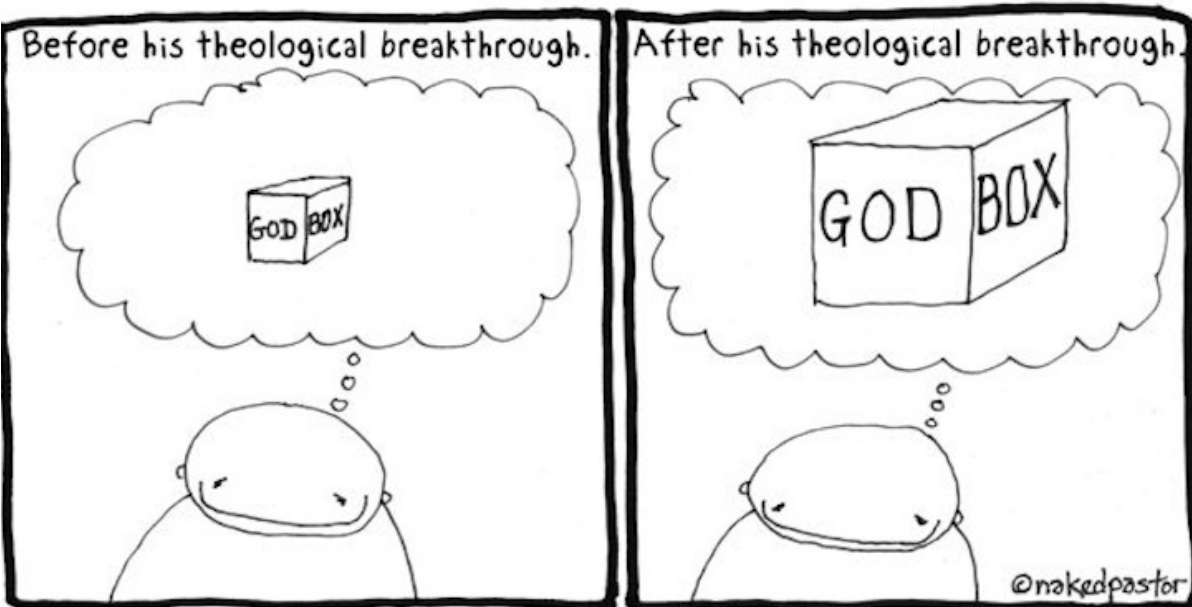
If you become the Galileo of the science of consciousness, then share your discoveries with the world! In the event that the universe turns out to be a giant God Box containing smaller God Boxes and within these ones even smaller, sub-atomic God Boxes, then the rest of the world needs to know about this - asap. This would cause a revolution that Galileo himself never could have dreamed of.

Imagine the relief of - *finally* - finding the clear and unequivocal answer to the age-old question: "Does God exist?" And what would the *proof* of this be, the empirical evidence that science demands? Ourselves! We'd be, each and every one of us, walking, talking, living God Boxes.

Macro-micro-nano; there's no arguing this. And because "there's plenty of room at the bottom", as physicist Richard Feynman says (referring to the enormity of space at the smallest level of the universe), that means that we have nowhere to look but inside ourselves to find the answer to our biggest question in life.

A discovery like this wouldn't be just one more task on humanity's To-Do list that gets checked off and forgotten about. This would completely revolutionize the way we think about ourselves and others, how we relate to one another, the way we build communities and evolve together as a species. It would make the world in which we live, well, a bit of heaven on earth (for the Creationists at least; Evolutionists don't believe in heaven).

In the event that you or anyone else finds *that* missing sock, the answer to the question "Does God Exist?", it definitely belongs here in the God Box Mystery Box!



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