

The Fingerprints of God

Mind: The Sufficient Antecedent

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The inquiry to determine if the existence of God is a reality, is contingent upon the certainty of two postulates: One) That the transmaterial entity who created physical reality would leave traces of His creative act, and Two) That the mind of man is endowed with sufficient intellectual acuity to detect those traces. If God created the cosmos, He left traces of His actions that cannot be concealed! It is deemed to be axiomatic that if intelligence engineered the universe, this Being could not conceal traces of His handiwork, even if He chose to! The noonday sun, by virtue of shadows cast, evidences the presence of the flaming orb! It is impossible for the sun to vanquish the shadows. Detection is inevitable! (The only way God could conceal the residual evidence of His act of creation would be to retard the intellectualism of man.

In addition to the evidence that “all life comes from life,” the second compelling evidence that an objective observer who possess a modest knowledge of physical science will discover in his (or her) contemplation of the question “Does God exist?” is the fact that matter cannot account for itself! In truth, the very existence of matter and energy is inexplicable. While explanation exists for the transformation of one into the other, no one knows what

matter —Is! No one knows what energy— Is! An analysis of matter does not help. Analysis only results in the identification of specific attributes: mass, physical dimension, composition, etc. of a thing. But attributes constitute only reference points for identification. No one knows what a thing—Is! In fact, it is impossible to know what anything in its very essence—Is! (Knowing the attributes gives the illusion that one knows the essence of a thing.) While modern science makes much ado, a pretension of great learning via the ability to rattle off the “facts” of a given piece of matter, the transformation inherent in chemistry and physics, yet no one has paused to address the very nature of reality itself. The reality is that modern science is incapable of telling what anything is. While matter and energy can enter into innumerable reactions and counter reactions (and while matter can assume a near infinite number of compounds) those altering the mere form of reality: physical change, and those engendering a more profound change in the very nature of matter itself: chemical and nuclear transformations, yet neither matter or energy is capable of autogenesis. All of the innumerable changes in matter and energy, which transpire each second in physical

reality, are spawned by one of three causes: physical, chemical or nuclear. Everything that exists: galaxies, oceans, flowers, fire, love, hate, dreams, floods, etc, has a cause. The cause which brought into existence each effect was the sufficient antecedent of each effect. Every thing—every single thing in the material cosmos, finds its sufficient antecedent in either a physical cause, chemical cause, or a nuclear cause—everything—matter and energy, fields and forces, everything—except the cosmos itself. Neither physical, chemical or nuclear causes, e.g., transformations either individually or in their summation, can create matter or energy. **There exists but one other cause and this cause, alone, constitutes the sufficient antecedent to account for the existence of matter and energy—mind!** The inference is dumbfounding and, perhaps, disconcerting. **The question is provocative: “But whose mind?” That is, whose mind constitutes the sufficient antecedent to account for the existence for physical reality?** The answer is an elementary deduction. “The mind of the transcendent being commonly known as ‘God’ is the framer and the engineer of the phenomenon known as ‘physical reality’!” The vastness of the universe not only defies computation, but it

defies comprehension, both qualitatively and quantitatively. **What kind of mind created the discernable but incomprehensible universe? An awesome mind, the sufficient antecedent— God!** Once the very nature of physical reality is subjected to contemplation, it is much easier to understand why mind is the singular agent that can account for the existence of both matter and energy e.g., physical reality. It is also easier to understand that the reality of matter and energy is analogous to the reality of a dream with the mind alone being real. Mind is the ultimate reality. Matter and energy are but shadows. Of the four engines of change, physical cause, chemical cause, nuclear cause, and mind—cognitive cause, the latter, the will, volition, is the most potent cause/antecedent of all. (No, nuclear is not the most formidable agent of change.) Mind is the most potent agent, for it is the mind of man that unleashed the energy of the atom, which vaporized two cities. Fission did not auto destruct. For in volition, cognitive volition, alone, is to be found the sufficient antecedent not only to split the atom, but also to create the atom, the galaxies, and the very universe itself.

If one never saw the sun, one could infer its existence – with certainty. How? By looking at the sun's consequences: it's shadows. Two long shadows are cast over physical reality: "All life comes from life" and "Mind is the sufficient antecedent, the

only antecedent, to account for the existence of physical reality. There exists, however, a third shadow, cast upon physical reality", and this one being, perhaps, more convincing than the first two.
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