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"Howard Brazee" <howard@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"Judson McClendon" <judmc@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Where do you get the idea that any God has to create a universe consistent with its' own nature?

No "has to" involved, simply a "logically would". :-)

If so, then the logical inference is that God has the same characteristics that we see in this universe. But I don't know of fundamentalists in the religions of the Book who believe this. (usually they see the world as being closer to their views of Satan).

Howard, if you read my original comments, what I actually said was:

"It is logical to assume that if God created the universe, that it would be consistent with His nature."

That **is not** the same as saying God has "the same" characteristics as this universe, which you attributed to me above. Humans don't have "the same" characteristics as a hand tool, but hand tools are designed with human attributes in mind. The fact that screwdrivers exist implies that their creators (humans) wanted them. For example, why would we see such consistency in physical laws, if their creator was not also consistent? Or, why would God create love or beauty, if He did not possess and appreciate them? It is illogical to assume otherwise. We may not be able to prove that such is the case with God, but it is logical to assume so, which is all that I suggested. If the Bible is correct, then the effects of sin and the curse in Genesis 3 are quite sufficient to explain evil and other negative attributes.

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In formal proof, you often test a hypothesis by making it a postulate,

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then following the logic to see if there are any contradictions within the framework of the hypothesis. If one is to test the logical validity of the Bible in the same way, you cannot use arguments that violate the Bible as a postulate. Any contradictions must be found within the Bible framework, just as would be the case for any other hypothesis. And when any logically valid explanation is found within that framework for any apparent contradiction, that is sufficient. Almost any hypothesis, even many that have been formally proven true, can be "invalidated" by using arguments that violate the postulates. This is only valid if the argument is proven true and applies to the postulates. Since there is no (and can be no) proof that God does not exist (can't prove a negative), this does not apply here.

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