

*Proving The Existence of God
To Atheists*

*As the culture moves towards secularism and
atheism, more people are rejecting the notion
that there is a God they are sinning against.*

Encounter
*Christian: You are a sinner who needs to repent
and believe the gospel.*

Atheist: There is no God to sin against.

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Inductive Reasoning = Probable Conclusions

Deductive Reasoning = Necessary Conclusions

Law of Logic Dilemma *Law Of Science*

Which Will The Atheist Deny?

*We Can Prove God's
Existence*

*Four Possibilities For The Existence of
The Universe*

- 1. All that exists is merely an illusion.*
- 2. The universe created itself.*
- 3. The universe is eternal.*
- 4. The universe was created by an outside
eternal being (God)*

I Think Everything Is An Illusion?

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Renes Descartes
"I think therefore I am"

- 1 If we doubt, we are thinking.
- 2 If we are thinking, we are "doing" something.
- 3 Nothing cannot "do" something.
- 4 Therefore, we must exist in order to doubt!!

We must therefore reject option 1

Spontaneous Generation?

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How can something not exist, and at the same time exist to put itself into existence?

This is IMPOSSIBLE!!!

Option 2 must be discarded.

The Law of Entropy

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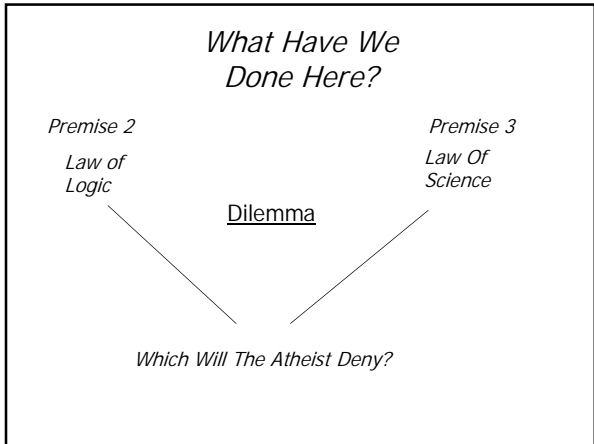
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● The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics

All energy is becoming less useable

Option 3 must be discarded!

The fourth option is the only one that is both logically and scientifically viable!



Atheist Objections Of Premise 3: Universe cannot be eternal

1. *Steady State Theory (Fred Hoyle)*
2. *A Unique Portion of Universe is Eternal*
3. *Rebound Theory*

The Impossibility of an Eternal Universe

Evidence that precludes the possibility of an eternal universe.

1. *2nd Law of Thermodynamics*
2. *Motion of the Galaxies*
3. *Radiation Echo*
4. *Discovery of a great Mass of Matter*

"For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries." (Jastrow, God and the Astronomers, 105-106).

Atheist Objections
To Premise 2: The Universe could not self create itself

1. Universe could come about by chance!
2. Quantum physics (Chance dressed up!)
Misunderstood and used by:
 - Atheists
 - Open Theists
 - The Emerging Church

Greg Boyd

- *Quantum physics suggests that Einstein was mistaken...Nothing short of an empirically groundless, metaphysically mechanistic assumption kept him, and some other physicists, from affirming that the apparent indeterminacy of reality at a quantum level is in fact real (viz. ontological).*

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More Emergent Confusion

- "Developments in quantum mechanics and chaos theory have also challenged the early modern scientific dream of mathematically precise predictability, which presupposed a mechanistic view of the causation of bodies "through" space and time. Although Einstein himself resisted the implications of quantum theory, Heisenberg's "uncertainty" principle and the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum phenomena indicate an irreducible "indeterminacy" in natural events." Pg.84 RDG

*Quantum Physics
What's The Big Deal?*

"The more closely physicists examined the subatomic world, the larger indeterminacy loomed. When a photon strikes an atom, boosting an electron into a higher orbit, the electron moves from the lower to the upper orbit instantaneously, without having traversed the intervening space... This is the famously confounding "quantum leap,"... (Timothy Ferris, Coming of Age in the Milky Way, pg.288)

Big Deal: The claim that the orbit was traversed by chance!

*Chance: The Tale Told By Two
Coins*

Coin A: I flip coin A. What are the chances it will be heads or tails?

- "Chance" here is used correctly as a word that describes mathematical probability.

Coin B: I will set coin B on this table and wait for "chance" to flip it!

- "Chance" here is used incorrectly as force!

**God Left Nothing To
Chance**

** Most importantly- Scripture declares that God created all things ex-nihlo and sustains them to this very day.*

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
