

Dawkins on Haiti and Christian Theodicy

Professor Dawkins has some excellent individual points when viewed in isolation from a comprehensive Weltanschauung, but he is rejecting an incomplete hypothesis and ignoring myriad relevant facts which, if carefully investigated, he could not doubt!

Admittedly theodicy is the hardest part of a sophomoric theism to handle, but there are decisive points that he doesn't mention in any of his books or writings which must be considered.

Dawkins simply assumes that the reader already accepts his completely materialist world-view, which means that he doesn't have to consider some pivotal points of a theodicy which:

[1] includes deductions from the assumption that mind is not reducible to matter, and which

[2] includes the reality of non-material demons & angels, and that

[3] humans could be held morally accountable for abuse of the free will with which they have been gifted by their creator/designer.

Point [1] involves replacement of today's basic Laws of Physics with a Neo-Classical Physics, to be explained below, which exposes the fallacies in the Copenhagen Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics (QM) and the logically incoherent "melded space-time" of General Relativity (GR) and shows that "reality is not weird," but replaces all equations of QM & GR which have predictive value by interpretations that would not shock Euclid nor Newton nor Maxwell, but which conclude with a return to Laplacean determinism for inanimate matter.

In other words, given the initial position and momentum of every particle in the universe, the future could be predicted with utter exactitude.

And since only a fool denies that he or she has genuinely free will, the reduction of mind to an epiphenomenon of particles in motion collapses, rendering rational the possibility of existence of non-material and normally invisible but ontologically consequential beings of pure spirit as in point [2].

Finally, regarding point [3], if a truly just & benevolent Creator gave genuine free will to material human beings, then He would be obligated to establish nearly universal physical laws, which have exceedingly few "miraculous" exceptions, because if we could not reasonably predict the normal consequences of our actions then we couldn't be held morally accountable for them, could we?

So unlike the primitive tribal Israelites we do know today about inexorable plate tectonics and see that they do operate "mechanically" and indifferently to human desires. But if the Resurrection of Jesus is a historical fact, which may become further elucidated in April & May of this very year, when certain scientific conferences will occur near the public exhibition of the Shroud of Turin, then those unjustly wounded or killed in natural disasters will have an eternity to forget what will then be comparable to a momentary and soon forgotten pinprick.

The remainder of my comment is addressed to any scientist reading this who regards Dawkins as a hero and role model, in an attempt to enlighten you to the point where you eventually do act like a true scientist and have the courage to change your mind, based upon the best evidence and the best abductive inferences to the most satisfactory explanation of all relevant evidence, just as famed atheist Tony Flew did when he considered the totality of the evidence for "intelligent design" and announced that he had become at least a deist and is open to the possibility that a suitably interpreted Christianity might be true.

Doubtless you respect Celestial Dynamics as the beginning of modern science, so if there were no such thing as "supernatural" knowledge, then tell me how Jesus failed to be 3 days late when he entered Jerusalem triumphantly in explicit fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy of 173,880 days to the Advent of the Messiah?

In Daniel's day people thought that there were 360 days per year, but only since the late 19th century have we known that even the modern 365.25 days/year isn't quite accurate [it's actually 365.24] and that every 128 years we must SKIP the Leap Year!

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica the best attested date in all ancient history is the Proclamation of Artaxerxes, March 14, 445 B.C.

If Jesus hadn't received supernatural help in counting up the 173,880 days prophesied by Daniel he would have been 3 days late!!

For details check out the Philosophy sub-site of my website [innoventek dot com](http://innoventek.com) and see the excerpt from "A Clockwork Angel." by Moshe Rosen, President of Jews for Jesus.

Also read there my 2-page Internet-Posted exchange with mathematician/philosopher/theologian Prof. William A. Dembski, in which I tried with incomplete success, but no total dismissal either, to get him to consider my proposed "Communication Theology" as an extension & augmentation of Dr. Greg Boyd's profoundly argued & exhaustively documented "Trinitarian Warfare Theodicy," whose 3 volumes (GOD AT WAR, SATAN & THE PROBLEM OF EVIL, and THE MYTH OF THE BLUEPRINT) are enthusiastically applauded with reproductions of Cover Blurbs, Tables of Contents, & key excerpts.

Note that in his recent book "The End of Christianity" Dr. Dembski thanks me for calling Boyd's work to his attention and though he doesn't quite buy it completely (saying it's a bit too close to Dualism for his taste) nevertheless reviews it seriously & respectfully.

Before you dismiss the concept of disembodied spirits (such as angels & demons) please show me a flaw in my posted article documenting that "Three and One-Half of the Five Great Problems of Physics Have Been Solved Already"

(in published papers in respectable journals by qualified authors, who have NOT been refuted but have simply been ignored!).

The net result is that I claim "Three Mach's and You're Out!" meaning that if one takes account of what Einstein admitted was the one lacking desideratum in his General Relativity (GR), namely a Gravitational Mach's Principle which predicts 28 key astronomical evidences documented on my website, and also extends Mach's Principle to Electrostatics and to Electromagnetism, then one must REPLACE standard GR and Quantum Mechanics (QM) and Quantum Electrodynamics (QED) by the Fenyès-Nelson Stochastic Mechanics (SM) and the Boyer-de la Pena-Cetto & Sakharov/Haisch/Rueda/Puthoff Stochastic Electrodynamics (SED), and replace GR itself by the 1921 H.A. Wilson derivation of Einstein's field equations from Maxwell's Equations, ending up with a Neo-Classical Physics which Euclid, Newton & Maxwell would NOT have found "weird" and in which the evidence of reality as our senses perceive it is in accord with experimentally-measured reality!

In case you're skeptical of my Neo-Classical Physics, then tell me how I successfully predicted the correct value of Planck's constant h from Hubble's constant H ? (I hadn't known about the earlier but only later-published attempt by de la Pena & Cetto to accomplish the same objective.)

Also explain how I managed to prove that Newton could have derived Schrodinger's Equation of QM, together with the correct value of h to go into it, if he had been told about Coulomb's Law and the mean charged-particle density of the universe?

And if I'm misguided, how did I happen to post on the internet, in 1995, equations which predict what appeared on the front pages of national newspapers in 1998-2004 as 3 different sensationally epochal discoveries in astrophysics & cosmology?

The upshot is that unless you and your materialist physicist friends can point to a specific flaw in my mathematics, then one must RESTORE classical Laplacean Determinism for Inanimate Matter, which, unless you are so irrational as to deny that you have Free Will, means that Mind CANNOT be reduced to an epiphenomenon of particles in motion!

So if Mind is immaterial, how can you rationally deny the abundant historical & experiential evidence for the influence in human affairs of normally invisible minds other than those of humans? [Note my postings of excerpts from the books of Scott Peck, M.D.]

Finally, study my one-pager entitled The Phillips Hypothesis and tell me what you will do when the inexplicably "scorched" photographic negative on the Shroud of Turin, to be exhibited this coming April, is demonstrated by hard nuclear physics to date from about 31 AD?

Have courage, followers of Richard Dawkins, and, like Tony (who Flew the atheist coop), follow the evidence wherever it leads!

Instead of angry invective, study carefully Dembski's books on Complex Specified Information (CSI), and also Stephen C. Meyer's "The Signature in the Cell," and Michael J. Behe's "The Edge of Evolution," and Guillermo Gonzalez & Jay Richards's "Privileged Planet," and admit that the origin of context-encrypted coding of CSI in DNA is physically impossible without an intelligent designer's "foresight," and therefore unattainable via the Darwinian mechanism.

Then advise well-meaning but shallow-thinking Richard Dawkins to rewrite his book "Climbing Mount Improbable" and call the Second Edition "Falling Off Mount IMPOSSIBLE!"