

The God of the Gaps

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When this expression is mentioned, it is always used by certain atheists to justify their opinion during a conversation with a Theist.

What does expression really mean?

Does “The Atheist” using this expression actually understand the application of it?

Let us now investigate this.

The “God of the Gaps” proposition – What does this mean?

The Atheist calls up this expression to suggest that **God is really a figment of the believer’s imagination**. And as such, ‘The “God” Concept’ is used, to bridge the gaps of our past and present understanding. This ‘God Concept’ seemed a fine assumption to make some hundreds and thousands of years ago because the gaps in our understanding of science were enormous (both the atheists and theists would agree with this), but now The Atheist would suggest that science is steadily closing ‘these gaps’ and perhaps based upon some artificial extrapolation, we humans may know everything about science (where have I heard that statement before? – ‘Made some one hundred years ago?’) at some point in the future. So this imaginary (being ‘only’ a ‘virtual reality’) God that is ‘only’ supported by ‘the faith’ within the minds of the believers, and thus is now unnecessary to fill these gaps!

The gaps have gone – and so is our need for ‘The God Concept’ to fill these gaps! I think that fully explains the Atheist’s conception of this ‘virtual reality’ God in the terms of ‘filling the Gaps’! If not, then please email with a fuller explanation.

Next question is:-

Does the Atheist actually understand the expression they are using?

The answer is quite simply – **No!**

I will now use the rest of this exposition to explain where the Atheist has missed the whole point of the argument, and in reality, the image they have of the topic may (as I perceive) be liken to a Straw-Man that they have constructed so that they can now beat with their own arguments (and where have I heard that expression before?)

Two fundamental erroneous assumptions have been made by the Atheist who uses this argument, and they are:-

1. The ‘God’ is only necessary to fill in the Gaps.
2. The reason ‘God’ is only necessary to fill in the Gaps, is because in reality – He does not exist!

These are two fundamental errors to start from, based purely upon personal opinion. The reasoning flowing in the Atheist arguments is then flawed throughout their subsequent thought processes (being based upon initial erroneous assumptions) – which they seem to have trouble in recognising when they keep resurrecting this expression!

Clearly the Atheist is fully entitled to their opinion that God does **not** exist – and I have absolutely no problem with that – for they are entitled to think like that, but I too am entitled to suggest that some people still think the world is flat! But to then presuppose that God is only required to fill the Gaps (based upon their own opinion that He does not exist) is an utterly **illogical** statement upon which to base an argument. And then to use that argument against a theist who **does believe God exists** (right or wrong at this stage) – is a hopeless and illogical position upon which to take a stand!

The only reason why an Atheist assumes God does not exist is because they believe He does **not** exist.

The only reason why a Theist assumes God exists is because they believe He exists.

What is the difference between the two stances?

It is one of **belief** in a negated concept!

The next question must be this:-

Why do these two groups of **intelligent** individuals believe two extremes – with the same evidence within the world?

There are only two reasons!

The main reason is environmental.

The second would be of mental disposition

There are absolutely **no** other reasons!

I welcome an atheist to contact me with a logical third reason – because I cannot think of one!

The third cannot be one of “evidence” because I present The Logical Evidence on this website why I am convinced there is “The Almighty God”, and they have absolutely **no** evidence whatsoever to disprove my evidence nor are they able to put up valid evidence to prove the non-existence of God!

So the first reason I can deal with. **If** the atheist reader is prepared to collect all The Evidence by reading the material presented on this website, then they have the opportunity to understand why The Environment is like it is. And why they have experienced the things that they have within their environment during their lifetime. Clearly we can reason that if people (of whatever persuasion atheist or religious) have not been fed with accurate information from their local environment in their youth - then these people will have inaccurate conclusions – sounds quite logical to me!

The second reason I cannot deal with, that is something with which the reader must sort out between themselves and ‘their god’ – whatever or whoever ‘it’ may be!

Where does “belief” come from?

“Belief” comes from experiences based upon the humans’ interaction with ‘The Environment’ – being their local environment!

Belief must be based upon ‘a faith of/in something’!

‘Oh dear’ that much maligned word “faith”.

Blind faith?

Or

Real faith?

I really could write a 40-page essay on that alone, but I would be straying off the present subject matter (however I recommend the reader to start at “Faith” in my Glossary on www.FutureLife.Org).

Essentially those outside watching upon the proceedings would attribute:-

‘Blind faith’ to those humans who are ‘shallow thinkers’ and feel secure within their limited constructed world – their actions show the strength of ‘their faith’.

‘Real faith’ within other people would be exemplified by those having strong convictions, and whose reason is based upon accumulated supportive and substantiated evidence taken in from **all aspects of The Environment**. Again their actions show the strength of their ‘real faith’.

Though the above is a valid path to weed-out those with ‘blind faith’ from those with ‘real faith’, there are still those who personally feel they have ‘real faith’ and produce actions commensurate to the strength of their convictions (suicidal bombers as an example). But those outside this individual’s realm can see in reality this particular person’s faith is also, just ‘blind faith’!

How can this be?

The short and simple answer can be attributed to only half of the second statement above. The part missing is “taken from **all** aspects of The Environment” – where we can reason that tunnel vision is coming into play, the individual has not an enquiring mind and only accepts what is being “given to them on a plate” – essentially indoctrination caused by their Local Environment!

This part is often applied accurately, to those of a false worldly religious disposition, and further, I personally would claim that the Atheist would also fall into this category – limited experience of The Environment (sits well in ‘evolutionary’ terms) – and I would further suggest this due to the Atheist having not experienced “**True** Christianity” – but rather they have only experienced worldly religions including that all pervasive very worldly Christianity that covers one third of this planet!

Would the reader term me as someone with ‘**blind** faith’ or ‘**real** faith’?

Perhaps the reader would see from my age (50+ years now), and the things that I have done within my life, my wide knowledge base, together with my **fully questioning and analytical** mind and I only feel comfortable when functioning on logic – where I have been called by others around me “Spock” (taken from the television program “Star Trek”) that perhaps I might just have ‘Real Faith’ because it is based upon something substantial!

So after that departure on ‘faith’, let us now return to this atheist expression:
“The God of the Gaps”.

(1) The main reason is environmental.

Why did I make the departure on ‘faith’ earlier?

Because based upon what I have understood from other humans ‘within my environment’, I need to introduce the reader to these following considerations:-

They are:-

1. It is considered by many humans, that present knowledge is complete, and thus it is **only** ‘the gaps’ in our knowledge that require further investigation. Thus it is only a matter of time (how long is immaterial) before these ‘final’ gaps will become closed through human investigation.
2. From (1) it may be assumed (*perhaps by atheists*) that there are no other new horizons that need to be discovered (*however the closest example I can bring to mind, of thinking beyond this to another new horizon, perhaps would be ‘a parallel universe of negated strings’*). Thus we only view The (*our*) Universe on our present ‘layer of the onion’. If we peeled our present layer away, then there would be another – perhaps a parallel Universe of which we have no access at present.
3. From (1): Can our present knowledge explain the initial state of our present Universe (*being the present layer of our ‘onion’*)?
4. Many atheists and many religious groups believe that we are able to progress to a higher plane through our own actions – and require **no** help from an outside Entity.

From what I have gained from ‘my environment’ leads me to have ‘Real faith’ (being knowledge, assurance, fidelity) in the “belief” of what I am now going to present.

1. Present knowledge closes the gaps.

The Almighty God (Yahweh/Jehovah – that I term as “My God”) is **not** confined to ‘The Gaps’ (this concept is what the atheist just cannot grasp – because they do not understand what they declare). My God created **all** The Laws of Nature from nothing. For example: Created the weak Van der Waals forces between dipole molecules.

Just because we humans discovered Van der Waals forces, does **not automatically exclude** ‘The Almighty God’ from creating them! I praise my God for creating them! Thus this one logical statement does **not** support the Atheists’ personal conception of “The God of the Gaps”. Automatically because the Atheist does **not** understand **my perception** of The Almighty God, they then present this Straw-Man argument of their limited understanding to then attack – in the vain belief that they are attacking my understanding of ‘The Almighty God’!

Take my example of “The Car” that I use in my explanation of Occam’s Razor. We can see The Car, touch and feel it – it exists.

But have we personally met the designer of ‘That Car’?

No we have not! But we accept that “The Car” exists and we also accept the designer exists. However Atheists can see and touch ‘The Laws of Nature’ but do **not** accept the designer exists, because everything just happened from nothing to create the order that we see! – How bizarre!

And those humans using “The God of Gaps” argument claim to be logical?

2. What layers of The Universe are there?

Thus continuing my position of the “belief” that I have in my God – The Almighty God.

If there is nothing within our Universe in The Beginning, then The Almighty God must be **outside** our present Universe, for Him **then** to create The Laws of Nature that we are now presently discovering, and The Universe that we see (and the parts that we cannot see) around us.

This specific belief is based upon “faith” (but **not** “blind”, because I give my **evidence** to support my “faith/knowledge/fidelity/assurance” elsewhere on this website) and the logic to support my reasoning. ‘The Almighty God’ is outside all our frames of reference – as it says in The Bible when ‘The Almighty God’ is first asked by Moses: Who is He? The reply is: “I (make) become who/what I choose to become” – This is the **simplest**, but most **powerful** statement in The Universe!

And of course – Who would you expect to make it?

No other religion outside the one that claimed Yahweh as The Almighty God makes this initial claim!

However He chooses to come within our frames of reference when required for intercourse.

3. Initial state of Creation.

My belief accepts that ‘The Almighty God’ created The Laws of mathematics, physics and chemistry (= *The Laws of Nature – within this Universe*) that started The Existence of this Universe.

Now our Universe exists, this then enabled other created (*by The Almighty God*) workers (*within this Universe to have intelligent intercourse with*) to use these Laws of Nature to create ‘the life’ as we see it, and other entities according to The Desires of ‘The Almighty God’ – Who being outside (*and inside when chooses to be*) this (*our*) Universe. These other workers would be secondary “gods” in their own right (*who can only operate within our Universe*). There is only one (local) god that we speak through (termed in The Bible as “the specific god” of us) to offer praise and worship to this ‘One Almighty God’, and this is through “Jesus Christ” (being thus called “the specific god” of us) as our only representative. Jesus used The Almighty God’s resources (= *The Laws of Nature*) to create life on this planet - Jesus is thus our only representative, because he has personally assumed authority for his personal creation.

4. We naturally improve with time.

This of course is the claim of false worldly religious belief (including scientists of all disciplines).

I need to explain this because it operates on two distinctly different levels. Those having a religious belief, believe this improvement is through the acquisition of spiritual knowledge – which in most cases is through ‘indoctrinated blind’ faith. While the scientists believe this to be through the acquisition of physical knowledge - in most cases through ‘experimentally tested’ faith.

However, it is not just what goes into a human that improves a human, but it is what comes out that shows to those around this human, whether what has gone into them, has actually led to an improvement (reworked from The Bible – so I take no credit for that statement). Greater knowledge and the application (also misapplication) thereof have done both, improved, but also made worse the situation for all life on this planet (and not to ignore the future prospects of what is about to drop on us). However the true belief resulting from True Christianity is that we need our (local) Creator, Jesus Christ and follow precisely his example here upon Earth for our complete edification. Thus while we gain spiritual and physical knowledge – it is all wasted and comes to nothing unless we actively follow precisely the actions of Jesus (The Bible tells us to imitate him). This is why we are on this earth at present – **to learn ‘the hard way’ within our present system – during what I term as “the 1st part of our life”.**

But through the actions of Jesus some 2000 years ago, we do have an escape route – but it is not directly through our own actions that this route was set up. But it is up to our own actions to follow this route for our future security. So a combination of the two is distinctly required – but this is precisely detailed elsewhere on this website.

Thus it is a truism that True Science and True Religion come from the same Source – ‘The Almighty God’, both scientific facts and the correct theocratic belief will ultimately demonstrate this. But there will still be ‘oh’ so very many that will reject all The Evidence in The Culmination – just because of their self-centred (and thus ultimately selfish) nature for self-indulgence!

Even when these individuals have been taught righteousness (within a New System that this website precisely explains the logic thereof), ‘The Almighty God’ of all things (and not just of ‘the gaps’) will reject them, just as they will of Him after their education period (in The Millennium being the 2nd part of our life)!

The reader is able to visit the rest of the website and fill in those gaps within their theocratic knowledge and so gain the additional ‘environmental knowledge’!

But what about the second section entitled “mental disposition” as an input to belief?

(2) The second would be mental disposition

As I said earlier, this part is so much more difficult. Perhaps the correct works from a Truly Godly person (rather than a worldly Christian) operating within the Atheists' domain would penetrate reason.

But I find it so incredibly sad, that when all The Evidence is piled in front of someone – they just do not see it – The Evidence is just ignored.

But then I apply my knowledge of physics into the situation and reason thus through examples for personal understanding.

One example would be that of the human eye. It is 'tuned' to see 'visible' light in the spectrum between 400 nm to 700 nm. If a near infrared electromagnetic wave impinged onto our eye at a frequency of 850 nm (not too far away from our visible light band) then **we would not see it**. And even if this electromagnetic wave was so bright that the energy contained within it had the power to burn out our retina over time – we still could not see it, just because our eye is not 'attuned' to recognise it.

And likewise with the 'die-hard' atheist, you can present so much information in front of them (like the intensity within this 850 nm wavelength), and their mind just would not 'see' it! Because just like the eye – their mind is not tuned into it – being just not receptive to it!

Similar examples would be likened to a receiving radio within the electromagnetic radio spectrum, or specific gas sensors in an atmosphere containing other gases, etc.

So in conclusion:-

Hopefully through this explanation the atheist is now able to see/understand that my God is so much larger than one they assumed to be required just to fill in the diminishing gaps (on perhaps this 'one layer of an onion')!

Further my God becomes larger with the more gaps that we fill in from the ever larger vista created within our understanding through discovery – and for this, I give Him honour, praise and worship!