

Do You Know Everything?

I don't know everything, and I've not met the person yet that does. I've also not met the person who thinks (s)he does, although I've met several people who thought they knew more than anyone else. They were all wrong.

Without exception, the most intelligent people I've ever met would all readily admitted that they lack knowledge. Strangely, most of those, if asked, would describe that absent knowledge in terms of known facts that heretofore had simply not come to their attention. They might cite rivers they could not name, historic dates they could not recall, languages they could not speak, or other similarly tacit information that they were capable of knowing, but had not taken the time yet to learn.

Few people would answer a request to describe their knowledge gap in terms of concepts or facts unknown to man. They would not, for instance, immediately cite their ignorance as to the location of the edge of the universe, or the timing of the next earthquake. Yet, all would include such knowledge in their description if specifically asked.

As recently as a couple of hundred years ago, very few sane people believed man could fly. Of course, the technology was not available at that time to allow flight; however, was it not just as true then as it is today that man could fly? One hundred years ago, you could not have found anyone to claim that a human heart could be removed from one person and inserted in another and continue to beat. No one had that knowledge, but that did not mean it could not be done. It could and would be done in the 1960's, by Dr. Christian Barnard.

My point is: not knowing something, does not make it untrue. Knowing that something is impossible today, does not mean that it is actually impossible. In fact, something may sound completely insane today, and yet be completely logical in the future.

The existence of God could be completely logical. Like flying and transplanting hearts, it may sound insane today to believe in a God or the literal wording of religious tomes, such as the Bible or Koran, but man does fly; he can breathe underwater, he can venture to the moon, and to other planets. And he always could do those things - nothing in our minds, bodies, or intellect prevented us from accomplishing those feats thousands of years ago, we simply lacked the knowledge.

We lack the knowledge today to confirm God's existence, or that God doesn't exist. How did man come to exist? Scientists hell-bent on disproving the literal accuracy of religious tomes written thousands of years ago by primitive man

never answer the oldest question, "which came first, the chicken or the egg." They jump up and down about eggs, but not a word about the chicken.

And yet, have you no doubt that our understanding in another one hundred years will differ greatly?

There are a few on this web site who act as if they know these answers. There is no God they say, and cite the complexities of evolution as proving their case. It doesn't. Evolution merely proves that things evolve and have evolved.

I do not pretend to know whether God exists, although I suspect he does. Knowing that man's knowledge today does not allow a definitive answer to that question, I disregard arguments based on knowledge and look, instead, for "symptoms" that point to the answer. Such analysis has been used in science repeatedly to point towards a rational deduction – as an example, before science could prove the cause of the certain diseases, their symptoms were noted and a connection to open sewage, mosquitos, and rodents surmised.

I look at the symptom of the universal conception of a God in the minds of man as evidence of his existence. From earliest recorded history, when man lived in isolated tribes without contact between tribes, each tribe still came up with the concept of a God. The coincidence seems convincing to me that God exists within the minds and hearts of man. Today, in the face of seemingly convincing scientific facts that could cast doubt on ancient precepts to religion, millions of people ignore those facts and still believe in their Gods. That is strong evidence of his existence to me.