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Letter In Response to Hawking's Conclusion That There Is No God.

I had the privilege of watching, with extreme interest, your program entitled "Curiosity: Did God Create the Universe." The search for, and study of, God is my life's passion. I am not a scientist. I am a religionist who deeply appreciates science. While I enjoyed your illustrations, I was not at all surprised at your conclusion that God could not have created the universe. I was, however, surprised that such a brilliant mind missed a few very important points that, if considered, might change your conclusion.

For example, you used the illustration of building a mound to conclude that the universe equals zero. You proposed that a young man wanted to build a mound. The man dug a hole and piled the dirt upon itself to create the mound. When the project was complete, there was a mound and a hole equal to the content of the mound. You stated that the hole was, in essence, the anti-mound. Thus, you concluded that since the mound plus the hole equaled zero, the universe equals zero. What you failed to appreciate was the interaction of the young man who had the intent to create a mound. The mound did not appear out of thin air – spontaneously. The equation therefore is not mound plus anti-mound equals zero. The equation is mound plus anti-mound, plus creator equals creator. Clearly, your own illustration demonstrates the existence of a creator.

Further, you used the illustration of creating a cup of coffee where you broke down the component part to the quantum level. You stated that quantum particles operate randomly. What you failed to state was that quantum particle respond and fix themselves according to an observer's intention – the desire of a creative mind. While the particles may be the fundamental elements of the cup of coffee, the cup of coffee exists because of the intent of the makers of the component parts.

Your conclusion that God does not exist was to be expected given the limited realm within which a scientist operates – the finite universe. You opined that the universe can be traced back to an infinitesimally small black hole where time could not exist. You then concluded that since time did not exist, a God could not have then existed with an ability to create. Here, you demonstrates your limited understanding of God. Let me explain.

Although common religion tends to simplify God's identity, attributes and reality, advanced religion seeks to understand God with the premise that God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts, that God's attributes is higher than our attributes, that God's substance is higher than our substance, etc. Lest, how could He merit the title "God?" Advanced religion teaches that God – the Infinite Absolute – is the First Source and Center of all things, including the three essential elements identified by you – energy, matter and space – as well as time. God not only transcends time, He is timeless. He not only transcends space, He is spaceless. He is an Absolute, Unqualified, Undifferentiated, Existential Being.

You assume that if God interacts with the universe, He must be fully contained within that universe. You are mistaken. As the creator of time and space, He cannot be contained within his creation. We should not expect that the complete essence of a God capable of creating the vast universe that you observe could or would exist within that finite universe. Advanced religion tells us that God can

attenuate Himself such that a representation of his Deity can exist within, and interact with, His creation. This attenuation allows for several levels of Deity representation, as God condescends to communicate with His creations, without excluding the reality of God's superposition above/over /beyond the finite universe.

So, while science can conceive of a moment when there was no time, that does not negate the existence of the Timeless, Spaceless Deity who personalizes himself among his creation as God. This enigma prevents a physical scientist from reaching a scientifically based conclusion such as "God Does Not Exist." Science simply lacks the foundational suppositions necessary to formulate a verifiable conclusion as to the existence of God.

Your endeavor to find God is admirable. But the question of the existence of God is not just an academic exercise. The real import of God's existence lies in its effect on, and relationship to, man. Of all the studies that examine origins, only religion gives man that which he so desperately craves – personality survival. For if there is a God, we can be assured that there is more to life than the meager, limited existence on this sometimes hostile planet. If there is a God, there is so much more in store for us individually.

You courageously asserts that you would be content with the few years that you have been allowed to experience this great universe. But you make that assertion based on your belief that personality survival is not possible. I would wager that your contended view would change if you knew that not only your mind could be free, but also your body – free of defect, free of the cumbersome nature of this Hertz-ian existence, free of the limited lifespan of the mortal body, and free to explore the universe which you longingly observes.

Professor Hawking, one of the grand purposes of the great Deity is that all men be saved from personality extinguishment and come to an accurate knowledge of truth. That includes experiencing a reassembling of the mind with a new body of a molecular structure different from the earth human that will allow you to traverse the grand universe which you so eagerly study, and after several translations (anti-attenuations), eventually come face to face with the Existential Being.

Personality survival is the gift of God. Religion is designed as His vehicle of communicating that hope. Science is an honorable endeavor, but it is limited to the examination of the finite universe. It can only go so far and then it hits a wall. You have discovered that wall, nothing more. You have not yet discovered God because God exists beyond that wall – beyond the reach of the physical sciences – in a place where only faith can take you. Do not minimize the power of faith. Faith is more than imagination. It is an energy circuit of a causal nature yet to be discovered. Quantum mechanics gives us a glimmer of faith's potential by telling us that the observer's intention is the great cause, whether it be the intent of the coffee maker or of the Great God.

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