

Some common propositions by Christian apologists

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"Apologists": old sense of the word meaning defence or justification for Christian belief.

"Well as you know, I am a believer, I have never pretended not to be, and I respect those who have no religious belief. It is a free country, freedom to believe, freedom not to believe. For me, it is ultimately the order of the cosmos, or what I would describe as the creation. You can't simply have, this is my own judgement, creation as simply being a random event, because it is so inherently ordered. And the fact that the natural environment has been ordered in a way where it can properly coexist over time. If you were simply reducing that to mathematical probabilities, you've got to say, it probably wouldn't have happened. So I think there is an intelligent mind at work. And so that is not a unique view in my part, that has been the view of theologians for about 2000 years." - Kevin Rudd, Interview with Greg Cary, Radio 4BC, Brisbane, 29th Aug 2009.

"Even for those without specific religious convictions, the inner feeling of what was right and wrong and the awe inspiring beauty of starlit sky or sunset, the emergence of a butterfly from a 'chrysalis, the industry of an ant, or the sprouting of a seed were adequate proofs of God's hand in our lives and in creation." attributed to Jimmy Carter

" For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" . Romans

"In the world some things are in motion. Whatever is in motion must be put in motion by another. But this cannot go on to infinity. Therefore it is necessary to arrive at a FIRST MOVER.

There is no case known in which a thing is found to be the cause of itself. If in causes it is possible to go on to infinity, there will be no first cause, neither will there be an ultimate effect, nor any intermediate causes. Therefore it is necessary to admit a FIRST CAUSE.

We find in nature things that are possible "to be" and "not to be". If at one time nothing was in existence, it would have been impossible for anything to have begun to exist. There must exist SOMETHING THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH IS NECESSARY.

The maximum in any genus is the cause of all in that genus; as fire, which is the maximum heat, is the cause of all hot things. Therefore there must also be something which is to all beings the CAUSE OF THEIR BEING, goodness, and every other perfection.

Whatever lacks intelligence cannot move towards an end, unless it be directed by some being endowed with knowledge and intelligence; as the arrow is shot to its mark by the archer. Therefore some INTELLIGENT BEING exists" Aquinas

"I don't believe in God, but what just happened is making me rethink that.... IT'S SNOWING! First real snow here in North Carolina in five years right after midnight on January 20th! And...I'm probably going to have the day off now to see the full inauguration! God, Buddha, Fate, Luck, whatever it is....thank you. Thank you. THANK YOU!" Tue Jan-20-09 12:32 AM

"It Couldn't Just Happen: Fascinating Facts About God's World" [Paperback] Lawrence O. Richards " I could say just look around you at the perfect order of things. That didn't all just happen."

"wasn't it proven that something couldn't come from nothing, (spontaneous generation) so how could this universe come from nothing. The energy to create this came from somewhere."

"I believe in ALLAH because all that is present around me reminds me of one creator I cannot even imagine to live for a second without faith in HIM"

"But I may say that the impossibility of conceiving that this grand and wondrous universe, with our conscious selves, arose through chance, seems to me the chief argument for the existence of God; but whether this is an argument of real value, I have never been able to decide. I am aware that if we admit a first cause, the mind still craves to know whence it came and how it arose." Darwin Letter

"The old argument of design in nature, as given by Paley, which formerly seemed to me so conclusive, fails, now that the law of natural selection has been discovered. " Darwin Autobiography