

**WHY.** I have three elementary questions on my mind:  
**Firstly,** why is there something rather than nothing?  
**Secondly,** why is there the delusional belief in a God?  
**Thirdly** - and most urgently - why do we have wars?  
**There are no easy answers ... but we must keep asking.**

1. asked by the 17<sup>th</sup> century German philosopher Leibniz
2. in this context read Richard Dawkins' The God Delusion
3. Krishnamurti talks about this issue, go to my blog 803

1. There is the wonderful book A Universe From Nothing, why there is something rather than nothing by physicist Laurence M. Krauss. Early on Krauss makes the point that WHY is the wrong question in the context of science. Asking WHY alludes to purpose, but science - and nature - just are, the universe is the way it is, whether we like it or not, without purpose\*. So, that leaves us to ask HOW is there something from nothing.

To find out, the next step is to define nothing. There is a big difference in the nothing of philosophy and religion versus the nothing of science. In science nothing still contains energy and/or gravity. And that is the crux of the matter: Krauss' book lays out how the something we live in can be 'created' by confluences of energy and gravity. Thus something from nothing likely is the basis for the universe having come into being.

\*Religions have a problem with the notion of the universe existing without purpose. The underlying credo of religions is the belief the creation was created for a purpose, namely the doctrine their God is the creator and the ruler over His disciples' lives.

see also EXISTENCE, FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE

2. We know there is no God, there is only the belief in God\*, and while any belief is ok - as long as it is tolerant and non-violent - it is a big problem that not many religions fulfil that requirement. Religions wallow in dogmata and it is a small step for followers to wish to convert infidels, otherwise to fight them or to indeed start a holy war in the name of God. Hence it is paramount that all governments are independent of influences from religions.

3. However, religions and the dogmatic belief in their version of God result in tribalism. When combined with the notion that God bestows certain privileges on His followers (like the claim their religion - their God - awards them ownership of the 'Promised Land') warfare is all but inevitable. While obviously many issues lead to war ... all of them can only be resolved by an all-powerful, just, democratic and secular world government.

\*see also GOD 6  
RELIGION 3  
BELIEF

see also SCRIPTURE  
WAR, WEAPONRY  
UNITED NATIONS

Homo sapiens evolved 200,000 years ago. For the past 200 years - the age of the Industrial Revolution - we developed technologies that - combined with fundamentalism - have the potential to destroy humanity... unless we foster a new age of Enlightenment.

see also ENLIGHTENMENT 1, FACTFULNESS  
THREETHOUSAND