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THE ATHEIST FAQ #2 (WITH BRIEF ANSWERS)

A Question of Moral Atheism

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How did life on Earth begin?
We don't yet know for sure. There are many possibilities currently being investigated.

Do you think that science has all the answers?
Science can't answer questions outside its realm. E.g., morality can't be investigated scientifically.

If God doesn't exist, how were math and logic created?
Math and logic are features of reality that humanity has discovered. Any imaginable working universe has them. They weren't created.

How can you say the Bible isn't true when it is correct about so many things?
A historical document may be correct about some things and incorrect about others. Many historical records have this property, particularly when they concern religion or mythology.

How can you not believe the Bible when it is filled with prophecies that came true?
Biblical prophecies are generally vague, made after the fact, or not even really prophecies.

If you cease to exist when you die, why bother trying to accomplish anything?
I only get one life, so I want to make the most of it.

How can there be absolute moral truths without God?
Some moral truths are logically required. Many others — like murder being immoral — have definitions that aren't universally agreed upon.

Do you disbelieve in God so that you can enjoy a sinful life without guilt?
I don't lead an immoral life.

Do you disbelieve in God because of something bad that happened when you were a child?
No. Do you believe in God for that kind of reason?

Why is there something instead of nothing?
Why not?

If every effect has a cause, what caused the universe?
We don't yet know enough about how the universe works to answer that question. There are many possibilities, though.

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3. Fold the two pieces of paper in half, making a pair of small pamphlets.
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