

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 17th 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 may be 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 their creator and the ruler over His disciples' lives.

At the end of his book Krauss quotes scientist Richard Feynman: "People say, 'are you looking for the ultimate laws of physics?' No, I'm not. I'm just looking to find out more about the world; my interest is simply to find out more ... I like to find out."

Me too.

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