

Article 365: Does the Universe Have A Purpose? -part 1

Does the universe have a purpose? Maybe the question you should consider is, "Does my life in the universe have a purpose? For centuries, religion and teachers have declared in various forms that the purpose of your life is to grow and develop ...to learn your lessons and endure your trials ...so you can overcome the physical world and transcend to a higher level of consciousness ...and spiritual life ...and that you are to rise above your base nature and live to tend the world and transform evil and ugliness into goodness and beauty, and of course you are to be holy and honor God ...and "his" plan and purpose for you. Of course, in all of this, you are required to control your mind ...and overcome your passions and desires. In this, the purpose of the universe is to enable you to meet these physical purposes in becoming a divine spiritual being. Well, how does all of that sound to you today?

Before exploring further the question of the universe's purpose, let's consider what scientists from their observations and explorations of the universe have to say on the subject.

Many scientists declare that though the universe has existed for a long time since the Big Band, that certainly doesn't seem long enough for the laws of the universe, which are so complex yet simple ...and which keep everything functioning smoothly and reliably, to have developed by accident, so one has to conclude that the universe appears to have been consciously created ...and that certainly implies a purpose ...or at least makes it impossible to believe that universe is meaningless ...even if we do not know what the meaning and purpose of the universe might be.

Besides, if mankind has a purpose in the universe, and that seems to be true, then obviously the universe has a purpose! ...if only to support and promote mankind's purpose, ...of course, the universe might also have some other purpose we don't know of, but that is of no consequence to this question, for I have revealed one possible purpose for the universe.

It certainly seems possible that the universe's purpose could be limited to providing a reliable passively-supportive environment in which self-conscious creatures such as mankind can expand their consciousness ...maybe to the level and expansiveness of the consciousness that created the universe in the first place; ...maybe the universe's purpose is to support self-consciousness becoming even greater and finer, but is that really an intended purpose or just a possibility?

By particularizing vague desires and awarenesses and abilities of consciousness, just as the Big Bang began particularizing vague simple-aspects of consciousness as a formed universe ...and this beginning, following specific laws and creative physics, has been evolving into more-complex forms, all of which certainly implies a purpose in the laws governing the universe, even if we don't yet understand enough of those laws to

formulate a clear picture of the universe's purpose, this seems to show that the universe obviously has a purpose.

Of course, many scientists disagree with the universe having a purpose ...on the basis that there is no direct evidence of a purpose, ...and though the absence of evidence cannot be taken as evidence that there is not purpose, there is certainly no reasonable reason to assume that the universe does have a purpose, ...and to suppose that it does have a purpose is "wishful thinking" ...possibly based on theology's faith, but in that there is no evidence of the existence of God either ...or that a God created the laws of the universe or the Big Bang.

If I write a law, create something, or keep matters running smoothly in my life ...and in the activities of my profession, it is reasonable to assume that there is purposeful intent behind all of my actions, but it is not reasonable to declare or even assume that a similar purpose lies behind the universe ...or within the consciousness that may or may not have created the universe.

Purpose and intent both imply ...no, in language, they both *require* a "causer" ...and there is not evidence that the universe ...or the seeming underlying laws of the universe were caused. Like consciousness giving rise to particular thoughts and thinking, couldn't the universe have, by design or happening~and remember, a happening does not necessarily mean a "twist of fate", a fluke or mere chance, or an accident~therefore, couldn't the universe have just the right aspects to give rise to itself?

If you look at the universe and declare that *it couldn't possibly have happened by chance!* ...you are forgetting that the universe you see is not the whole universe ...it is a tiny portion of the universe, ...actually, there are countless universes. Certainly, conditions had to be as they are for the universe to occur *as it is*, but that merely means that had conditions been otherwise ...you and the universe would have been otherwise, ...it does not mean *this universe or nothing*, and it certainly doesn't mean that a creator caused this particular universe with intent ...or for a purpose. You can believe that to be so ...but nothing indicates that it is true ...or must be so.

For example, couldn't the pressure of the original singularity of all things have been so intense and unstable that it had to explode and expand in a Big Bang? ...that is a happening ...not an intentionally caused event aimed at fulfilling a purpose. As an illustration of this possibility, if I cut a piece of aluminum foil into smaller pieces, each of those pieces will crumble and bend and behave like aluminum, and as I cut those pieces into even smaller and smaller pieces, they will still act and respond like aluminum ...and this will continue until it takes a microscope to see my pieces of aluminum, ...however, as my pieces are about 20 to 30 nanometers in size they can take on completely different characteristics ...and explode.

So, how small is a nanometer? It's one billionth of a meter, ...actually, your big toenail grows longer than that in the time it takes you to clip your adjacent toenail. Now, that may not seem important ...but in speaking of the universe, can you compare cutting aluminum foil into tiny pieces with coalescing the universe into a "singularity" which, like aluminum foil, changes properties and spontaneously explodes?

And couldn't the resultant energy and particles of that event retain the inherent properties that brought the original material together in the first place? ...such that material and energy began "clumping together" as before? ...and through accretion, couldn't that same material and energy, even while expanding, have clumped together into what we observe today? And if the universe might stop expanding or even begin coalescing to a singularity again, doesn't that give evidence that the "right aspects" are inherent in the material and energy? ...or in their interactions? And couldn't it all happen again and again? ...for nothing in the Big Bang indicates that to be the First Big Bang ...or the last.

And as we observe matter and the action of energy ...and the interactions of both and declare laws of the universe, in that, who actually is creating universal laws?

And though we seem to experience only material and energy, which are interchangeable, does this mean that nothing less "refined" than energy exists and is constantly interactive in the universe? ...that there is no "stuff" that is other or different than energy or material? ...or that there couldn't be more-coalesced "stuff" than material as we know it from which a new and completely different universe can be created? ...or may actually be all around us ...and we can't see it or sense it, ...isn't that entirely possible?

All of this shows that the universe acting purposefully ...or the energy and material of the universe, as we know it, can seemingly act and react purposefully, but that does not require that the universe be created by intent for a purpose, so I'll declare that *no, the universe doesn't have a purpose ...or at least it is not necessary for the universe to have a creator or a purpose.*

Remember, when I said that the universe's happening did not mean *this universe or nothing* ...this applies to you as well, for *you are as the universe is* ...and if the universe were different or will be different, or other than you know it today, you will also be different, for nothing indicates *you as you are or nothing*, ...actually, only by realizing yourself to be other than you think you are will you experience a different universe ...and a different you, ...but bear in mind that ever should you do that, both the different you and different universe already exist, ...isn't it possible that struggling with questions about the purpose of the universe ...and your purpose in the universe keeps you

limited to yourself and the universe as you believe them to be? ...therefore, I'll add to my answer about the universe not having or requiring a purpose the realization that any purpose only limits and confines you ...and the universe.

[Are you limiting your self and life to a purpose?](#)