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One of the fundamental questions for everybody is "Where do we come from?"

Either we were created for a purpose by some god or gods.

Or we arose from blind, purposeless processes.

If I am the product of the blind and purposeless laws of nature acting on matter, what does that imply about

me?

l am nothing but _____.

My brain is a ______.

My brain is ______ entirely by my DNA and by my environment.

Therefore, all my thoughts are really the results of my brain _____ ___ ___

I have no more ability to make _____ than a _____ has.

Since people are beings able to make free choices, I am ______.



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If I really believe that I cannot make free choices, how would that change the way I think? How would I explain the fact that it seems like I can make free choices, within this view? Based on this view, what is going on when I feel proud or ashamed of something I have done? Based on this view, what is going on when I feel that someone else did something right or wrong? Based on the 'no free choice' view, what would it mean to "try to make the world a better place" or to "learn to love people unselfishly"? What is the difference between a brave man who tries to protect his family in danger, and a coward who hides behind his own wife and children to try to save his own life? In this view, what would be the difference between someone who thinks critically to find out the truth about things and one who just gullibly accepts whatever he has been taught?

Does anybody really believe that human beings just arose by the blind, purposeless processes?

Does any of this provide evidence for God?

So from the most fundamental characteristics of the way we think, we get a strong argument for the existence of God.



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