

The Divine. (Or Time will worship Language-Auden)

The whole point is one can never know for certain it would all be too easy. Still it is an intuition and the intellectual position behind it is very strong unlike the Dawkins position which attacks religion from the institutional perspective-an easy target.

I would put the intellectual case as follows:

1. Free Will. It is you who control the atoms which move according to nature's laws. This from Schrodinger but pace Crick this is not vitalism for somehow our mind gives us choice and this force will be described eventually. However its endowment is to my mind divine.
2. Freedom as a value. This must have a sacred foundation for as an axiom it can be destroyed.
3. Before the Big Bang there would need to be an observer, a creator, who by definition is infinite unlike the finiteness of nature.
4. How can matter arise from nothing at the start of the universe (nothing = zero)
5. What lies beyond the universe since its diameter at 93 billion light years is finite.
6. Kant has shown there has to be a reality outside space and time but we can never know it-which I dispute.
7. Following from 6 our access to that hidden reality depends on our connection with the divine.
8. Those who have given up everything for others are invariably believers.
9. Revelation occurs for poets in their work and people in their religion ie a visitation.
10. Aesthetic grounds which brings one to ones own culture and its expression in the religious symbols of the new testament in which nothing compares with those "unwinding Christ-like visions".

Against all this the "rationalist" attacks the absurdities of institutional religion but even scientists make mistakes they will not give up, at least without a fight. Where religion contradicts physical theory it becomes absurd. Yet even there "the majesty of the absurd bespeaks the presence of human being".

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