

TABOO OPINIONS #20

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9-29-04 Is God dead---or doesn't He (It?) give a shit?

I speak thus in response to a news story in today's The Oregonian, in the Science section.

'Head-on crash in outer space makes' perfect cosmic storm'

'An international team of scientists has observed a head-on collision of two galaxy clusters that smashed together thousands of galaxies and trillions of stars. It is one of the most powerful events ever witnessed.

'Scientists are calling the event the perfect cosmic storm: galaxy clusters that collided like two high-pressure weather fronts and created hurricane-like conditions, tossing galaxies far from their paths and churning shock waves of 100-million-degree gas waves through intergalactic space.

'Team leader Patrick Henry of the University of Hawaii said that "what was once two distinct but smaller galaxy clusters 300 million years ago is now one massive cluster in turmoil."

'The event was captured with the European Space Agency's XMM-Newton observatory.

'The findings will be in an upcoming issue of the Astrophysical Journal.'

So, is this proof that our 'God of Love' doesn't exist (for how could a god who cares and is all-powerful and all-knowing allow this disaster?), or is it proof that God exists but (as the immortal cop-out line has it) God works in mysterious ways.

My private belief is that Something exists and It is dedicated to making the universe safe for mankind. The galactic disaster described above is permitted (or created) because unaltered galaxy routes would have intersected our galaxy's path.

Obviously, mankind is destined to rule the Sevagram...as a tool of....

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