

# Funny Thing about Infinity

The funny thing about infinity is that there is always room for more. Technically, there is no such thing as infinity. By definition, there is no end to it. What we think might be infinite, including God's knowledge, is actually continually growing and expanding. God is infinite only in the sense that nothing can exist outside of God's conscious awareness. Buddhists, Hindus, many Christian mystics, practitioners of the New Thought religions, and many Quantum Physicists would define God as the infinite collective consciousness of everything that exists. All animate and inanimate objects are actually not physical entities but are comprised only of potential energy which collapses into quasi physical reality by the collective conscious observations of the greater consciousness of which we are all a part.

Since nothing can exist outside of the universal consciousness, which some call God, the billions of seemingly separate conscious entities created by God, including us, are at the same time still a part of the consciousness of God. As spiritual beings, made in the spiritual image of God, we share God's nature and are part of the divine Godhead. We are the vehicles through whom God enjoys new, fresh and novel experiences.

Is God's knowledge infinite, or is it only infinite in the sense that it includes all present reality? Is it possible that there are some things that God does not yet know? Is it possible that the consciousness of God is continually expanding into new realms of thought? It would make sense to me that God could easily become bored with existence if there were nothing new to experience. But how is it possible for an omniscient God to not know something?

Here's how. Even an omniscient God cannot know what does not exist. It is also not possible for God to know something that is not true. For example, God cannot know that  $2 + 2 = 5$ . God can only know that  $2 + 2 = 4$ . God can only have knowledge of what currently exists and is true. God's knowledge and experience of the future consists only of artificial extrapolations, based on God's exhaustive knowledge of the present. God can only know what is most likely to occur based on a range of probabilities.

It has been firmly established by the scientific community that the exact future position of even a single elementary particle cannot be determined in advance, even if one has complete and accurate knowledge of its current position and velocity. This is referred to as Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle. In actuality, the particle can end up virtually anywhere in time and space, based on a range of probabilities. It will most likely end up about where you expect, but could actually end up anywhere in the universe, or even outside of it. When you combine the uncertainty of the future position of a single particle with the trillions of particles that make up large objects, such as human beings, the uncertainty is magnified to an infinite degree. In other words, any human thought or action can result in an infinite number of possible outcomes.

So, if God does not yet know what is actually going to happen, and for this reason enjoys the novelty of new and fresh experiences, does God still remain in control of what happens? My answer would be "yes." God's knowledge includes the current position and velocity of every particle in every possible universe. God is fully aware of the most probable outcomes. God is able, solely through the power of directed thoughts and observations to influence those outcomes.

Some mystics, mistakenly in my opinion, believe that God has exhaustive knowledge of the future, and that when we die we merge into God's consciousness and become all-knowing, and no further change or growth takes place. They don't believe in reincarnation, because reincarnation implies that we have lessons to learn, even after returning to a spiritual existence in heaven. If they were right, however, what would be the point of even one material existence?

Have you ever noticed how much happier most children are than adults? Have you noticed how much more exciting life is for them, because most of their experiences are new and unfamiliar? As we age, and accumulate most of the common experiences of life, we become bored very easily. Imagine what it must be like for a supposedly omniscient God who has nothing new or different to experience. God, it would seem, under this scenario, would be infinitely bored.

Fortunately for us, we were born into this existence with spiritual amnesia, and the life we are now living is completely new and different from anything we have ever experienced. The possibilities are infinite and ever expanding. We are living this life as though it were the only life we have ever lived. My individual existence, seemingly separated from God's existence, is God's way of experiencing creation, as me, in a new and fresh way. It is God's way of experiencing things that have never been experienced before.

Does that aspect of God which resides in Heaven have complete knowledge of how things will turn out for me? I don't think so. Does that mean that God is not in control? No. It does mean that we have been given a measure of genuine free will, just enough to make things interesting, exciting and somewhat unpredictable.

I would like to close with a technical observation. Just because God's knowledge is infinite, that does not mean it cannot be expanded and added to. Infinity is not really infinite, because there is always room for more expansion. Here's an example. Ask yourself how many even whole numbers are possible. The logical answer would be that there is an infinite number of possible EVEN whole numbers. Does this mean that there is no room for expansion? Of course not. If you add to this an infinite number of ODD whole numbers, you wind up with a number double the size of the first infinite set of numbers. If you add to this the number of possible fractions then the total gets even greater. If you divide a single integer into an infinite number of fractions, then the total becomes infinity times infinity. So you see, there is no such thing as infinity. It is an imaginary concept. Infinity can never be achieved.

It is exciting for me to know that the eternal life that God has given to all of us includes an infinite number of new and fresh learning experiences.

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