

Quantum Theodynamics

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 12 Jun 2002, 16:34

Crush again...

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"Toying" is an important word here. Based on the Wolfe answer I'm quoting here, I'd say trying to make tBotNS fit with Christian theology in every way (or most ways) is like trying to create a perpetual motion machine or trying to rectify general relativity with quantum mechanics: It seems so logical and straightforward, but then....

Well, yes and no ... among other things, this depends on just what Christian theology you're talking about. Catholic theology has, to the best of my knowledge, always begun with with the vital assumption that we do not _and can not_ know the mind of God (Dorothy Sayer's excellent book _The Mind of the Maker_ all to the good). We can attempt to (for example) know why God made the world, but that's speculative theology* and not only are its hypotheses considered uncertain, it's generally considered dangerous to think of them as if they were certain.

* A term which should ought to be familiar to those who participated in the great Pullman Debate of last year.

I would say that Wolfe (like Tolkien before him) has generally gone out of his way to create a hypothetical universe which, while it may not be explicitly Christian, does not actually _violate_ Christian theology in any irreconcilable way.

who (huh!) who wrote the book of the new sun?