

# Why I hate Pantheism

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Well, a proposition that the universe is (1) indifferent, (2) divine and (3) "works for the common good" seems to end up in a *reductio ad absurdum* -- unless (3) is strictly the outcome of randomness, even a "divine" randomness (whatever that might be).

But people can hold views that are contradictory without being liars. People can cling to beliefs that turn out to be logically inconsistent for many reasons -- sometimes, for example, in dealing with addictions, or past childhood traumas. Cognitive dissonance is not necessarily deceit.

BTW, I think Epicurus is sometimes credited with first pointing out that "serious dilemma" -- or, actually a trilemma.