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Post by "Cassius" of August 21, 2025 at 11:09 AM

Dave:

I can offer this:

I don't perceive them as arguing about "the degree to which science and faith can coexist." ("Looking further, apparently they did initially have different views on the degree to which science and faith could coexist.) I think they both defer to "science" and disparage faith (belief without evidence) and on that I think we all agree.

The video to which I point is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gH9UvnrARf8&t=166s>

The video description says this:

Quote

Krauss's latest book, *A Universe from Nothing: Why There is Something Rather than Nothing*, explains the scientific advances that provide insight into how the universe formed. Krauss tackles the age-old assumption that something cannot arise from nothing by arguing that not only can something arise from nothing, but something will always arise from nothing.

The underlined point I think illustrates what I am arguing against, and I listened to enough to hear them debating whether the start was "completely nothing" or not. From an ordinary philosophical understanding of words, it is ridiculous to troll people with the idea that something not only "can" but "will always" arise from nothing.

I don't have time to listen to the rest of the video (though I would like to) but that's already enough to establish that if things can come from or go to nothing, then the rest of Epicurean common sense physics, and indeed all predictability of science or rational logic leading to confidence in knowledge, would be eliminated.

Krauss is something of a scientist and if I recall as you waded through the video that he backs off the accusation that he's talking about "absolutely nothing" -- but this is exactly the kind of sensationalism that "regular people" aren't going to be able to navigate through. And those are the ones I am most concerned about, not about those who find this all very amusing as apparently Krauss does. In this first part of the video that's playing in the background I think I hear in Dawkins' voice that he too takes this seriously and doesn't really appreciate Krauss' attitude (even though it may result in more book sales for them both),

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