

Infinity and the Expanding Universe

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Thanks for the links, Don! I'll take a look at those over the weekend.

I recently listened to a podcast with Alan Alda interviewing Brian Greene. You're right, he's a very good speaker and presenter of ideas; I've been thinking of reading one of his books but haven't yet. I'm also considering Victor Stenger's book *God and the Multiverse*: it looks like it has less to do with god and more to do with presenting a history of the ideas leading up to current cosmological thinking, which could be a good (if challenging) read. Stenger is an experimental as opposed to a theoretical physicist, which is something I like about him. I don't recall where Greene is on that spectrum but he seemed quite grounded.

Both Greene and Stenger, at least to some extent, consider the philosophical implications of the conclusions of physics. From what I've read or listened to, Stenger addresses the fallacy of god, while Greene addresses the implications of living in a world devoid of meaning. And they both reach ethical conclusions compatible with those of Epicurus. Greene, however, is adamant that free will doesn't exist. I personally don't buy that, and I'm not sure I'm ready to go down that rabbit hole although I would like to read his reasoning at some point.