

What is Life? God only Knows – Jeff Morris

1. Is life a property?

- Certain concrete objects instantiate life.
- Can we not say more?

2. Is life an emergent property?

- Life seems to be present when multiple properties emerge.
- Life is not irreducible to any one property.

3. We have a good candidate – Life is an emergent property

4. Possible defeaters?

- If God exists, then life cannot be an emergent property

5. Evidence against God's existence

- Who created God?
- The problem of evil

6. Evidence for God's existence

- Ontological – The greatest conceivable being exists in every possible world, the actual world is a possible world
- Cosmological – Everything which begins to exist has a cause, the universe began to exist
- Teleological – Finding a pocket watch in the heath

7. Conclusion

- If God exists, he is the greatest conceivable being
- If he is the greatest conceivable being, he exists *a se*
- If he exists *a se*, he is not made up of multiple components
- Therefore, if God exists, life is not an emergent property.

Maybe only God will ever know what life really is, but thankfully, if you are able to read this, you are blessed enough to insatiate it.