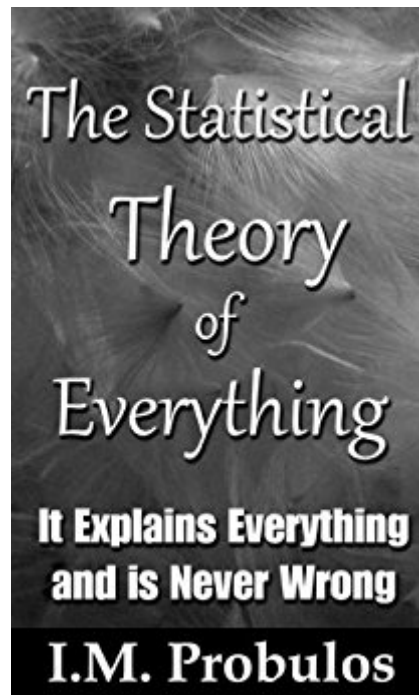


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The Statistical Theory Of Everything: It Explains Everything And Is Never Wrong



Synopsis

This Kindle book is for non-believers, including atheists, agnostics and secular humanists who believe in a deterministic world. It is assumed that you don't base your worldview and morality on superstition, the supernatural or any deity. It is not for the "spiritual but not religious" as it assumes a materialistic world and a reductionist perspective on the human condition. It is not meant to convert the faithful. For those who doubt their faith or have recently lost it, If you do not believe the universe or a personal deity loves you and is concerned with your daily affairs this book could help you prosper. This concept is not to be confused with Stephen Hawking's The Theory of Everything (2007), a unified theory that includes quantum mechanics and the fundamental interactions of nature: gravitation, strong interaction, weak interaction, and electromagnetism. That's very interesting, but another subject altogether. Again, this Theory is not about physics. The Statistical Theory of Everything (STE) presents a novel and useful thought process to help you manage and thrive in a world of science, reason and rationality. It is excerpted and expanded from my book the 12 Unthinkable Horrors of Human Existence. It is related to a concept called "statistical theology" discussed in a short article in Skeptical Inquirer (2001) by noted science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke. It offers a unique worldview without free will, fate, agency, patternicity, the supernatural and a personal God. This would be a great concept to discuss during a Freethought Alliance or Secular Humanist study group. I don't expect universal agreement and encourage debate. Does it have merit? Does it help you deal with a capricious and uncaring universe that is indifferent to your well-being? How do you explain why bad things happen to good people? How do you explain the "miraculous" one survivor out of 100? How do you explain great suffering, misery and natural disaster? Personally I think this concept provides those who lack faith with great optimism, hope, and purpose. Please read the Kindle sample first and the Table of Contents to see if this concept is something that interests you before you purchase the book. If you enjoy the book and feel it was worthwhile please share it with your friends and review it. Reviews are the lifeblood of Kindle authors. May you find yourself at the very right of the Statistical Theory of Everything line for love, health, and happiness. I.M. Probulos

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Customer Reviews

Fun read, informative. The text is potent and the pace quick. The author does not mince words. Seems too simple to be true that statistics is the guiding principle of our existence. But if you really think about it, it is hard to argue with the author. As a person who uses statistics to better understand cause and effect in my daily work I understand the power of statistics when properly applied and interpreted. The only weakness I found in the book was the author's criticism of people who pray. He quotes, "Praying is what people do when they don't want to invest any time or effort in actually helping someone". This is a bit too harsh, though I understand the point the author is trying to make, however, there are times when people pray out of pure desperation when there is nothing left for them to do. For example, when a loved one (a child) is suffering, or on the verge of death and their fate is completely out of their hands. Those atheists who have been in this situation understand that we are all human and prone to an occasional lapse in our beliefs when our backs are up against the wall. This is nothing to be ashamed of. I think the author in his attempt to build his case doesn't acknowledge those shades of gray. The world is not black and white. The tone of the text appears to lack compassion and understanding for human weakness and frailty. However, we can only take this kind of tolerance to the point where a line must be drawn when faulty thinking harms others, even when the harm is unintentional. History is filled with examples of the terrible things people do to others through fear and superstition. The idea I liked best in the book was the author's suggestion that we should expose young people, at the appropriate time, to the methods of statistical thinking the author presents.

So many say that the world is much more violent than in the past and blaming it on lack of moral and lack of religion. I hope those people could read a good book such as this so they could see the big picture and realize they are less likely to die a violent death today than any day in the past. Lots of good references.

Probulos has written a clear restatement of the principles underlying all scientific investigation - translated for the layperson. 'THIS', he tells the reader, 'is the way all existence really is despite your most desperate wishing to the contrary. You can accept it or not - but that doesn't change the reality of what he is describing. It will probably strike the religious as too in-your-face - too impersonal - too random, but that, my friends, is the way it is. Not inspirational but completely accurate writing.

The use of statistics helps to put the world in perspective and gives a clear, concise, reason why things do or do not happen to people. He uses statistics to show, for example, that one should be more concerned from dying from heart disease than worry about being murdered. Statistics provide a more objective way to view events in the world and where one's concern should be placed. One downside is that he (I'm assuming for no good reason that the author is a male) needs to proofread his book more. For example, near location 410 the sentence reads "You were favored yet billions where not.". Other than the occasional grammar error the book presents an excellent viewpoint. I recommend it highly.

I chose to rate the book five stars as the book was well written, made sense, and established a reasonable secular theory about the reasons for most of what occurs in life. I liked the fact that all the links worked and that Probulos referenced other books that I may be interested in reading in the future. Will try reading some of his novellas in the future.

The Statistical Theory of Everything would be better titled as Statistical Theory Applied to Everything Probulos can think of. His heart is clearly in the right place, but the author nonetheless comes dangerously close to equating statistics with causation rather than descriptive science. He would also benefit from the services of a good editor and a sharp-eyed proofreader.

The harder I tried to believe in God or a greater power, the angrier I felt. The statistical theory of everything makes me feel better in that I am responsible for my choices and their repercussions, not

at the mercy of an arbitrary God.

I like the author's idea! However, I do not agree to his position about a couple of points, such as Free Will, Gun Ownership among other. One of the problems that I see with the author's delivery is his utter insistence on his moral or ethical points of view that sometimes nullifies our natural human freedom. Anyways the author has presented a sound explanation to many life's problems and life itself.

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