

THE FUNDAMENTALIST ATTRIBUTION ERROR : A SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGICAL TAKE ON GOD

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The fundamental attribution error consists of overestimating the contribution of personal factors, relative to that of situational factors, to events. The same psychological process may partly explain the pervasiveness of beliefs in supernatural entities for which there is no evidence. Thus the error of attributing the creation of the universe and human beings to a Creator rather than to natural forces could aptly be labeled the fundamentalist attribution error.
