

THEISM: One Eternal Personal Involved God Exists

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The theistic argument expanded to 20 steps:

- (1) Every effect has a cause (by observation).
- (2) Every effect has a cause which is equal to or greater (that is, more complex) than itself.
For example, a bird nest is made by a bird more complex than the nest, a computer is made by humans more complex than the computer, etc. The only observation of when the cause and the effect are equal is procreation. All other causes are more complex than their effects.
- (3) Therefore, if the universe exists, it must have a cause which is greater (more complex) than itself.
- (4) The universe exists. (We have proven pantheism is wrong.)
- (5) Therefore, a cause greater than the universe **exists**.
- (6) The universe contains personality and morality. (Animals are personal, and humans are personal and moral.)
- (7) Therefore, a (at least) **personal moral** cause for the universe exists. The Creator can then be designated "He" or "She" not "It." "He" is preferable because it traditionally designates headship.
- (8) The universe has never been observed creating something from nothing.
- (9) Since the universe exists (as an effect), a personal moral existing cause for the universe can **create**.
- (10) If the creator-cause were finite, then He would have another creator-cause who would in turn have a creator-cause and so forth. This leads to an infinite regress of causes.

$$\dots C_n \rightarrow \dots C_3 \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow U$$

But that would mean that at least one finite creator-cause would be either self-caused or uncaused. But that's impossible because a being cannot precede itself to cause itself and nothing finite is uncaused (by observation).

- (11) Therefore, all the causes cannot be finite (non-ultimate) causes.
- (12) Therefore, the personal moral existing creator-cause is **infinite** (or ultimate). That is, there must be at least one infinite cause.
- (13) No meaningful statement can be made about space without reference to time. Time and space are always connected by observation of the law of logic. "Reagan was President" assumes a time and a place.
- (14) The infinite cause must be **eternal** (because eternality is simply infinity applied to time).
- (15) The universe cannot be its own cause because it is not eternal due to the Laws of Thermodynamics. The Second Law of Thermodynamics says the amount of useless energy is increasing, and the First Law of Thermodynamics says the total amount of energy is constant. So the universe cannot be eternal in the future because at some future time it will die. It cannot be eternal in the past because at some time (back) the amount of useful energy would be greater than the total amount of energy, and that's impossible. And matter does not produce mind. The impersonal does not produce the personal, and potentials do not actualize themselves (by observation).
- (16) An infinite eternal cause would be immutable, that is, He could not change (since anything He would change into, He would already be).
- (17) Therefore, the creator-cause must be all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-perfect (otherwise He could change).
- (18) Therefore, a personal, moral, infinite, eternal, immutable (unchanging), all-knowing, all-powerful, all-perfect creator-cause exists.
- (19) Such a being is worthy of worship and therefore can be called God.
- (20) Therefore, **GOD EXISTS**.

THEISM IS UNDENIABLE

A Summary of the Case for Theism

- 1) Every effect has a cause.
- 2) The universe is an effect.
Therefore,
- 3) The universe has a cause.

