



Apologetics: Proving The Existence of God To Atheists

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The New Atheists

- Richard Dawkins promoting his new book, *The Enemies of Reason*.
 “There are two ways of looking at the world – through faith and superstition or through the rigours of logic, observation and evidence – in other words, through reason. Reason and a respect for evidence are precious commodities, the source of human progress and our safeguard against fundamentalists and those who profit from obscuring the truth. Yet, today, society appears to be retreating from reason.”
- We can prove the existence of God using the very criteria posited by atheists such as Dawkins.
- We can prove that atheists are either irrational or unscientific to hold to atheism!



The Four Basic Arguments For God’s Existence

1. The Cosmological argument: The finite universe **MUST** have been caused by an infinite being (God).
 1. All things with a beginning must be caused
 2. The universe had a beginning.
 3. The universe must be caused.

*** This argument is not surmountable!

- The first premise is necessarily true. (Law of Causality)
- The second premise is true in light of **OVERWHELMING** scientific evidence.

We Can Prove God Exists!

- Everything is an illusion
- The universe self created itself

Eternal Creator

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The only other options are both logically impossible!

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Eternal Universe

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Something or Someone must be eternal: Ex nihilo nihil fit = out of nothing, nothing comes!

A Practical Way Of Explaining The Cosmological Argument

*Four Possibilities For The Existence of
The Universe*

1. *All that exists is merely an illusion.*
2. *The universe created itself.*
3. *The universe is eternal.*
4. *The universe was created by an outside eternal being (God).*

I Think Everything Is An Illusion?

Four Possibilities For The Existence of The Universe

- ~~1. All that exists is merely an illusion.~~
2. The universe created itself.
3. The universe is eternal.
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Renes Descartes
"I think therefore I am"

- 1 If we doubt, we are thinking.
- 2 If we are thinking, we are "doing" something.
- 3 Nothing cannot "do" something.
- 4 Therefore, we must exist in order to doubt!!

We must therefore reject option 1

Spontaneous Generation?

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How can something not exist, and at the same time exist to put itself into existence?

This is IMPOSSIBLE!!!

Option 2 must be discarded.

The Law of Entropy

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■ The 2nd Law of
Thermodynamics

All energy is becoming less useable

Option 3 must be discarded!

The fourth option is the only one that is both logically and scientifically viable!

What Have We Done Here?

Premise 2

*Law of
Logic*

Premise 3

*Law Of
Science*

Dilemma

Which Will The Atheist Deny?

Atheist Objections Of

Premise 3: Universe cannot be eternal

1. Steady State Theory (Fred Hoyle)
2. A Unique Portion of Universe is Eternal
3. Rebound Theory
4. There Exists "Multiverses"

The Impossibility Of An Eternal Universe

Evidence that precludes the possibility of an eternal universe.

1. 2nd Law of Thermodynamics
2. Motion of the Galaxies
3. Radiation Echo
4. Discovery of a great Mass of Matter

"No explanation other than the big bang has been found for the fireball radiation. The clincher, which has convinced almost the last doubting Thomas, is that the radiation discovered by Penzias and Wilson has exactly the pattern of wavelengths expected for the light and heat produced in a great explosion. Supporters of the Steady State theory have tried desperately to find an alternative explanation, but they have failed" (Jastrow, *God and the Astronomers*, 5).

Atheist Objections

To Premise 2: The Universe could not self create itself

1. Universe could come about by chance!
2. Quantum physics (Chance dressed up!)
Misunderstood and used by:
 - Atheists
 - Open Theists
 - The Emerging Church

Greg Boyd

- Quantum physics suggests that Einstein was mistaken...Nothing short of an empirically groundless, metaphysically mechanistic assumption kept him, and some other physicists, from affirming that the apparent indeterminacy of reality at a quantum level is in fact real (viz. ontological).

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More Emergent Confusion

- “Developments in quantum mechanics and chaos theory have also challenged the early modern scientific dream of mathematically precise predictability, which presupposed a mechanistic view of the causation of bodies “through” space and time. Although Einstein himself resisted the implications of quantum theory, Heisenberg’s “uncertainty” principle and the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum phenomena indicate an irreducible ‘indeterminacy’ in natural events.” Pg.84 RDG

Quantum Physics What’s The Big Deal?

“The more closely physicists examined the subatomic world, the larger indeterminacy loomed. When a photon strikes an atom, boosting an electron into a higher orbit, the electron moves from the lower to the upper orbit instantaneously, without having traversed the intervening space... This is the famously confounding “quantum leap,”... (Timothy Ferris, *Coming of Age in the Milky Way*, pg.288)

Big Deal: The claim that the orbit was traversed by chance!

Chance: The Tale Told By Two Coins

Coin A: I flip coin A. What are the chances it will be heads or tails?

- "Chance" here is used correctly as a word that describes mathematical probability.

Coin B: I will set coin B on this table and wait for "chance" to flip it!

- "Chance" here is used incorrectly as force!

God Left Nothing To Chance

* Most importantly- Scripture declares that God created all things ex nihilo and sustains them to this very day.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

The Four Basic Arguments For God's Existence

2. Ontological argument: If a perfect or necessary being can be conceived, it must exist.

1. God is a being that has perfection.
2. Existence is a perfection.
3. Therefore, God is a being that must have existence.

Critique: Existence does not add quality to an object, it merely asserts its reality.

- (Anselm) 1. If God exists, he must be a necessary being
2. A necessary being cannot not exist.
 3. Therefore, God exists.

Critique: This proves something about God's nature, not his existence.

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3. Moral argument: Moral laws presuppose a moral law giver.

1. Moral laws imply a moral law giver.
2. There is an objective moral law.
3. Therefore, there is a moral law giver.

Critique: Premise 2 maybe taken issue with. Is there really an objective moral law that is agreed upon?

4. Teleological argument: Design of creation presupposes a designer.

1. Everything designed must have a designer.
2. The universe is designed.
3. The universe must have a designer.

Critique: Premise 1 and 2 are challenged, but do hold up under scrutiny when the *degree* of design is explored!
