

Philosophical Theism

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THESIS

- **Deductive Logic**

- proves (-> like $1+1 = 2$)
- the existence of a **Mind**
- that created all of physical reality
- and contingent reality.

- We **call that Mind God**

- in philosophical theism

- This conclusion

- is NOT based on induction or Faith.

Definitions

(minimalist)

- **Mind**

- Non-material Entity (transcends matter)
- With Volition (free-will)

- **God**

- First Cause
- Self-Sufficient Being
- Mind
- Volitional Cause
- Non-Contingent Being

- **Causation**

- Deterministic (external trigger) – Probabilistic (“)
- Volitional (internally chosen)

Background

- My dad was an atheist; mom a Christian
- As an adult I had to decide
- I went into atheism; but, now ...
- Ex-atheist and Philosophical Theist
- In part due to Logic, Reason and Science
- But also due to Answered Prayer
 - (after I became a theist)

- **Focus** -> Logic, Rationality and Knowledge
 - Rather than just faith
- **Knowledge** is Deductive
- **Faith** is Inductive (and so is Science)
- Math and Deductive Logic can give us certainty.
- **Deductive Logic can PROVE** things.
- **Inductive Logic can POINT** to things (but not prove them).
- That is why Science (for example) cannot (absolutely) prove anything true.

Epistemology

- **Inductive Logic**
 - Conclusion goes beyond what is necessary based on the premises
 - That is why the conclusion is NOT certain
 - This is the case with ALL science
- **Deductive Logic**
 - Does not go beyond what is necessary based on the premises
 - If the premises are certain
 - Then the conclusion is certain
- **Knowledge** (not belief or faith)
 - Self-evident truths
 - “something exists” (Descartes, I think)
 - Negation destroys itself
 - “I do not exist” (Descartes, I think)
 - “Nothing exists”
 - Logical Contradictions -> False
 - Square-circles
 - Married Bachelors

PROOF for GOD

LOGIC.

F1. It is **impossible to cross an infinity**.

--- temporal, causal, contingent

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D1. Therefore, there must be a

--- (a) **First-Cause**, *and therefore, an*

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--- (b) Ontologically **Self-Sufficient Being**, whose existence is NOT externally caused.

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--- (c) First-Cause, and therefore **NON-contingent Being**, and therefore Necessary Being,

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--- (d) First-Cause, whose action is **NOT externally-triggered**, and therefore

--- (e) First-Cause, whose action is **internally-chosen**, and therefore

--- (f) First-Cause, that is a **Volitional Cause**, and therefore

--- (g) First-Cause, that is a **MIND**,

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--- (h) that created ALL of Contingent Reality,

--- (i) including Physical Reality.

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D2. The MIND with the characteristics (A-I) listed above, is **God**.

--- I.e., In Philosophical Theism, we use the word "God" to refer to that mind that is proved to exist in P2 above.

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D3. **Therefore, God exists.**

CONCLUSION.

C1. God Exists.