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Logic & Evidence for God

Logic & Evidence for God -1

T1. There is sound LOGIC & EVIDENCE for the Existence of God.

Definition → **God** = Necessary Being, First Cause, Volitional Cause, MIND that created all of physical reality.

LOGIC:

P1. **NECESSARY Being:**

- (A) If something exists, a Necessary Being Exists.
- (B) That is the ONLY way to avoid an infinite regress of Contingent Beings.
- (C) An infinite regress cannot be crossed.
- (D) Therefore, an infinite regress of Contingent beings cannot be crossed, to get to the current Contingent Being, e.g., the current state and existence of the physical universe.
- (E) Something (e.g., the physical universe) exists.
- (F) Therefore, **a Necessary Being LOGICALLY and necessarily Exists.**

P2. **FIRST Cause:**

- (A) If something exists, a First Cause necessarily Exists.
- (B) That is the ONLY way to avoid an infinite regress of secondary causes.
- (C) An infinite regress cannot be crossed.
- (D) Therefore, an infinite regress of secondary causes cannot be crossed to get to the present effect, e.g., the current state and existence of the physical universe.
- (E) Something (e.g., the physical universe) exists.
- (F) Therefore, **a First Cause LOGICALLY and necessarily Exists.**

P3. **VOLITIONAL Cause:**

- (A) Causation is necessarily Deterministic, Probabilistic or Volitional.
- (B) A Deterministic Cause requires an external prior trigger to trigger its deterministic effect. However, there can be no prior trigger that pre-exists a First Cause. Therefore, the First Cause that created ALL of physical reality cannot be a Deterministic Cause.

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P3. VOLITIONAL Cause: ... continued

(C) In addition, if the First-Cause of the physical universe is deterministic, then all of the preconditions needed for the creation of the physical universe must have been contained within that deterministic First-Cause. This means that the deterministic first-cause must have been internally-triggered in the infinite past (since the deterministic cause must have existed through the infinite past). That means that the physical universe must be infinitely old. But it is not (and it cannot be infinitely old, because it would have to cross a temporal infinity to get to the present moment, which is impossible). Therefore, the First Cause that created the physical universe cannot be a Deterministic Cause.

(D) A Probabilistic Cause requires a prior trigger (or prior physical law) to trigger its probabilistic effect.

However, there can be no prior trigger (or prior physical law) that pre-exists a First Cause. Therefore, the First Cause that created ALL of physical reality cannot be a Probabilistic First Cause.

(E) In addition, as time tends towards infinity, probabilistic events become deterministically certain. That means that in infinite time, a probabilistic cause becomes a deterministic cause. Therefore, again, by the logic presented in P3B-P3C, a Probabilistic Cause cannot be the First Cause.

(F) So, the LOGIC above removes both Deterministic Cause and Probabilistic Cause as the First Cause.

(G) Therefore, by Eliminative LOGIC, this leaves us with ONLY a Volitional Cause as the First Cause.

(H) A Volitional Cause does NOT require an external prior-trigger to trigger its action. A volitional cause can choose to act independent of any external triggering events.

(I) Therefore, **a Volitional Cause is LOGICALLY the ONLY possibility for a First Cause.**

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P3. VOLITIONAL Cause: *... continued*

(I) In addition, as mentioned in P3G, Eliminative LOGIC destroys both Deterministic Causes and Probabilistic Causes as the First Cause, leaving us with ONLY Volitional Cause as the First Cause.

(J) Therefore, **the First Cause is LOGICALLY and necessarily a VOLITIONAL Cause.**

P5. Therefore, (by P1-P4), **there is a Necessary Being, First Cause, Volitional Cause, MIND that created all of physical reality.**

P6. We call that MIND, GOD.

CONCLUSION:

C1. Therefore, God Exists.

C2. God = Necessary Being, First Cause, Volitional Cause, MIND that created all of physical reality.