

## Arguments for the Existence of God

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*God is the best explanation of the origin of the universe.*

- (1) If the universe began to exist, then the universe has a transcendent cause.
- (2) The universe began to exist.
- (3) Therefore, the universe has a transcendent cause.

*God is the best explanation of objective moral values and duties in the world.*

- (1) If God did not exist, objective moral values and duties would not exist.
- (2) Objective moral values and duties exist.
- (3) Therefore, God exists.

*God is the best explanation of the fine-tuning of the universe for intelligent life.*

- (1) The fine-tuning of the universe is due to either physical necessity, chance, or design.
- (2) It is not due to physical necessity or chance.
- (3) Therefore, it is due to design.

*God is the best explanation for why the universe exists.\**

- (1) Everything that exists is either receiving its existence from another or it necessarily exists by virtue of its essence.
- (2) Physical reality can either exist or not exist and therefore does not exist by virtue of its essence.
- (3) Therefore, there must be something who is Existence itself, creating and sustaining the existence of all other things.

*God is the best explanation of intentional states of consciousness in the world.*

- (1) If God did not exist, intentional states of consciousness would not exist.
- (2) But intentional states of consciousness do exist.
- (3) Therefore, God exists.

*God is the best explanation of the applicability of mathematics to the physical world.*

- (1) If God did not exist, the applicability of mathematics would be a happy coincidence.
- (2) The applicability of mathematics is not a happy coincidence.
- (3) Therefore, God exists.

Sources: William Lane Craig from his Rosenberg debate

\*Thomas Aquinas via Ratio Christ pamphlet *What if Christianity is Actually True? How Can We Know and Why Does it Matter?*