

Doctrine of God

Reality

Four Possibilities to Prove the Existence of God

“If God exists, that means
I will be held accountable for what I do and say.”

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1. Augustine tried to establish a sufficient reason to explain reality as we encounter it. A sufficient reason means a rational answer to things. He explored options to test rationality.
 - Our experience of reality is an illusion.
 - Our reality is self-created.
 - Our reality is self-existent.
 - Our reality is created ultimately by something that is self-existent.
2. The simplest argument for God is this: if anything exists, God exists. Whatever the original entity is that brought about the universe, that entity must have the power of being within itself.
3. Is the world an illusion? Few will embrace this concept including Descartes who said, I think, therefore I exist.”
4. Is the world self-created? This is the most popular and widely held alternative to divine creation. But what is the evidence? There is something. But what is that something? Eternal matter? or, God?
5. You cannot be rational by denying the existence a self-existent eternal being, wise or evil, God or matter.
6. The Evidentialist tries to give proof for God’s existence based upon empirical data.
7. The Presuppositionalist tries to give proof for God’s existence by affirming His existence, and that becomes a circular argument for the conclusion is stated in the premise.