

RATIONAL PROOFS & EVIDENCES FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

I. RATIONAL EVIDENCE OR PROOF OF GOD'S EXISTENCE #1 - THE ONTOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

A. Most Human Beings ("Ontos") Believe That God Exists

B. Development Of The Argument

1. Can You Conceive In Your Mind That There Could Be A Standard Of Absolute Perfection?
2. Can You Conceive In Your Mind That There Could Be A Being Who Is Absolutely Perfect?
3. Can You Conceive In Our Mind That There Could Be A God Who Is Absolutely Perfect?
4. Would We Admit In Our Mind That We Are Not Absolutely Perfect And We Are Not Infinite?
5. If We Are Not Absolutely Perfect, Where Do We Get The Idea That A God Could Exist Who Is Absolutely Perfect?
6. The Very Idea Proves A Perfect God Does Exist Or We Could Not Even Have The Idea.

C. The Syllogism For This Argument

1. Man Is Capable Of Having The Idea Of The Existence Of A Perfect God
2. Ideas Are Rooted In Realities
3. The Existence Of A Perfect God Is A Reality

II. RATIONAL EVIDENCE OR PROOF OF GOD'S EXISTENCE #2 - THE COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- A. It Is A Cause And Effect Argument
- B. Two Phases Of The Argument
 - 1. Phase #1 - The World Is An Effect And Must Have A Beginner And Creator, Who Is God
 - 2. Phase #2 - The World Is A Continual Effect And Must Have A Sustainer, Who Is God
- C. Syllogism For The Argument
 - 1. Every Effect Has A Beginning And Must Have An Adequate Cause For That Beginning
 - 2. The World Is An Effect
 - 3. The World Must Have A Cause Or Creator That Is Great Enough To Account For Its Existence
 - 4. Therefore, The Existence Of The World Proves God Is A Reality

III. RATIONAL EVIDENCE OR PROOF OF GOD'S EXISTENCE #3 - THE TELEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- A. Extension Of The Cosmological Argument
- B. Prominent Illustration: The Watchmaker
- C. The Syllogism For This Argument
 - 1. Intricate Design Always Demands An Intricate Designer In Anything

2. The World And Everything In It Demonstrates Intricate Design
3. A Great Designer Must Exist Who Is Capable Of Designing Such An Intricate World
4. This Designer Is And Can Only Be God

IV. RATIONAL PROOF OR EVIDENCE OF GOD'S EXISTENCE #4 - THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- A. Extension Of The Teleological Argument
- B. Sometimes Called The Moral Argument
- C. The Syllogism For This Argument
 1. Man Has The Ability To Think, Feel And Make Moral Choices
 2. These Abilities Do Not Reside In Everything
 3. Someone Who Possesses The Same Qualities And Abilities Is Responsible For Giving Them To Man
 4. This Someone Must Be God

V. RATIONAL PROOF OR EVIDENCE OF GOD'S EXISTENCE #5 - THE HISTORICAL PROOF

- A. History Is A Good Teacher
- B. The Syllogism For This Argument
 1. Certain Things Exist In History Which Point To God - The Bible, Jesus Christ, Archeology, Prophecy
 2. Historical Realities Must Have A Real, Adequate Cause

3. The Real Adequate Cause Of Things That Point To God Must Be God
4. God Alone Is The Source And Cause Of Historical Realities That Point To Him