

Who Is God?

▮ Argument from Change / Motion.

⇒ All things in this world are changing.

➡ A change is an *effect*.

(i) Why does 'change' (motion) even exist? [Why is created reality not one of 'no change'?]

(ii) How did 'change' (motion) ever begin? [There must be a cause, an 'uncaused cause'.]

(iii) And what sustains 'change' in existence? [This uncaused cause must be ever present.]

⇒ Some power must *cause* 'change' to exist in the first place, it began the process of 'change', and it sustains 'change' in existence. This cause must itself be greater than change.

⇒ Therefore, this power Itself cannot be subject to 'change'.

† This *Unchanging Eternal* Being is God.

➡ Aristotle conceived of Him as the 'Unmoved Mover.'

▮ Argument from Contingent Existence.

⇒ All things in this world are contingent.

➡ That is, each thing could exist or it could not exist.

(i) But then why do things exist instead of non-existing?

(ii) There is a far greater probability for something to 'not exist' than for it to exist. Non-existence requires no power, no energy, no force or no intent.

(iii) Given sufficient time, all things should slip into 'non-existence.' Yet they do not; *why!?*

⇒ Some power must *cause* contingent things to exist and continue to exist, which Itself cannot be contingent.

⇒ That power Itself must necessarily exist. It must be self-existence. It must be its own cause.

† This *Self-Existent Non-Contingent* Being is God.

➡ Existence is His Essence.

➡ He is existence. All else is not. Unless He brings a contingent thing into existence and maintains it in existence, that contingent thing would be non-existent (or nothingness).

† From Sacred Scripture:

"I Am Who Am." - *Exodus 3:14*

"For I am the Lord, and I change not." - *Malachi 3:6*

"Every best gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change, nor shadow of alteration." - *James 1:17*

▮ Divine Attributes of God (which can be known from right reason).

⇒ Omnipotent (all-powerful)

⇒ One

He has all perfections:

⇒ Omniscient (all-knowing)

⇒ Pure Spirit

⇒ Truth

⇒ Justice

⇒ Omnipresent (present everywhere)

⇒ Eternal

⇒ Goodness

⇒ Mercy

⇒ Changeless

⇒ Infinite

⇒ Beauty

⇒ Love, etc.