

**Candidate 15 – The existence of God (Question 24)**

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2.	'God exists'
	In Christianity the significant figure is
	God. However many believe he <del>is</del> exists
	there are also some whom doubt
	his existence. Due to this there are
	arguments to prove his existence.
	The first argument being the
	Cosmological argument. The cosmological
	argument consists of Thomas Aquinas's
	first three arguments; Cause and Effect,
	Motion (action & reaction) and Contingency and
	necessity. The first of Aquinas' arguments -
	Cause and Effect - goes as follows:
	everything in the universe needs a cause,
	without a cause there would be
	no effect. However if this were the case
	then there would be an infinite regress,
	this is clearly untrue as things exist
	today therefore there must be a

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	uncaused cause aka the first cause	
	this first cause being God.	
	Although I disagree with this 1 <sup>st</sup> argument,	
	it lacks true value with no clear	
	indication that God exists or that it	
	was God who caused everything.	
	As well as this the criticisms to this 1 <sup>st</sup>	
	argument are large. It completely criticises	
	itself by saying "nothing" can cause	
	itself then saying God can. To add on	
	to the criticisms, just because a	
	human needs a mother to exist doesn't	
	mean the world needs one. The world	
	is far larger and greater than a child.	
	Aquinas just assumes God to be the	
	cause.	
	Next we have Aquinas' 2 <sup>nd</sup> Argument	
	the Argument of Motion. It goes as	
	follows: everything is put into motion	

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by another. All motion has two different stages, a potential motion and an actual motion. However no potential motion can cause itself to become an actual motion it needs a actual motion to change it to an actual motion, it can not be both.

However if this were the case that nothing can move itself then again we would experience an infinite regress.

~~as~~ This is clearly not the case as things exist today and move today so there therefore must be a greater being in which can move itself, this being is God.

Again we view the criticisms for this argument, it is completely contradictory much like the first. It says 'nothing' can move it self yet God can

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	It also again just assumes God.	
	There could be a number of different	
	reasons things move today.	
	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Aquinas' arguments is	
	the Argument of Contingency and	
	necessity, it goes as follows;	
	Assume all beings are contingent beings	
	this meaning they all need another	
	to survive then if this were the	
	case nothing would exist today. This	
	is clearly untrue as we exist today.	
	Therefore there must be a necessary	
	being in which is the cause for	
	all other beings this being would	
	need to be all powerful. <del>that</del> therefore	
	this being is God.	
	This argument again assumes God.	
	However I do believe this argument	
	to be the strongest of the three.	

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	as it does raise the question of
	how do we exist today. However
	there are scientific theories with
	actual logic behind them to argue
	against it being God. The argument
	being the Big Bang in which
	states the earth started as
	a microscopic atom in which exploded
	in space and grew at an
	incredible rate until earth was
	formed, through time it has took its
	shape.
	with the Cosmological Argument failing
	in proving God's existence we will
	now look at another Argument.
	The Teleological argument otherwise called
	the Design argument <del>is</del> consists of
	William Paley's analogy of the
	watch and the watch maker

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	it goes as follows;	
	"Imagine you are walking a heath	
	one day and you come across a	
	stone, you think nothing of it. However if	
	you later walk the same heath and	
	come across a watch you would	
	assume it was placed there this is	
	because the watch has a watch maker	
	If the watch has a watch maker then	
	a stone must have a stone maker	
	This argument is poor and consists of	
	an analogy and a poor one at	
	that. Comparing the universe to a <sup>watch</sup> <del>stone</del>	
	is laughable. Yes a watch has a	
	watch maker but that is due to the	
	watch being intricate and consisting of	
	many individual parts. A stone is a	
	solid ball of dirt. If you are	
	arguing that God created the universe	

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and everything in it then he  
did so poorly. The world is  
poorly designed! God's favourite creation  
is humans however this means he  
then created the world in a way in  
which causes human beings less  
room to live as it is mainly  
sea. The world also has violence and  
war, an all loving god surely wouldn't  
allow such evil to exist, however he  
must have been the one that created  
it as he allows all things to exist,  
either that or he isn't ~~at~~ as all powerful  
as he is said to be. As well as this  
there is disease and poverty. Children  
die everyday due to this. Why would  
the all loving God create something  
so horrible.  
Unless he didn't. Much like

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	the cosmological argument there	
	is a scientific argument against	
	the teleological argument this being	
	the theory of evolution	
	The theory of evolution explored	
	by Charles Darwin consists of	
	his findings as he traveled the	
	Galapagos islands he found the species	
	finch in which had variations	
	each finch evolved to its surroundings	
	Beaks varied due to location and	
	available food - large beaks for nuts	
	thin long beaks for worms. If evolution	
	occurs for finches the same may happen	
	for humans as we show variety in race height ect.	
	In all i do believe the	
	possibility in God however the	
	arguments cease to prove he	
	exists	