



Aquinas's Proofs of the Existence of God

- First Mover: Anything moved is moved by another. There cannot be an infinite series of movers, so there must be a first mover.
- First Cause: Anything caused is caused by another. There cannot be an infinite series of causes, so there must be a first cause.
- Necessary Being: Everything in the universe is contingent, so there is a necessary being upon which other beings depend for their existence.
- Greatest Being: Whatever is great to any degree gets its greatness from that which is the greatest, so there is a greatest being, which is the source of all greatness.
- Intelligent Designer: Whatever acts for an end must be directed by an intelligent being, so the world must have an intelligent designer.