



## Session 12

# Objective Arguments for God's Existence

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## Objective Arguments from St. Thomas Aquinas

Change

God is the Eternal Source of change.

Degrees of Perfection

God is the Most Perfect Being that is the standard for degrees of perfection.

Efficient Causality

God is the Uncaused Cause that brings things into existence.

Order

God is the Ordering Mind that designs the order in the Universe.

Contingency

God is the Immortal Being that cannot die.

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- In what ways are these arguments scientific arguments? In what ways does Aquinas' philosophical method resemble our modern scientific method and in what ways does it not?
- Are these arguments conclusive proofs or are they only reasonable clues? Do they give you certainty about the existence of God or only reasonability? What is necessary to justify doubting the existence of God, not following the clues? Are they conclusive proofs, reasonable clues, or not sufficient?