

Thomas Aquinas' Five Proofs of God

Reason	Reasoning	Conclusion
<u>Motion</u> : All things must be set into motion, by another moving object	There must have been something that moved first, on its own, setting all else into motion	God is the first mover
<u>Cause & Effect</u> : For something to happen, or exist, something else must cause it to do so	There must have been one thing that existed before a cause	God is the first cause, everything else is the effect
<u>Transition</u> : All things are in transition between existing and not	there must have been something that always existed, since there cannot be a time where nothing existed	God is that which always existed
<u>Degree</u> : All things are degrees of the perfect form (Plutonic Forms- Allegory of the Cave)	For goodness to exist, there must be a perfect, complete goodness, from which all other goodness comes	God is the complete goodness
<u>Design</u> : The world is too perfectly ordered, for it to have come from chaos without a plan	There must have been a designer for the world, and all the things in it	God is the ultimate designer