

# cosmological argument

is the cosmological argument convincing?

yes

no

what is the cosmological argument?

- I Everything has a cause
- II Nothing is its own cause
- III Chain cannot be infinite
- IV There must be a first cause
- V This is God

Other Version:  
Kalam  
William Lane Craig

Who? Thomas Aquinas (Christian)  
Where? 5 ways, Summa Theologica  
Why? Trying to provide foundation for belief in God.

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seems to fit with the idea of a finite universe  
Einstein, Hubble  
Big bang as caused?

some say big bang, but this fits nicely for Aquinas...

William of Ockham, Okham's Razor  
Perhaps God is more likely than atomic fluke

Niels Bohr, Quantum Theory  
Things can just appear/happen at atomic level

why exactly does he say that a chain of causes cannot be infinite?  
though counter-intuitive perhaps not mathematically contradictory

conclusion

this is a bad objection...  
p 1-3 describe a problem  
p4 is like a solution or a tactical substitution

'schoolboy' objection, either: p1 & p4 contradict or: 'well who made God?'

measured response  
if universe is within our reason then possible  
inconclusive  
quantum physics is still relatively new

this is where Aquinas talks about 'necessary' and 'contingent' beings

fallacy of composition? equivocation?  
explain both these phrases and explain how they apply (Russell)

definitions