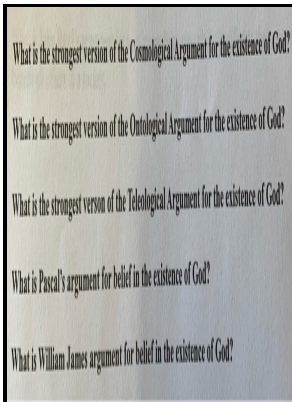


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## Ontological Argument (Overview)

Most categories of ontological argument have some actual defenders; but none has a large following.

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Anselm's theory tries to come to a conclusion about this question. If it only exists in the mind, then an even greater being must be possible — one which exists both in the mind and in reality. Considered as interpretations of the argument presented in the *Proslogion*, these formulations are subject to various kinds of criticisms.

## Ontological belief in God: the idea that God exists because he exists

Hence, the existent perfect being who creates exactly  $n$  universes is existent. The first ontological argument in the tradition was proposed by in his 1078 work. Hence God does not exist.

## The Ontological Argument For The Existence Of God

A central thesis of the book is that ontological arguments have no value in the debate between theists and atheists. In what follows, we shall apply these general considerations to the exemplar arguments introduced in section 2.

## Ontological Argument (Overview)

An argument is sound if it is logically valid and has true premises. So ontological arguments—whose conclusions are first-order existence claims—are doomed.

## Ontological Arguments (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

When the Fool entertains the concept of that than which no greater can be conceived he recognises that he is entertaining this concept  $i$ .



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