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Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion: 1.1 Design Argument

Subject Knowledge Reading

- 📖 [William Paley - text](#)
- 📖 [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy - Design Argument](#)
- 📖 [David Hume – text](#)
- 📖 [Mel Thompson - Students notes on the Design Argument](#)
- 📖 [REquest - The Teleological Argument](#)
- 📖 [Wikipedia – Argument from poor design \(examples\)](#)
- 📖 [Live Science: Inductive and Deductive reasoning](#)
- 📖 [Learn Religions website: A priori & A posteriori knowledge](#)
- 📖 [Routledge A level Philosophy: Arguments from Design](#)
- 📖 [Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy: Design Arguments](#)
- 📖 [Routledge - Arguments for design](#)
- 📖 [Is there a God? The evidence for and against \(Nick Bostrom: Yale University\)](#)

Video Clips

- 📺 [William Paley's Watchmaker Argument](#)
- 📺 [BBC Radio 4 - William Paley and the Divine Watchmaker](#)
- 📺 [Richard Dawkins demonstrates laryngeal nerve of the giraffe](#)
- 📺 [Stephen Fry on God | The Meaning Of Life | RTÉ One](#)
- 📺 [University of Edinburgh - Argument against Intelligent Design](#)
- 📺 [Richard Swinburne: What is your favourite Argument for God's Existence?](#)
- 📺 [Premier Christianity: A discussion with Richard Dawkins on Fine Tuning](#)
- 📺 [Richard Swinburne: On Arguments for God's Existence](#)

Articles/Blogs

- 📖 [Philosophy Now: The Return of the Design Argument](#)
- 📖 [National Geographic: Evolution and intelligent design](#)
- 📖 [Philosopher's Magazine - Chance or Design?](#)
- 📖 [The Guardian: Hume on religion, part 3: How he skewered intelligent design](#)
- 📖 [University of St Andrews- Philosophy Society - Hume's scepticism](#)

- ✍️ [Philosophy Talks blog on the Fine Tuning Argument for God](#)

Podcasts

- 📻 [University of Oxford - Arguments for the existence of God: The Design Argument](#)
- 📻 [The Panpsycast - Episode 8 \(The Teleological Argument -part i\)](#)
- 📻 [The Panpsycast - Episode 8 \(The Teleological Argument -part ii\)](#)
- 📻 [Philosophy gets schooled podcast: Argument from Design](#)

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Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion: 1.2 Cosmological Argument

Subject Knowledge Reading

- 📖 [Live Science: Inductive and Deductive reasoning](#)
- 📖 [Learn Religions website: A priori and A posteriori knowledge](#)
- 📖 [William Lane Craig - Kalam argument](#)
- 📖 [Thomas Aquinas - text](#)
- 📖 [James Holt - Arguments against the Cosmological Argument](#)
- 📖 [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy - Cosmological Argument](#)
- 📖 [Mel Thompson - Students notes: Cosmological Argument](#)
- 📖 [Philosophy intro course - The Cosmological Argument](#)

Useful Video Clips

- 📺 [BBC Radio 4 - Thomas Aquinas and the First Mover Argument](#)
- 📺 [William Lane Craig video about Leibniz](#)
- 📺 [William Lane Craig video on Kalam version \(part 1\)](#)
- 📺 [William Lane Craig video on Kalam version \(part 2\)](#)
- 📺 [Honda advert showing cause and effect](#)
- 📺 [Royal Institute of Philosophy - What is the Cosmological Argument?](#)
- 📺 [Closer to Truth - What is Causation?](#)
- 📺 [Wireless Philosophy - Dr Timothy Yenter - Beginnings argument](#)
- 📺 [Wireless Philosophy - Dr Timothy Yenter - Modal argument](#)

Articles/Blogs

- 📖 [Philosophy Now article - Existence](#)
- 📖 [Guardian Article - More arguments for God](#)
- 📖 [Philosopher's Magazine - Cosmological Arguments.](#)
- 📖 [Guardian article - More arguments for God](#)
- ✍️ [The Philosophers' Magazine blog on Speculations on the Cosmological Argument](#)
- ✍️ [Think theology blog on the argument from Contingency](#)

Podcasts

- 📻 [The Panpsycast - Episode 9 \(The Cosmological Argument - part i\)](#)
- 📻 [The Panpsycast - Episode 9 \(The Cosmological Argument - part ii\)](#)
- 📻 [Copleston and Russell radio debate](#)
- 📻 [Philosophy Gets Schooled: Cosmological Arguments\(s\)](#)

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Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion: 1.3 Ontological Argument

Subject Knowledge Reading

- 📖 [Learn Religions website: A priori and A posteriori knowledge](#)
- 📖 [Live Science: Inductive and Deductive reasoning](#)
- 📖 [Anselm's proslogian – text \(selection\)](#)
- 📖 [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy - Ontological Argument](#)
- 📖 [Mel Thompson - Students notes: Ontological Argument](#)
- 📖 [Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy - Anselm](#)
- 📖 [The Tablet - Objections from Kant and Russell](#)
- 📖 [Philosophical Investigations - The Ontological Argument](#)

Useful Video Clips

- 📺 [University of Aberdeen - Ontological Argument: Necessity](#)
- 📺 [The Philosophy Academy - Ontological Arguments](#)
- 📺 [MASSOLIT - The Ontological Argument](#)
- 📺 [William Lane Craig - The Ontological Argument](#)
- 📺 [Wireless Philosophy - Argument and Evidence](#)
- 📺 [University of Gloucester: Is the ontological argument flawed?](#)
- 📺 [University of Gloucestershire: Evaluating the Ontological Argument](#)

Articles/Blogs

- 📖 [Philosophy Now article - The Ontological Argument Revisited](#)
- 📖 [Philosophy Now article - The Ontological Argument and the Sin of Hubris](#)
- 📖 [Jeff Speaks - Gaunilo's reply to Anselm](#)
- ✍️ [The Philosophers' Magazine blog on Ontological Arguments](#)

Podcasts

- 📻 [The Panpsycast - Episode 7 \(The Ontological Argument - part i\)](#)
- 📻 [The Panpsycast - Episode 7 \(The Ontological Argument - part ii\)](#)
- 📻 [Philosophy Gets Schooled - Ontological argument \(short\)](#)
- 📻 [Philosophy Gets Schooled - Ontological Argument \(in depth\)](#)
- 📻 [Premier radio 'Unbelievable' - A Christian and sceptic debate the Ontological argument](#)
- 📻 [BBC Sounds: In our Time - The Ontological Argument](#)