

(b) Analyse the claim that the Cosmological Argument fails to prove the existence of God.

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The cosmological argument is inductive and apriori meaning it uses logic to prove the existence of God. However, as it is logic based it does not mean it is accurate as it is not based on experience or fact.

The cosmological argument was put forward by Aquinas, and he has five ways, ~~that attempt to~~ ~~three or~~ which attempt to prove God's existence. The first way is motion and change. This is the idea that everything is in motion and there has to be a first mover, which is God and everything is in a state of infinite regress.

Aquinas' second way is cause and effect. This is the idea of a first cause and now everything is in a state of infinite regress as you can't go back in time. Aquinas argues that God is the first cause making him the first cause of the world and of humanity as we are all made imago dei.

Aquinas' third way is contingency and necessity. This explores the idea that God is a contingent being and a necessary being. Contingency explores the idea

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of God being contingent. Of the universe meaning he is responsible for the creation which makes him a necessary being.

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However, the cosmological[^] fails to prove God's existence due to its lack of accuracy. It does not prove God exists as it is based on logic rather than experience or facts. Just because Aquinas presents five ways, it does not mean they are accurate or true.

Aquinas argues that God is the first mover, first cause and is a contingent being. However, there is no evidence to back Aquinas up meaning his argument is flawed.

Hume ~~criticizes~~ ~~criticizes~~ is a critic of this argument as he believes it has flaws. He challenges Aquinas' third way stating it is inaccurate.

Overall, Aquinas fails to prove the existence of God as his three ways are illogical as they are based on experience or facts.



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