## DOES **GOD** EXIST?

## DOES **GOD** EXIST?

**THEISM**
(God made all)

## DOES **GOD** EXIST?

**THEISM**
(God made all)

**PANTHEISM**
(God is all)

## DOES **GOD** EXIST?

**THEISM**
(God made all)

**PANTHEISM**
(God is all)

**ATHEISM**
(No God at all)

## DOES **GOD** EXIST?

## DOES **GOD** EXIST?

**1.** EXISTS THRU ITSELF

## DOES **GOD** EXIST?

**1.** EXISTS THRU ITSELF

**2.** EXISTS THRU ANOTHER

## DOES **GOD** EXIST?

**1.** EXISTS THRU ITSELF

**2.** EXISTS THRU ANOTHER

**3.** SELF-CAUSED

## DOES **GOD** EXIST?

**1.** EXISTS THRU ITSELF

**2.** EXISTS THRU ANOTHER

1. An apple exists

1. An apple exists
2. Whatever is true of this apple is due to its essence or not

1. An apple exists
2. Whatever is true of this apple is due to its essence or not
3. Is existence part of what it means to be an apple?

1. An apple exists
2. Whatever is true of this apple is due to its essence or not
3. Is existence part of what it means to be an apple?

1. An apple exists
2. Whatever is true of this apple is due to its essence or not
3. Is existence part of what it means to be an apple?
4. This apple is being caused to exist

1. An apple exists
2. Whatever is true of this apple is due to its essence or not
3. Is existence part of what it means to be an apple?
4. This apple is being caused to exist
5. Whatever is causing this apple to exist either exists through itself or is receiving its existence from another

6. There cannot be an infinite number of causes who are themselves receiving existence

6. There cannot be an infinite number of causes who are themselves receiving existence
7. Therefore, there must exist an ultimate cause who's essence IS existence (i.e. the "engine") sustaining everything else that exists in existence

6. There cannot be an infinite number of causes who are themselves receiving existence
7. Therefore, there must exist an ultimate cause who's essence IS existence (i.e. the "engine") sustaining everything else that exists in existence
8. Whatever else is meant by "God," we at least mean the self-existent cause of everything other than Himself (think "I AM" in Ex. 3:14)

## THE **NATURE** OF GOD

## THE **NATURE** OF GOD

- God's essence & existence are identical

## THE **NATURE** OF GOD

- God's essence & existence are identical
  - Uncaused, Infinite Being *(Unlimited)*

## THE **NATURE** OF GOD

- God's essence & existence are identical
  - Uncaused, Infinite Being *(Unlimited)*
- Pure Being Itself/Simple/One

## THE **NATURE** OF GOD

- God's essence & existence are identical
  - Uncaused, Infinite Being *(Unlimited)*
- Pure Being Itself/Simple/One
  - Unchangeable

## THE **NATURE** OF GOD

- God's essence & existence are identical
  - Uncaused, Infinite Being *(Unlimited)*
- Pure Being Itself/Simple/One
  - Unchangeable
  - Impossible to be more than one

## THE **NATURE** OF GOD

- God's essence & existence are identical
  - Uncaused, Infinite Being *(Unlimited)*
- Pure Being Itself/Simple/One
  - Unchangeable
  - Impossible to be more than one
- Personal *(A cause can't give what it doesn't have)*

## THE **NATURE** OF GOD

- God's essence & existence are identical
  - Uncaused, Infinite Being *(Unlimited)*
- Pure Being Itself/Simple/One
  - Unchangeable
  - Impossible to be more than one
- Personal *(A cause can't give what it doesn't have)*

## THE **NATURE** OF GOD

- God's essence & existence are identical
  - Uncaused, Infinite Being *(Unlimited)*
- Pure Being Itself/Simple/One
  - Unchangeable
  - Impossible to be more than one
- Personal *(A cause can't give what it doesn't have)*