

The Cosmological Argument: Rational proof of Allah (God)

The following is taken from “The Case for Allah’s Existence in the Quran and Sunnah” pg. 14-16, 18:

Allah said:

Have they not thought about their own selves? God did not create the heavens and earth and everything between them without a serious

purpose and an appointed time, yet many people deny that they will meet their Lord. (Quran 30:8)

Our intuition and experience tell us that effects have causes; things come to be because something made them that way. Since the

universe is one giant series of causes and effects, it is reasonable to conclude that it had an original cause that set it all in motion.

Allah said:

Were they created out of nothing? Were they the creators? Did they create the heavens and the earth? No! They do not have faith. (52:35-

36)

These verses posit three possibilities:

1. the universe appeared without any agent to bring it into existence,
2. people created themselves, or by implication
3. the universe must have been created.

The first two propositions are impossible. It could not be the case that the universe appeared from nothing without any reason,

purpose, or force to inject it with its energy and direction. Everyday experience informs us that all things we witness in life, every

effect we see, must have an explanation at some level. The second proposition, that people created themselves, can be dismissed

on its face. As such, the only reasonable conclusion is that the universe was caused – it was created – it was made to exist by

something greater and more powerful than itself.

Scholars derive from these verses and others a logical train of thought, sometimes referred to as the cosmological argument,

which determines that God, as the uncaused cause or first cause, is the most reasonable answer to the existential question.

İsmail Latif Hacinebioğlu summarizes the logic of the argument in the following steps:

1. Everything in the universe that has a beginning must have a cause.
2. The universe began to exist.
3. Therefore the beginning of the existence of the universe must have been caused by some- thing.
4. The only such cause must be an uncaused cause, or God

Those who deny the existence of the Creator attempt to challenge the a priori premise that the universe has a definite beginning. Their

argument is that the universe has always existed in an endless series of causes, or an infinite regression, without the need for a first cause

to set it in motion.

Besides being counter-intuitive – as all things we experience in life had a beginning at some point – modern physics and cosmology now

largely accepts the premise of the cosmological argument as fact. The “big bang” theory postulates that the universe began from a

singularity somewhere between 12 and 14 billion years ago.

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