

Arguments for Theism Assignment

Read sections 1-12 in Philip Pecorino's online philosophy text here:

http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/socialsciences/ppecorino/INTRO_TEXT/Chapter%203%20Religion/CONTENTS.htm

ASSIGNMENT - In a typed 400 word minimum response (total) please explain each of the arguments for theism (below). You should only use the above text as your source and you should not copy from this source. **You need to put your answers in your own words** to show me you can articulate the ideas. Any copying from the text or outside sources will receive 0 points. Submit to TURNITIN on the date specified on the calendar (5 Points.)

A Note about Arguments: Arguments contain a premise (or set of premises) and a conclusion. The conclusion for 1-7 below is "Therefore God exists" (By God is meant an all knowing, all good, all powerful, perfect being). The conclusion for #8 below is "Therefore you should believe God exists." (This is different from the first conclusion) So in your explanation, for each argument, you need to put into your own words the basic reasons for believing the conclusion to be true. Imagine you are explaining the argument to a friend over lunch, doing the best you can to make the argument sound reasonable Do NOT copy the premises from the online text. And feel free to say whether you think it is a good argument or not.

Here are the arguments:

1 Argument from Revelation

2 Ontological Argument <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmTsS5xFA6k>

3 Cosmological Argument <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgisehuGOyY>

4 Teleological (Design) Argument https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e9v_fsZB6A

5 Argument from Experience: Direct

6 Argument from Experience: Miracles

7 Argument from Experience: Psychic Phenomena

8 Argument: Pragmatism