

Ultimate Metaphysical Question

- Why is there something, rather than nothing?
- Taylor's translucent ball
- Principle of sufficient reason
 - There is always a reason why something is, and why it is the way that it is.
- Application to positive facts, not negative
- How do we know the principle of sufficient reason is true?
- Presupposition of human reason

Circumstantial Evidence

- Cheating hypothesis
- Dick and Jane
- Modern cosmology
- Natural theology

Cosmological Argument

E_1 . The physical universe exists.

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T_0 . God exists and created it.

Rival Explanations

- T₁. Secular naturalist's account.
- T₂. Religious pluralist's account.

The Big Bang

- E₁. The night sky
- E₂. The problem of gravity.
- E₃. Einstein's general theory.
- E₄. Red shift.
- E₅. Hubble's Law.
- E₆. Background radiation.
- E₇. Distribution of H and He.

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- T₀. Big Bang.

Kalam Cosmological Argument

E₁. The physical universe exists.

E₂. The universe came into existence ten to twenty billion years ago.

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T₀. God exists and created it.

Alternative Explanations

T₀. God exists and created the universe.

T₁. Secular naturalist's account.

T₂. Religious pluralist's account.