

In the Beginning

Cosmological Arguments for the
Existence of God

The Kalam Cosmological Argument

- *Anything that begins to exist has a cause.*
- The universe began to exist.
- Therefore, the universe has a cause.

Is Premise 1 True?

Anything that begins to exist has a cause.

Intuition - something cannot come into being from nothing.

Confirmed by experience and science.

Is Premise 2 True?

The universe began to exist.

Philosophical arguments

Scientific arguments

Cosmic Beginning

“It is said that an argument is what convinces reasonable men and a proof is what it takes to convince even an unreasonable man. With the proof now in place, cosmologists can no longer hide behind the possibility of a past-eternal universe. There is no escape, they have to face the problem of a cosmic beginning.”

Theoretical Physicist Alexander Vilenkin

Conclusion

The universe has a cause.

- The conclusion follows from the premises.
- Since the two premises are true and the logic is valid, the argument is sound.

What Kind of Cause?

- A personal Creator of the universe exists, who is uncaused, beginningless, changeless, immaterial, timeless, spaceless, and unimaginably powerful.