

Philosophy 233

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**Civic Discourse
Communication
Digital Literacy**

Assignment (Covers All): The Existence of God

In this paper assignment, the student will present and evaluate one of the following philosophical arguments for God's existence:

- (a) Cosmological Argument
- (b) Teleological Argument
- (c) Ontological Argument
- (d) Moral Argument

After selecting an argument to write on, the student must then compose an essay that includes the following elements:

- (1) A breakdown/description of the argument, as well as some of the main reasons that are commonly given as support of the argument by its defenders.
- (2) A presentation of at least three common objections raised by its opponents.
- (3) A critical analysis of both the argument and the objections, which explains why you, the writer, believe the argument to be plausible or implausible, sound or unsound.

This analysis must demonstrate careful reflection, original thinking, attention to detail, and application of the reasoning strategies that were discussed at the beginning of class. Further, it is expected that students will implement (i) material taken from the textbook, (ii) material discussed in class, and (iii) at least one scholarly source outside the textbook (i.e., No websites allowed!!!). Only books from academic presses and/or scholarly journal articles may be used. Any material used in the paper must be cited appropriately (even the textbook).

All papers must be 1900-2100 words in length. They must be typed, double spaced, stapled, 1 inch margins, properly formatted to meet MLA standards, and include a Works Cited page. Any paper that does not cite properly is guilty of plagiarism and will receive an automatic 0.