

The Christian philosopher, Norman Geisler provides this version of the argument from being in his book, *God: A Philosophical Argument from Being*. There are many different versions of the cosmological argument (reasoning to the existence of God based on the metaphysical properties of being). For this series, we using this version:

1. Something exists (e.g., I do).
2. Nothing cannot produce something.
3. Therefore, something exists eternally and necessarily.
  - A. It exists eternally because if ever there was absolutely nothing, then there would always be absolutely nothing because nothing cannot produce something.
  - B. It exists necessarily because everything cannot be contingent being because all contingent beings need a cause of their existence.
4. I am not a necessary and eternal being (since I change).
5. Therefore, both God (a necessary Being) and I (a contingent being) exist (=theism).

Source: Norman Geisler, *God: A Philosophical Argument from Being* (Matthews, NC: Basion Books, 2015).