

Cosmological Arguments

First Sandbox Cosmological Argument

1. I exist now.
2. Everything that exists has a cause.
3. Causes precede their effects.
4. Therefore, (1) & (2) & (3). 1,2,3 Conj.
5. If (1) & (2) & (3), then there was an uncaused first cause.
6. If there was an uncaused first cause, then God exists.
7. Therefore, God exists. 4,5,6 MMP

Second Sandbox Cosmological Argument

1. I exist now.
2. Everything that exists has a cause.
3. Causes precede their effects.
4. Therefore, (1) & (2) & (3). 1,2,3 Conj.
5. If (1) & (2) & (3), then there was a self-caused first cause.
6. If there was a self-caused first cause, then God exists.
7. Therefore, God exists. 4,5,6 MMP

Some Definitions

D1. x is a *contingent* thing =df. x exists but it would be possible for x to fail to exist.

D2. x is a *non-contingent* thing =df. x exists and it would be impossible for x to fail to exist.

Third Sandbox Cosmological Argument

1. I exist now and I am a contingent thing.
2. Every contingent thing that exists has a cause.
3. Causes precede their effects.
4. Therefore, (1) & (2) & (3). 1,2,3 Conj.
5. If (1) & (2) & (3), then there was a non-contingent first cause.
6. If there was a non-contingent first cause, then God exists.
7. Therefore, God exists. 4,5,6 MMP