

PHIL001. INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY – BUYING TICKETS TO THE AFTERLIFE

God has revealed himself to mortals and so now everyone knows that God exists. After revealing himself, God put out the following proclamation:

I, the philosophical God of all, will admit into paradise only those who know the true argument for my existence. This argument is the strongest of all philosophical arguments! Those who fail to know the true reason for my existence will perish.

Unfortunately, God did not reveal which one of the three arguments proves he exists. Because of God's proclamation, selling arguments for God's existence has become big business. In the following philosophical game, you will hear three sales pitches, each claiming that their argument is the one you should choose.

ARGUMENTS FOR GOD'S EXISTENCE

- (1) **Cosmological Argument**
- (2) **Teleological Argument**
- (3) **Ontological Argument**

Assume that only one of the arguments above will send you to the afterlife. If you choose incorrectly, you will perish. Thus, your primary interest is to pick the strongest argument.

When making their sales pitch, a number of greedy salespeople will try to distract you from your primary interest by pointing to a number of features that are *irrelevant* to the argument. In addition, they will also promise you things they cannot deliver on with respect to their argument. Be wary!

Here is how to survive: there are three other judges (so a total of four) who will be hearing sales pitches from salespeople. In order to survive, you want your choice to fall into the majority opinion. The only problem is this: you do not know *which* one of the arguments they will choose. What you do know is that their primary interest is like yours, namely to move to the afterlife by choosing the argument that is most convincing. So, try to be as objective as possible in making your decision. In order to help you in this process, there is a table on the back of this sheet.

The Cosmological Argument			
	<i>Relevant Strengths</i>	<i>Relevant Weakness</i>	<i>Irrelevant</i>
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Score			

The Teleological Argument			
	<i>Relevant Strengths</i>	<i>Relevant Weakness</i>	<i>Irrelevant</i>
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The Ontological Argument			
	<i>Relevant Strengths</i>	<i>Relevant Weakness</i>	<i>Irrelevant</i>
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