

## The Cosmological Argument

1. Every effect has a cause.
2. The universe is an effect.
3. Therefore, the universe has a cause.

## Skeptic's Response

1. God is a self-caused being.
2. But it is impossible to cause one's own being  
(for a cause is prior to its effect, and one cannot  
exist prior to one's existence).
3. Therefore, God cannot exist.