

THE ONTOLOGICAL ARGUMENT AND THE PROBLEM OF EXISTENCE IN ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

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Abstract: In the recent decades, the ontological argument has been both criticized and defended by philosophers working in the analytic tradition. The modal versions of the ontological arguments have gained the proper attention in the works of philosophers like Norman Malcolm, Charles Hartshorne, Alvin Plantinga, Daniel Dombrowski or Graham Oppy. It was deemed that the argument from the third chapter is a modal argument, that may be seen as an independent argument, as it is not ascertained that God exists, but that God exists with necessity, which changes the coordinates of the discussions related to ontological argument. The modal arguments compared to „classical arguments” in favor of God’s existence are based on the fact that the ordinary existence may be considered an imperfection and solely the necessary existence must be considered a perfection.

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One of the most interesting themes in the philosophy of religion is that of the proves regarding the existence of God. These proves are based either on the religious experience, either on rational grounds. Theists philosophers remarked themselves through proves established on rational grounds. From all the proofs, the ontological, the cosmological, the design and the moral argument distinguished themselves. The ontological argument distinguishes itself from the other arguments discussed until now by the fact that it is an a priori argument. It is a priori because of the fact that it leaves aside any kind of experience and it

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