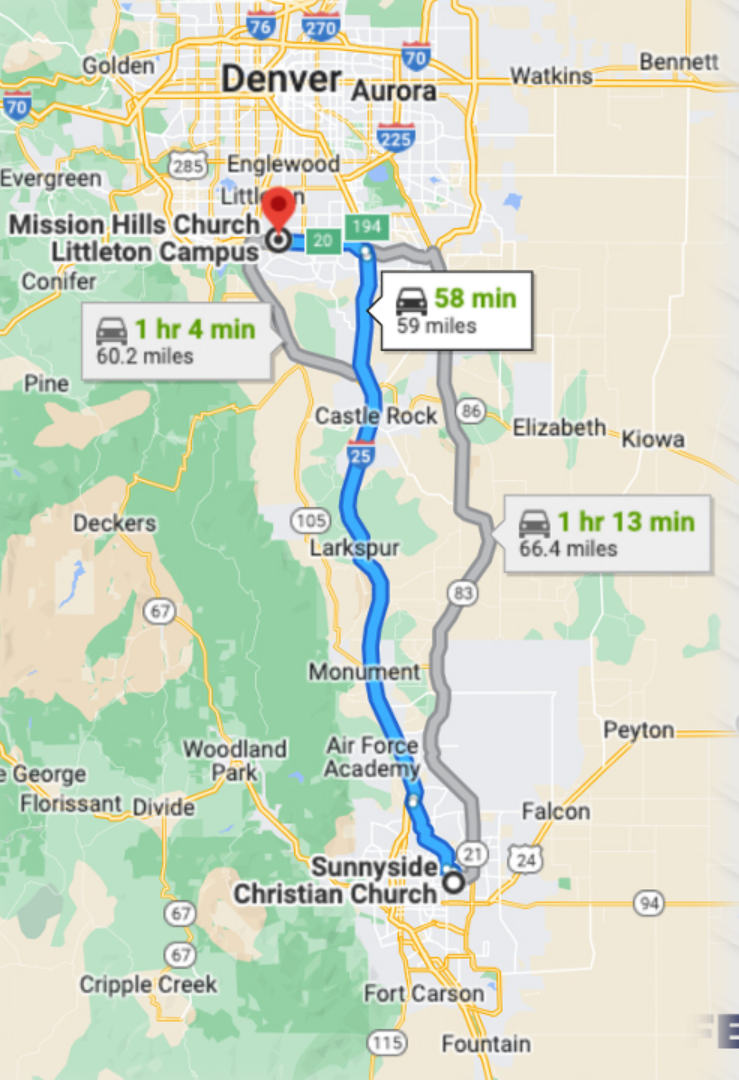




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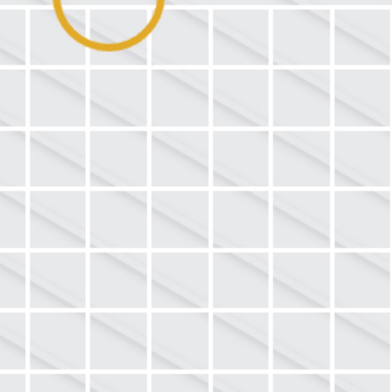
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TODAY'S TOPICS

Why does anything at all exist?

1. G.W. Leibniz's Contingency Argument
 - a. Responses to atheist objections

Why did the universe begin?

2. The Kalam Cosmological Argument
 - a. Scientific and Philosophical considerations

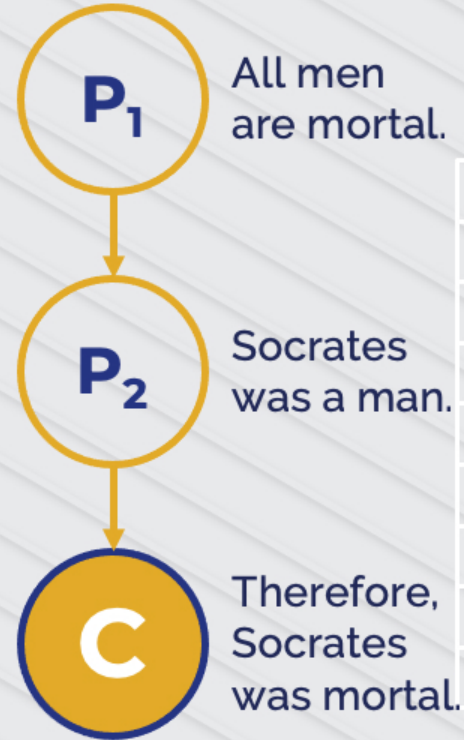
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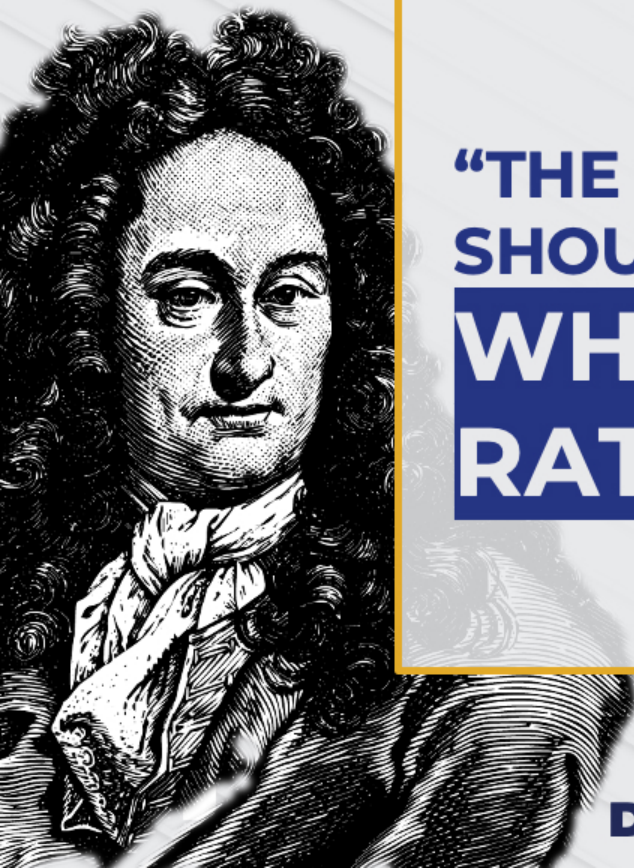




SYLLOGISM

A form of **logical argument** which involves two or more **premises** that lead to a **conclusion**.





“THE FIRST QUESTION WHICH
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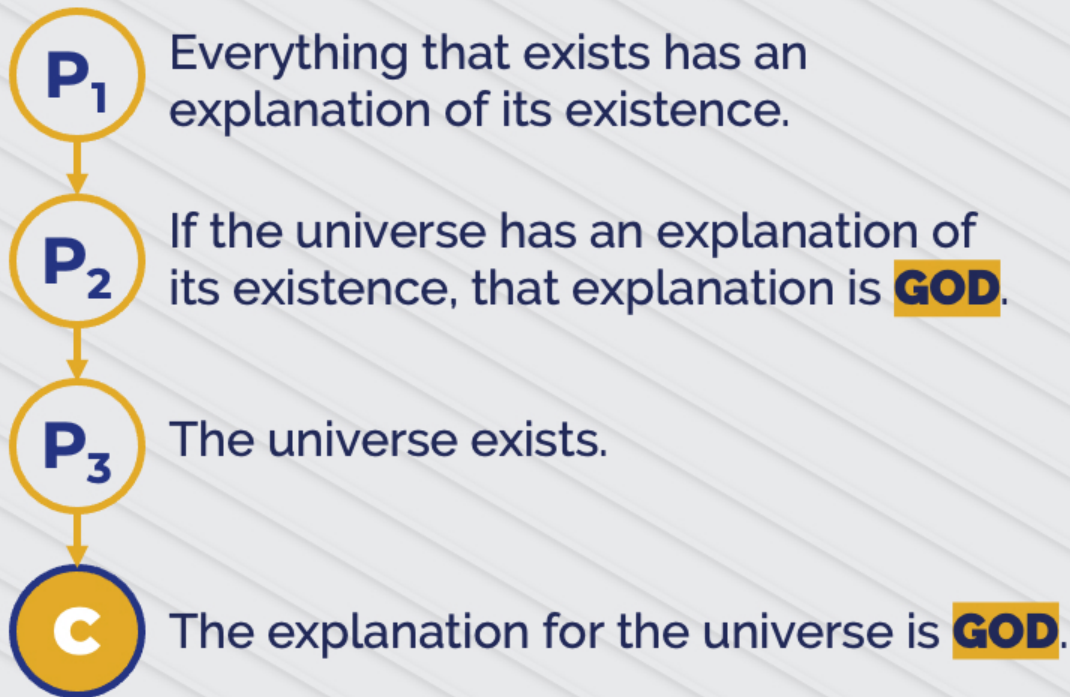
**WHY IS THERE SOMETHING
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– **G.W. Leibniz**

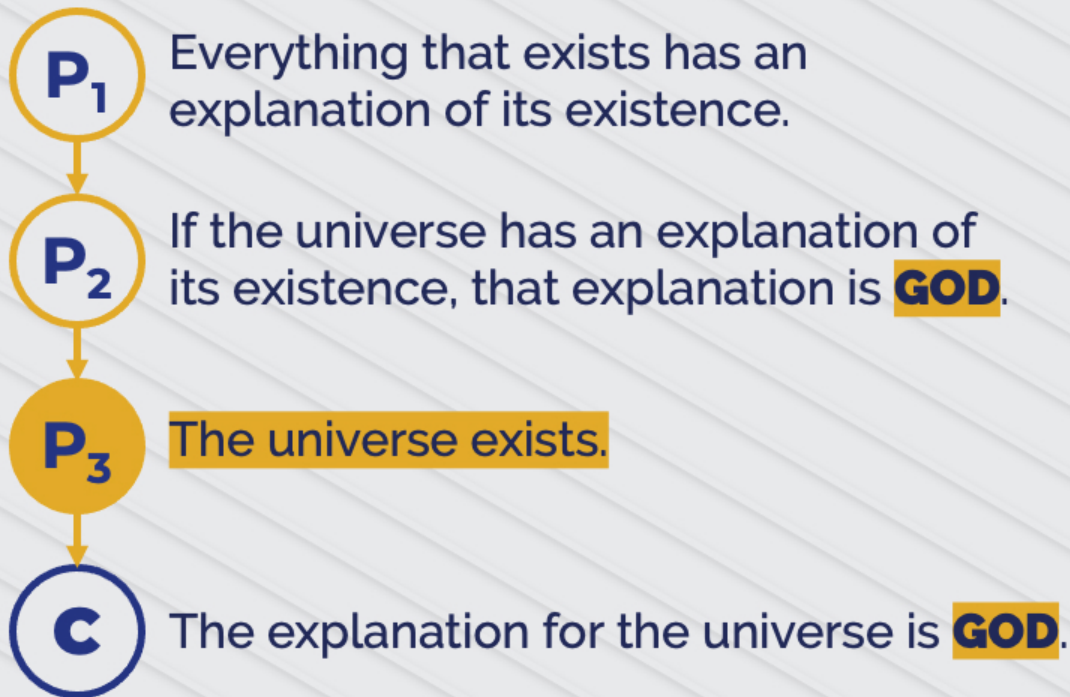
17TH century philosopher
Coinventor of calculus

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LEIBNIZ'S CONTINGENCY ARGUMENT



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Everything that exists has an explanation of its existence.

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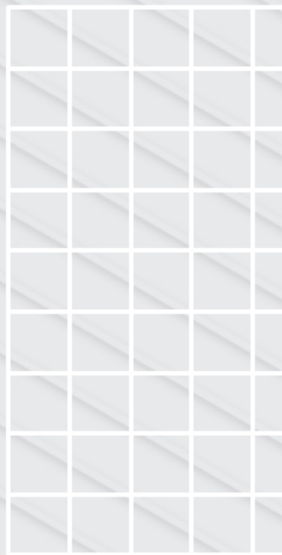
If the universe has an explanation of its existence, that explanation is **GOD**.

P₃

The universe exists.

C

The explanation for the universe is **GOD**.





CONTINGENT

Something that is caused to exist by something else.

- People
- Plants and Animals
- Buildings
- Planets, stars, and galaxies



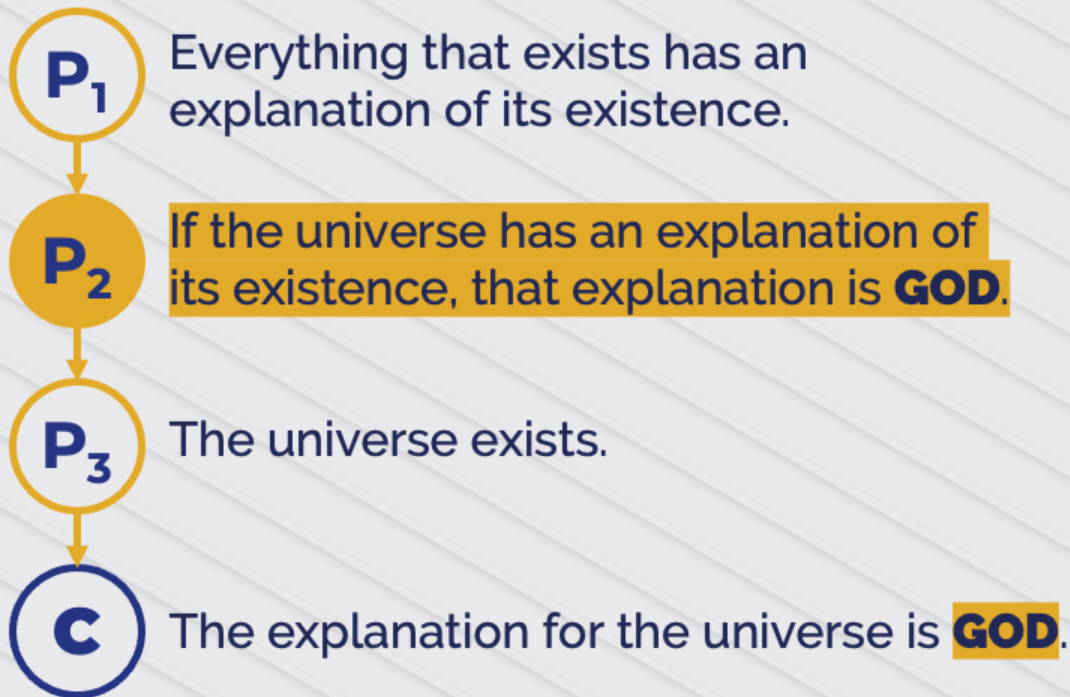
NECESSARY

Something that exists by a necessity of its own nature.

It's **impossible** for it **not to exist**.



LEIBNIZ'S CONTINGENCY ARGUMENT





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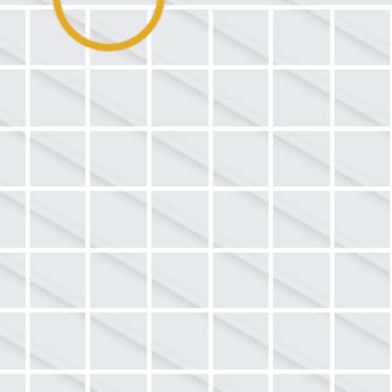


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