

The Second Way – An argument from an efficient cause

1. Nothing is the efficient cause of itself.
2. If A is the efficient cause of B, then if A is not present, then B is not present.
3. Efficient causes are determined from a first cause, through intermediate cause or causes, and last to ultimate effect.
4. If there is no first cause, there cannot be any ultimate effect. [2,3]
5. But there are effects.
6. So, there must be a first cause for all of them. God is this first cause.