

The Fourth Way – An argument based on the notion of gradation

1. Gradation is found in things: some are better (hotter, colder, etc.) than others things.
2. Things are X with respect to or in proportion to how closely they resemble that which is most X.
3. Therefore, if there is nothing which is most X, there can be nothing which is good.
4. Thus, if anything is good, there must be something that is most good.
5. “Therefore there must also be something which is to all beings the cause of their being, goodness, and every other perfection; and this we call God” (HW 527).