

Argument for Being

1. When we think or speak, there is an object of thought, or the word represents something.
2. Whatever we think or speak is or is not.
3. It is not possible to think or speak nothing.
4. So, it is not possible to think or speak what is not.
5. So, whatever we think or speak is.

Features of Being

1. Being is uncreated.*
2. Being is unchangeable.*
3. Being is imperishable.*
4. Being is one and indivisible
5. Being is motionless.*
6. Being is finite (like a sphere).

*Implies also there is no time. Being is eternal.

Arguments for the Features of Being

1. Being is either created or uncreated. If it is created, it comes from something or nothing. Being cannot come from something – it cannot be caused – since it is (already) all there is. Moreover, being cannot come from nothing, since nothing does not exist, and so cannot be the cause of anything.
 - a. We can substitute “reason” for “cause”: If being came into existence, there is a reason that explains it. Such a state would require nothingness to precede being at some time. Consequently, nothing would be a reason for being. This is absurd (contradictory), so there is no reason to explain the emergence of being. So, being does not have an origin.
2. Being is either changeable or unchangeable. If it changes, it changes from being to something else, or changes from being into (some other) being. This is not possible, since there is nothing else, and “being into being” is not a change. So, being is unchangeable.
3. Being is perishable or imperishable. If being is perishable, then it would change (alter in some way, which includes non-being) or be annihilated altogether. But being cannot become non-being, since non-being is impossible. So, being is imperishable.
4. Being is one or many. If being is a plurality, then the division between one and another must be established by another being, which is identical to that which is divided. Consequently, being is continuous, or one. (The quantity of being cannot be divided, except with [“more”] being. Hence, being is continuous.)
5. Being is in motion or is motionless. For being to move, there must be empty space for it to fill. But empty space is nothing, which is impossible. Consequently, being does not move.
6. Being is either finite or infinite. If being is infinite, it is incomplete and indefinite. But being is both the same as itself – it is homogenous – and it is evenly distributed throughout the universe. Consequently, it is neither incomplete nor indefinite. Consequently, it is finite.**

**Why should P. think being is like a sphere?