

# Chapter VIII – Reason Proves that God Exists

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What a thing is is called its \_\_\_\_\_;  
that by which it is is called its \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In all creatures essence and existence are (*distinct*) (*identical*).
3. A self-existing being (*can*) (*cannot*) receive his existence from another.
4. A self-existing being (*can*) (*cannot*) begin and cease to be.
5. A self-existing being must exist from all \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In a self-existing being essence and existence are (*distinct*) (*identical*).
7. A self-existing being (*must be*) (*need not be*) infinitely perfect.
8. If a being is material, (*it can still be*) (*it cannot be*) self-existing.
9. Could anything exist to-day if, in the past, there was once just nothing at all existing? (*Yes*) (*No*).
10. Once God has made a thing, can it then go on existing without any further help from God? (*Yes*) (*No*).
11. If you put non-living matter existing from eternity, but deny that God exists, can you find a reason why this matter should exist rather than not exist? (*Yes*) (*No*).
12. We prove that God exists by using (*an experimental science*) (*mathematics*) (*philosophy*).
13. Which of the four causes must be first known before any of the others can begin to act? \_\_\_\_\_.
14. This shows that the order in the universe can be due only to an \_\_\_\_\_.
15. If a thing can begin and cease to be, it cannot be a necessary being; hence neither can it be self- \_\_\_\_\_.
16. You (*can*) (*cannot*) find a sufficient reason for the movement of the hands of a watch by multiplying the cogwheels indefinitely.
17. God co-operates in all that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the activity of every creature.
18. If, in making a pencil, a man gave it ALL the reality that is in it, it would be instantly \_\_\_\_\_ if he did not continue to make it.
19. Order is the proportion of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
20. If there were no God every existing creature would be a contradiction in terms, an absurdity like a square triangle or a cabbage with a fit of the giggles (*True*) (*False*).

(A). 1. What a thing is is called its *Essence*; that by which it is is called its *Existence*. 2. In all creatures essence and existence are (*distinct*. 3. A self-existing being *cannot* receive his existence from another. 4. A self-existing being *cannot* begin and cease to be. 5. A self-existing being must exist from all *eternity*. 6. In a self-existing being essence and existence are *identical*. 7. A self-existing being *must be* infinitely perfect. 8. If a being is material, *it cannot be* self-existing. 9. Could anything exist to-day if, in the past, there was once just nothing at all existing? *No*. 10. Once God has made a thing, can it then go on existing without any further help from God? *No*. 11. If you put non-living matter existing from eternity, but deny that God exists, can you find a reason why this matter should exist rather than not exist? *No*. 12. We prove that God exists by using *philosophy*. 13. Which of the four causes must be first known before any of the others can begin to act? *Final*. 14. This shows that the order in the universe can be due only to an *Infinite Intellect / Infinite Being*. 15. If a thing can begin and cease to be, it cannot be a necessary being; hence neither can it be self-*existing*. 16. You *cannot* find a sufficient reason for the movement of the hands of a watch by multiplying the cogwheels indefinitely. 17. God co-operates in all that is *real* and *positive* in the activity of every creature. 18. If, in making a pencil, a man gave it ALL the reality that is in it, it would be instantly *annihilated* if he did not continue to make it. 19. Order is the proportion of *means* to *end*. 20. If there were no God every existing creature would be a contradiction in terms, an absurdity like a square triangle or a cabbage with a fit of the giggles *True*.