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Subject: Re: Protests over a cartoon... wtf.  
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Not quite. Aquinas himself might have assumed God existed and went on to prove it, but the theory does not. The theory suggests that because all things are caused, there must be a causer. This is why I say it is probable and not definite that God exists. Aquinas himself thought it absolutely certain, whereas everything we know about this universe today suggests things are only probable.

To me personally, all things I have experienced suggest to me that all things are almost certainly caused by something else. As this regression proceeds to a single first cause (to which I also don't know existed, I can only speculate), I can call it God, Java, Xcx, whatever. It's the first cause that exists only in such a form that is transcendental. That's why there can be the appearance of a universe that has always been here but it has also been caused into being. Similarly, it can simpler and the universe could have started at a single point. I didn't want to touch too much on Kant here because his theories are just as far out there.

But it's like string theory. The conclusions are pretty intense, but it is challenging to prove them wrong. Make note though, this God doesn't even need to be all that special. It's merely the cause that allowed all things today to happen. It doesn't necessarily mean that such a God isn't capable of anything else, but it doesn't negate that possibility.

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