

The First Way – An argument from Motion.

1. In the world there are bodies either potentially in motion or actually in motion.
2. “But nothing can be reduced from potentiality to actuality, except by something in a state of actuality”.
3. No thing can be at once both in actuality and potentiality in the same respect.
4. Therefore nothing can at once be in both actuality and potentiality with respect to motion.
5. Thus, nothing can move itself. It must be put into motion by something else.
6. If there were no “first mover, moved by no other” there would be no motion.
7. But there is motion.
8. Thus, there is a first mover, and this mover is God.