

tradicts "intelligence," which by definition includes all these characteristics.

Thus we are brought to the third alternative, which Buswell proposes as the Eternal Existent, namely the God of the Bible.

2. The Teleological Argument

a. Statement of the Teleological Argument

"The basic line of reasoning points to all the evidences of design and purpose in the universe. It says that this design shows that there must be a Designer: the only way to explain purpose is to realize that there is a God behind things Who has created a purposeful universe."

Henry R. Close, Reasons for Our Faith
(Knox, 1962), 56

b. Proponents of the Teleological Argument

This argument has been propounded by Socrates, Plato, Cicero, Thomas Aquinas, William Paley, Lewis Sperry Chafer, Floyd E. Hamilton, and Stuart Cornelius Hackett; and has been graphically presented in a number of Moody "Sermons from Science" films.

c. Analysis of the Teleological Argument

Step 1a:

Premise: The world is characterized by order and regularity.

Premise: The characteristics of order and regularity are not a product of chance.

Conclusion: The world is not a product of chance.

Step 1b:

Premise: The world is characterized by order and regularity.

Premise: Order and regularity are a product of design.

Conclusion: The world is a product of design.