

Theistic 'Arguments'

*are not best seen as arguments / providing evidence to support an inference as “probablifying” evidence

* they are definitely not best seen as proofs / providing proof = demonstrative evidence

They are rooted in an insight , an intuition, an objective possibility, a subjective/objective

interpretation - concerning the nature of ultimate reality as ‘it’ relates-to us and we relate-to ‘it’

The arguments are articulations of the insight – intuition – possibility in the light of what else we believe about reality (scientific, philosophical)

ex. perfection (ontological) > Perfection Reality

contingency (cosmological) > Necessary Reality

meaningful order (teleological) > Designing Reality

responsibility (moral) > Authoritative Reality

action (pragmatic)

‘Faith’ = one’s acceptance – affirmation – embrace of the insight (intellectually, emotionally, actively)

“Faith seeks understanding” = one articulates the insight, etc.

“Faith seeks action” = and action presumes and seeks theory = articulation (theory, myth)

Faith engages one personally, thus the faith-relation is a “personal relation”

- one way the personal relation to the Ultimate can be articulated is in terms of a personal relationship with a ‘Person-God’ (= human person to Divine Person relation)

-but one can relate personally to that which is not a person (to a work of art, for example)

= be personally engaged with and challenged by that which is not a person or Person

‘Conversion’ is to be decisively convinced by an insight and to commit to / live out that insight