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Activity

Test yourself: arguments for the existence of God

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Use these questions to test your understanding of Peter Manning’s challenging article.

(1) In which centuries did Anselm live?	
(2) In which centuries did William Paley live?	
(3) In which century did Thomas Aquinas live?	
(4) Paley argued that a watch showed that it had been designed. What further example did he give?	
(5) What did Plato and Aristotle see as ‘perfect’ and ‘unchanging’?	
(6) What did Thomas Aquinas say ‘points towards design in the natural world’?	
(7) Which twentieth/twenty-first century philosopher is usually credited with the Anthropic Principle?	
(8) Which classic argument was the theory of evolution believed to undermine?	
(9) Which philosopher said that ‘belief in God was a weak-minded consolation to sustain the ignorant in their worries over life and the future’?	
(10) Who came first: Plato or Aristotle?	
(11) Who posited the theory of evolution?	
(12) Who wrote about the ‘Five Ways’?	