

Topic	Content	Key Knowledge
Arguments based on reason*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ontological argument</li> </ul> <p>Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to arguments for the existence of God based on reason, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether <i>a posteriori</i> or <i>a priori</i> is the more persuasive style of argument</li> <li>• whether or not existence can be treated as a predicate</li> <li>• whether or not the ontological argument justifies belief</li> <li>• whether or not there are logical fallacies in this argument that cannot be overcome</li> </ul> <p><b>Contextual references</b></p> <p><i>For reference, the ideas of Anselm, Gaunilo and Kant listed above can be found in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anselm, <i>Proslogion</i> 2 and 3</li> <li>• Gaunilo, <i>In behalf of the fool</i></li> <li>• Kant, <i>A critique of pure reason</i>, Second Division III.IV</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggested scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority</b></p> <p><i>Learners will be given credit for referring to any <b>appropriate</b> scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority, however the following examples may prove useful</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psalm 14.1</li> <li>• Van Inwagen, P. 'Necessary Being: the Ontological Argument' in Stump, E and Murray, M. J. (ed) (1999) <i>Philosophy of Religion: The Big Questions</i>, Blackwell</li> <li>• Plantinga, A. (1978) <i>God, Freedom and Evil</i>, Grand Rapids, II.c</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• details of this argument including reference to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anselm</li> <li>○ Gaunilo's criticisms</li> <li>○ Kant's criticisms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>