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| Summer Preparation Work  Philosophy of Religion  Section A  Arguments for the existence of God  Image result for mind |

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| **Some influential philosophers** |

Find out about the following philosophers and their contribution to the historical development of the philosophy of religion: Design a booklet/handout /PP

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| **Philosophers** | **Time line** |
| Socrates | (470-399 BC) |
| Plato | (c. 428-347 BC) |
| Aristotle | (384-322 BC) |
| St Augustine | (AD 354-430) |
| St Thomas Aquinas | (1224-1274) |
| Rene Descartes | (1596-1650) |
| John Locke | (1632-1704) |
| David Hume | (1711-1776) |
| Immanuel Kant | (1724-1804) |
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Find out about the following arguments for the existence of God: Make notes

Design a revision Aid for each argument for the existence of God –A3

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| **Argument for the existence of God** | **Philosophers/scholars** | **Criticism**  **Weaknesses and strengths** |
| **Design** | Paley’s analogical argument | Hume |
| **Ontological** | Anselm’s a priori argument  Proslogium 2  Proslogium 3 | Gaunilo and Kant |
| **Cosmological** | Aquinas' Way 3. The argument from contingency and necessity. | Hume and Russell |

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| **KEYWORDS** | **MEANING** |
| **A posterior** |  |
| **Empirical** |  |
| **Inductive** |  |
| **Analogical** |  |
| **Nature theology** |  |
| **Special revelation** |  |
| **Anthropomorphic** |  |
| **Omnipotent** |  |
| **Anthropic principle** |  |
| **Fideism** |  |
| **A priori** |  |
| **Deductive** |  |
| **Analytic statements** |  |
| **Necessary truths** |  |
| **Necessary things** |  |
| **Synthetic** |  |
| **Cosmos** |  |
| **Brute fact** |  |
| **Infinite regress** |  |
| **Occam’s Razor** |  |
| **Grace** |  |

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| **The Cosmological exam preparation** |

1. In his First Way, Aquinas is seeking to prove the existence of God through motion and change.

Write an explanation of Aquinas’s First Way in your own words, but include direct quotes from Aquinas. Always use examples in your notes and answers- it shows you understand the work and help to satisfy the trigger word ‘Explain’ in a question – fire and wood, marble and sculptor (research this idea).

1. Write an explanation of Aquinas’s Second Way in your own words, but include direct quotes from Aquinas and the domino example – the movement of the dominoes needs a first cause.
2. Write an explanation of Aquinas’s Third Way in your own words, but include direct quotes from Aquinas and include explanations of contingent and necessary

**Answer the following questions:**

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| **A** | Explain Paley’s argument for the existence of god based on the apparent order and design in the world (250 words) |
| **B** | Write an account of Anselm’s ontological argument. You must separate out his two forms (250 words) |
| **C** | Explain Aquinas’ cosmological argument (250 words) |