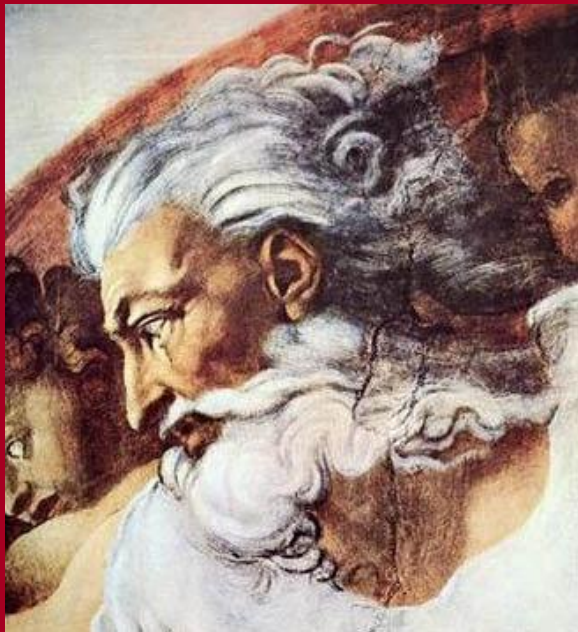




PHIL 101

Winter 2007



Self, World,

& God

David Hume



- **1711-76**
- **Philosophy**
- **History**
- **Theological beliefs**
- ***Dialogues***
- **Posthumous publication**

Dialogues

- **Dialogue form**
- **Plato**
- **Galileo**
- **David Hume as author**
- **His characters**
- **Do any of them speak for him?**



The Characters

- **Hermippus**
- **Pamphilus**
 - **Reliable and unreliable narrators**
- **Demea**
 - **Believer**
 - **Dogmatic**
 - **Anti-anthropomorphite**
 - **Weakest character**
- **Cleanthes**
 - **Believer**
 - **Natural theologian**
 - **Anthropomorphite**
 - **Strong character**
 - **Spokesperson for the teleological argument**
- **Philo**
 - **Believer?**
 - **Skeptic**
 - **Critic**
 - **Strong character**
 - **Hume?**

Theological Positions

- **Theism**
 - **Judaism, Christianity, Islam**
 - **Divine attributes – omnipotent, omniscient, morally perfect, etc.**
- **Theology**
 - **Revealed**
 - **Natural**
 - **Natural atheology**
- **Anthropomorphism**
 - **Divine attributes**
 - **Analogies**
- **Anti-anthropomorphism**
 - **Demea's quote in Part Three**

Interpretive Questions

- **Hume as author**
- **Pamphilus as narrator**
- **Pamphilus's critical judgment**
- **Philo and David Hume**
- **Does Cleanthes really win?**
- **My interpretation**

Arguments

- **Can we know God's nature?**
- **Cosmological argument**
- **Teleological argument**
- **Logical problem of evil**
- **Evidential argument from evil**
- **“New” teleological argument**