

God's Nature

A. Perfections > Attributes

1. Anselm, *Proslogion* (1077-78): "God is that than which nothing greater can be conceived."

2. God is the greatest possible being

a. God necessarily exists (ontological argument for God's existence)

b. We must always speak about God in superlatives

1) *via negativa*: infinite, immutable, impassible, eternal, simple

2) *via affirmativa*: omnipresence, omnipotence, omniscience, love, beauty, aseity

B. Transcendent & Immanent

Transcendence: Sovereignty, Security, Standards (**Holiness & Truth**), Someone Larger than You

Immanence: **Love**, Compassion, Grace & Mercy, Sympathetic Suffering with You