

NEGATIVE ARGUMENTS & THE WAY MANKIND WORKS

NEGATIVE ARGUMENTS are a powerful tool of logic, philosophy, and hard science.

A **Negative Argument** is the process of proving a premise by ruling out all other plausible possibilities.

At the conclusion of a **NEGATIVE ARGUMENT**, it is intellectually unacceptable to say that there is another answer more to my liking, but it has not yet been discovered or conceived.

In theological discussions, you do not always have to prove your theory to be true by direct evidence, or a positive argument. You can prove your theory by eliminating all other plausible theories.

NEGATIVE ARGUMENTS are considered valid in logic, philosophy, and hard science. However, when it comes to the reality of GOD, intellectual snobbery requires – somehow – that only positive arguments be presented (direct evidence).

EXAMPLE

FACT: All physical things that exist have a cause. From nothing comes absolutely nothing.

Premise #1: The universe exists; therefore, it has a cause.

Premise #2: No man can cause the universe to exist because he, too, is part of that which was created; therefore, the universe was created outside of man.

Possible Causes of the Universe:

1. God was the creator.
2. Infinite time + chance. The universe just somehow happened.
3. The universe doesn't really exist, but in our minds.
4. The universe always existed in contravention of the law of cause and effect (in just this one situation).

Decision:

1. Nos. 1 & 3 are unacceptable. Both de-deify man.
2. Therefore, the answer must be #2 or #4. I choose, by a narrow margin, #2. It so far does not break any rule of science.