

## The General Argument

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### 3. Corroborative Proofs of the Divine Existence

#### (1) *The general argument.*

The General Argument is the argument for the divine existence which is based on the universal belief in God and the universal religious instinct.

That all nations and tribes believe in supernatural beings cannot be denied. Scientists themselves have made detailed investigations and report the above statement to be true.

Now, if there is no God, how could the idea of God ever arise in the human mind? Could a God-idea evolve of its own accord out of a no-God ground or basis? Can water rise higher than its source? If there is nothing in existence but material substance, and if material substance has led almost all people to believe in God, then material substance must be a universal falsifier, not to be trusted in any case.

(A System of Christian Evidence, 10th ed. Revised by Leander S. Keyser, Burlington, Iowa: The Lutheran Literary Board, 1952 [1922], 192)