

If for anything to be real, it must be real for something else that is real in the same general sense of "reality," and, in any case, must be real for God, then if God is to be real, God, too, must be real for something else that is real, and, in any case, real for Godself.

But, then, the traditional teaching that God is real *a se*—from Godself—is exactly right: God is real for the same reason anything else is real: God is real for Godself, whereas anything else that is real is real because it is, in any case, real, not for itself or for others like itself, but for God, whatever else it may be real for.

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