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Creation *ex nihilo* insinuates that God, up to a certain time (so to speak, for God is not *conceived* as in time) Will-in-power, became Will-in-act, that is to say, *causa*. But if God be conceived as *perfect*, this theory is illogic since by it the perfect *becomes* something which it was not, which is manifestly absurd ⁽¹⁾, for the perfect is that which contains all and to which nothing can be added.

There is one great objection to this argument, namely: that which is considered as out of time can in no manner be said to be *anterior* to creation, for anteriority supposes time.

(¹) Even if becoming a Cause be a degradation, the theory cannot be held; for that which is perfect cannot become more perfect nor imperfect.

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