

God's Goodness

Rene 1: So...what if you're really dreaming?

Rene 2: Wait, what do you mean?

Rene 1: I mean, what if God has just been tricking you to make you think $2+3 = 5$? How do you know that all of this, the whole world, everything we see, isn't fake?

Rene 2: Well, I'm a pretty smart guy. But there are professors and doctors out there that I think are wrong sometimes – and they are REALLY smart. So if they can be wrong, I guess I can be wrong.

Rene 1: Well, God would never let you be deceived because he's SUPER good.

Rene 2: Yeah, but if God is that good, then I would never be deceived. Ever. But I *obviously am* deceived sometimes...

God's Existence

Some People: Hey man, we need to talk.

Descartes: What's up?

Some People: I would much rather believe God doesn't exist than to do this crazy doubting thing you're doing. It's crazy.

Descartes: Ok. Let's go with your idea.

Some People: Sweet. So God doesn't exist and no one studies religion. Now, if I am right, then God didn't create you.

Descartes: Then how was I created?

Some People: You were created by chance, or fate. You are a result of something happening before your existence.

Descartes: Well, if that's true, then I am made from a lot of different things, which makes *less* like the person or thing that I was a result of. This means I am imperfect. If I am imperfect, then I am more likely to be deceived.

Some People: And if you are deceived, it probably means there is no god making sure you can ever be deceived.

Descartes: But, that's it! If I can doubt the existence of God, I can doubt anything. My method works!