

*Mackie's argument against the
existence of God*

1. If God exists, then God is perfectly good.
2. A perfectly good being always eliminates as much evil as it can.
3. If God exists, then God eliminates as much evil as God can. (1,2)
4. If God exists, then God is omnipotent.
5. An omnipotent being can do anything.
6. If God exists, then God can do anything. (4,5)
7. If God exists, then God can eliminate all evil. (6)
8. If God exists, then God eliminates all evil. (3,7)
9. If God exists, then there is no evil. (8)
10. There is evil.

C. God does not exist. (9,10)