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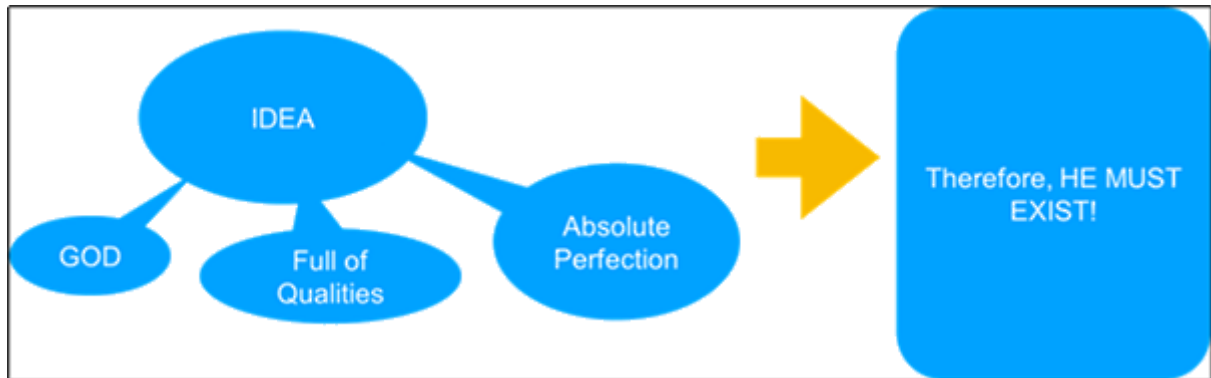
## Title: Classical Western Philosophy st. Anselm

### **Saint of Canterbury**

- He was a devout Christian theologian and philosopher.
- Belonged to the era of Medieval Philosophy.
- He was influenced by the works of St. Augustine.
- The slogan, “credo, ut intelligam.” Meaning, let me believe in-order to understand.
- Belonged to the school of scholasticism.

### **The Ontological Argument**

- Most famous for his Ontological argument for the existence of God.
- *Monologion* gives cosmological and teleological proofs or arguments for the existence of God.
- In his work, *Proslogion*, he advances ontological argument towards the existence of God.
- **Ontological = The essence of the Idea of the perfect God implies its Existence**
- Famous works; *Monologion*, *Proslogion*, *Responsio*, etc.
- **Proslogion** in English is “Dialogue on Existence of God or faith seeking understanding”



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- He was the First to advocate the ontological argument for the existence of God.
- His ontological argument influenced a number of philosophers such as; Descartes, Leibniz, Hegel, Bradley, etc.
- The criticism for his Ontological argument for the existence of God too followed;
- Most famous example; **Kant** - Not rational argument!

### MCQs

Anselm came up with his Ontological argument for the Existence of God in his work

- A. *Pros logion*
- B. *Response*
- C. *Monologion*
- D. None of these

Answer: Anselm came up with his Ontological argument for the Existence of God in his work *Proslogion*.

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