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LANGARA COLLEGE

Philosophy 2203: Metaphysics

Quiz #3

TIME: 10 minutes

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*At the start of class, **one** of the following questions will be selected at random for students to answer. In preparation, please read texts 5 and 6 on the '2203 Readings' page.*

1. Summarise the argument, given by William Rowe, for the claim that it is impossible for the world to consist entirely of dependent beings, even if the number of such beings is infinite.
2. Explain the difference between the 'weak' and 'strong' forms of the Principle of Sufficient Reason, as Rowe uses these terms.
3. After stating Descartes's ontological argument, and Kant's famous objection to it, van Inwagen says that Kant has failed to find what is "fundamentally wrong" with Descartes' argument. This is because there is a modified version of Descartes' ontological argument that avoids Kant's objection, yet which is still clearly invalid. Summarise this modified version.
