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To: "Francis X. Clooney S.J." <fclooney@hds.harvard.edu>

Sun, Dec 18, 2016 at 9:50 AM

Dear Fr. Clooney,  
The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy asked me to document my criticism of their entry

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/cosmological-argument/>

My views on the matter are set forth here:

[https://www.academia.edu/23340072/WHY\\_PEOPLE\\_BELIEVE\\_GOD\\_CAUSED\\_THE\\_BIG\\_BANG](https://www.academia.edu/23340072/WHY_PEOPLE_BELIEVE_GOD_CAUSED_THE_BIG_BANG)

The reason, I think, the SEP is asking for my opinion is that the rationality of the arguments for God's existence has become a legal matter in New York State. What happened is that I offered to give a lesson/lecture on God's existence to students and faculty of Columbia University. Columbia's response was to threaten me with legal action if I set foot on Columbia's campus, or contacted any students and faculty of Columbia. I filed a ethics complaint against the General Counsel for Columbia with the New York State Unified Court System on October 18, 2016.

I gave the SEP a draft of my response and emailed a copy to John McCarthy, editor of the Review of Metaphysics. I also told Elizabeth Shaw, who is also on the staff of Review of Metaphysics, about these developments. I have not yet gotten a response to my emails. I'll be calling them Monday to see if they are interested in these developments. I am hoping you are.

Very truly yours,  
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Mon, Dec 19, 2016 at 9:15 PM

Dear Dr Roemer, thanks for your email and phone call. But I am not a philosopher, nor an expert on the cosmological argument, nor involved with the SEP, so I am not the person to consult or draw into this debate. Fr Clooney

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