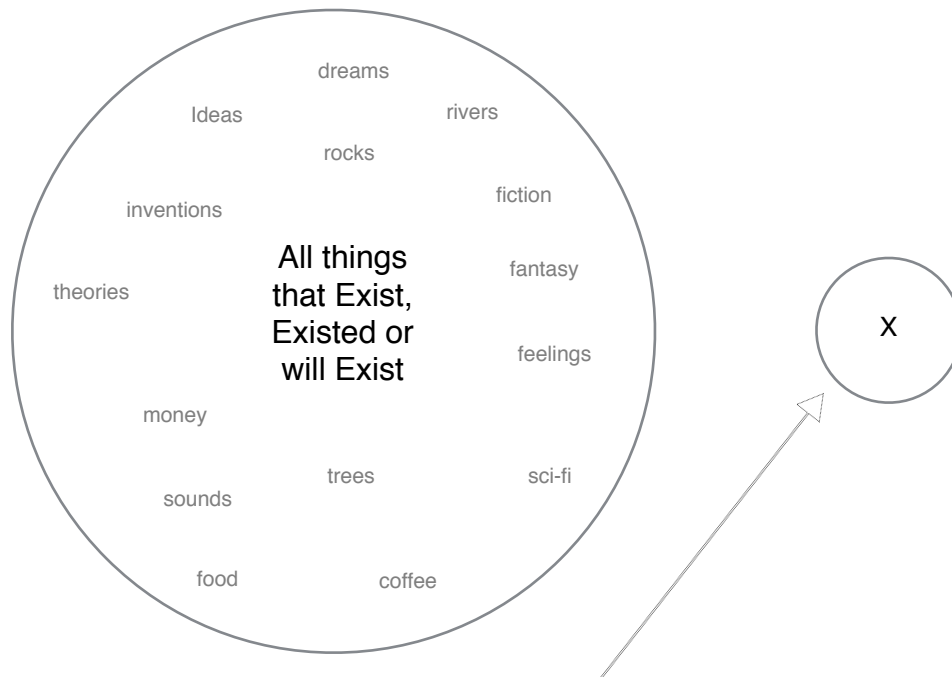


CAN ANYTHING EXIST TOTALLY INDEPENDENTLY OF THE MIND?

A VENN DIAGRAM TO HELP YOU DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS

Step 1 of Argument.

In the Venn diagram below, the circle marked “All things that Exist, Existed or Will Exist” denotes the set of all things that exist, or did exist, or will exist, in *any* manner whatsoever — including as mere fictions — and the circle marked “X” denotes *anything whatsoever* — whether it be a mental or a physical thing, whether it did exist or will exist, whether it be a fictional thing, or not.



Is this *ever* possible? In other words, can *anything* — here, “X” — *ever* exist *independently* of all things that exist, existed or will exist ... in *any* manner whatsoever?

Tick off the appropriate square below, and give logically valid reasons for your answer if it’s “Yes” ... otherwise, draw your own conclusions.

Yes

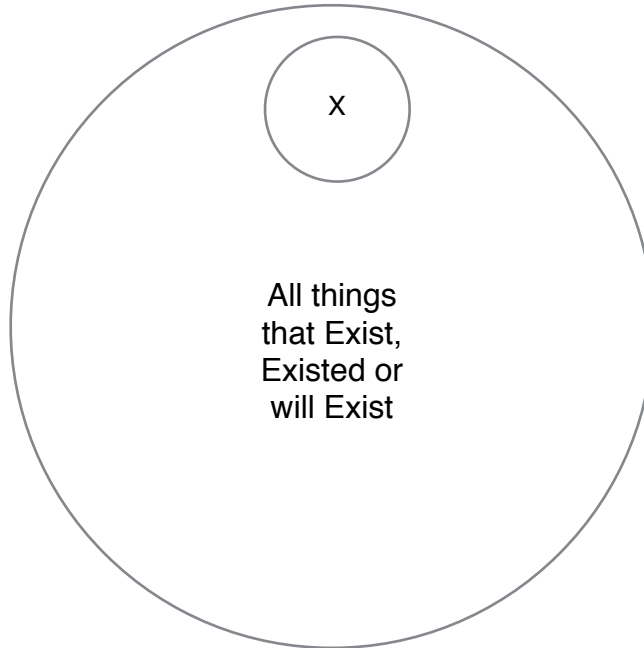
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Give your logically valid reason if your answer is “Yes”:

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Step 1 of Argument (continued).

In fact, Is this not the *only* possible situation? Namely, that the circle marked “X” which denotes *anything whatsoever* — whether it be a mental or a physical thing, whether it did exist or will exist, whether it be a fictional thing, or not — must lie wholly within the circle marked “All things that Exist, Existed or Will Exist”, which is the set of all things that exist, existed or will exist in any manner whatsoever?



Is this not so? In other words, must not *everything that exists, existed or will exist, in any manner whatsoever* — including, as here, “X” — *always lie entirely within* the set of all things that can *ever* exist in *all of time*?

Tick off the appropriate square below, and give logically valid reasons for your answer if it's “No” ... otherwise, draw your own conclusions.

Yes

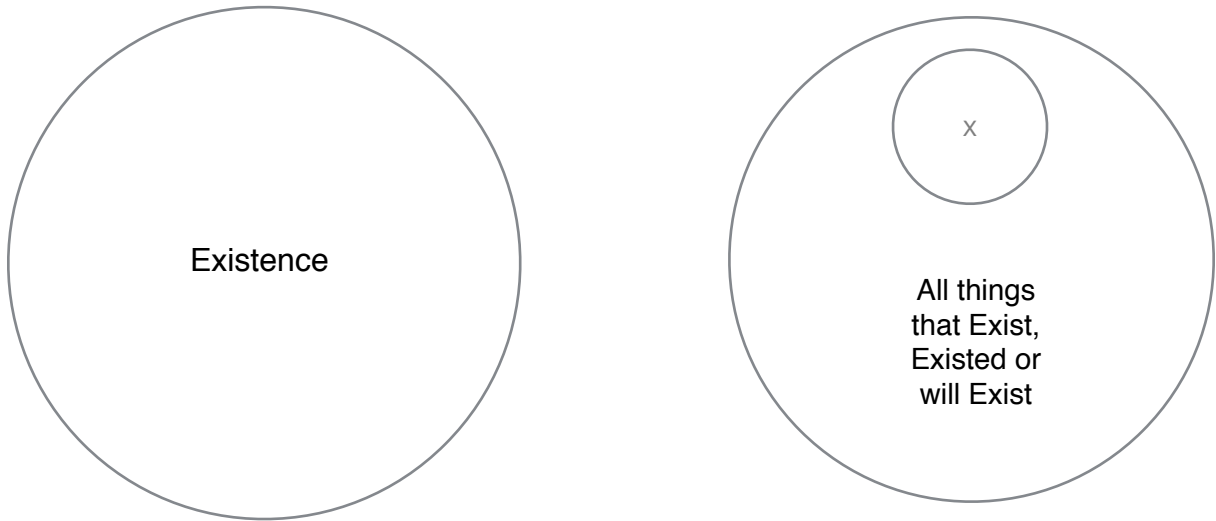
No

Give your logically valid reason if your answer is “No”:

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Step 2 of Argument.

Here, the circle marked "Existence" denotes the set of *all* those things that partake of existence, or did so, or will do so; and the circle marked "All Things that Exist, Existed or Will Exist" denotes the set of all things that exist, existed or will exist in any manner whatsoever (as in the circle on Page 2).



Is this *ever* possible? In other words, can *anything* that exists, did exist or will exist, in *any* manner whatsoever, *never* partake of existence ... in *all of time*?

Tick off the appropriate square below, and give logically valid reasons for your answer if it's "Yes" ... otherwise, draw your own conclusions.

Yes

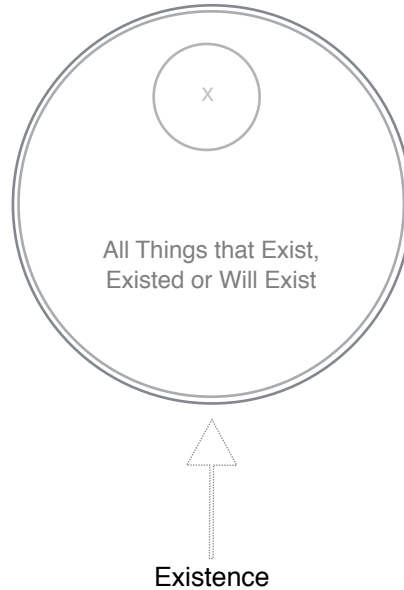
No

Give your logically valid reason if your answer is "Yes":

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Step 2 of Argument (continued).

In fact, Is this not the *only* possible situation? Namely, that the circle marked “All Things that Exist, Existed or Will Exist” — which denotes the set of all things that exist, existed or will exist in any manner whatsoever — must lie wholly within the circle marked “Existence”, in which is contained the set of all things that partake of existence?



Is this not so? In other words, must not *everything that exists, existed or will exist, in any manner whatsoever* — including, as here, “X” — partake of existence at *some* time ... namely, at the time of its own existence?

Tick off the appropriate square below, and give logically valid reasons for your answer if it's “No” ... otherwise, draw your own conclusions.

Yes

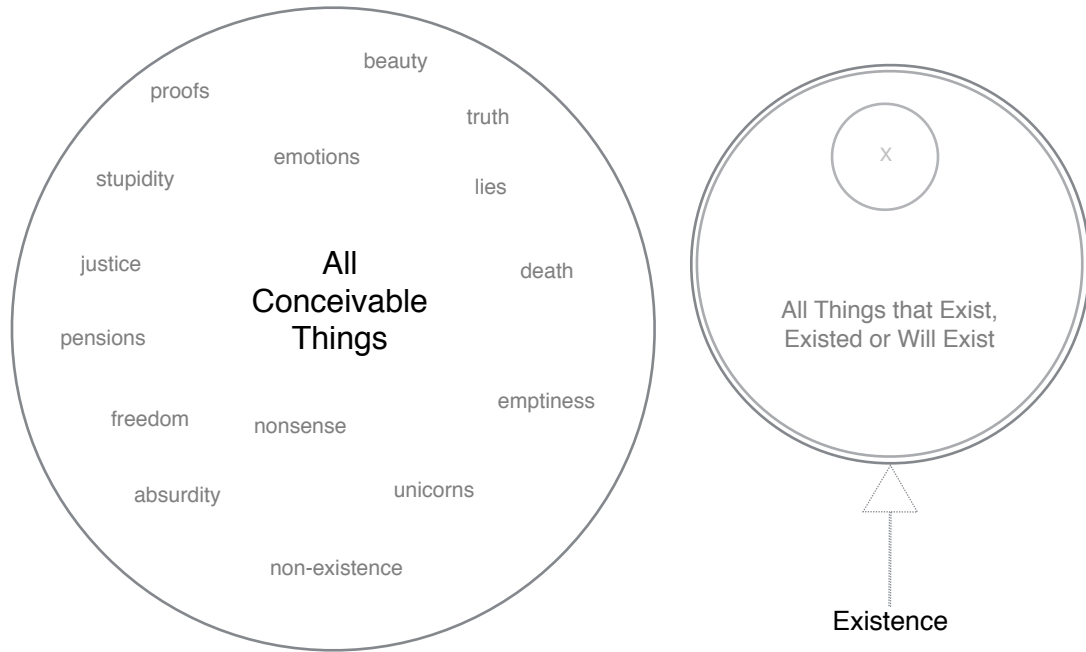
No

Give your logically valid reason if your answer is “No”:

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Step 3 of Argument.

Here, the circle marked “All Conceivable Things” denotes the set of *all* those things that are conceivable, and the outer circle on the right, marked “Existence” (with an arrow) denotes the set of *all* things that partake of existence, or did so, or will do so (as in the diagram on Page 4).



Is this *ever* possible? Or in other words, is existence itself — or, alternatively, the set of all things that partake of existence — *not* a part of *all* things that are conceivable?

Tick off the appropriate square below, and give logically valid reasons for your answer if it's "Yes" ... otherwise, draw your own conclusions.

Yes

No

Give your logically valid reason if your answer is "Yes":

CAN ANYTHING EXIST TOTALLY INDEPENDENTLY OF THE MIND?

Step 3 of Argument (continued).

In fact, Is this not the only possible situation? That the circle marked “Existence” (the second-largest circle in the diagram below) must lie wholly within the circle marked “All Conceivable Things”?



Is this not so? In other words, must not existence itself — or, alternatively, the set of all things that partake of existence — always belong to the set of all conceivable things?

Tick off the appropriate square below, and give logically valid reasons for your answer if it's "No" ... otherwise, draw your own conclusions.

Yes

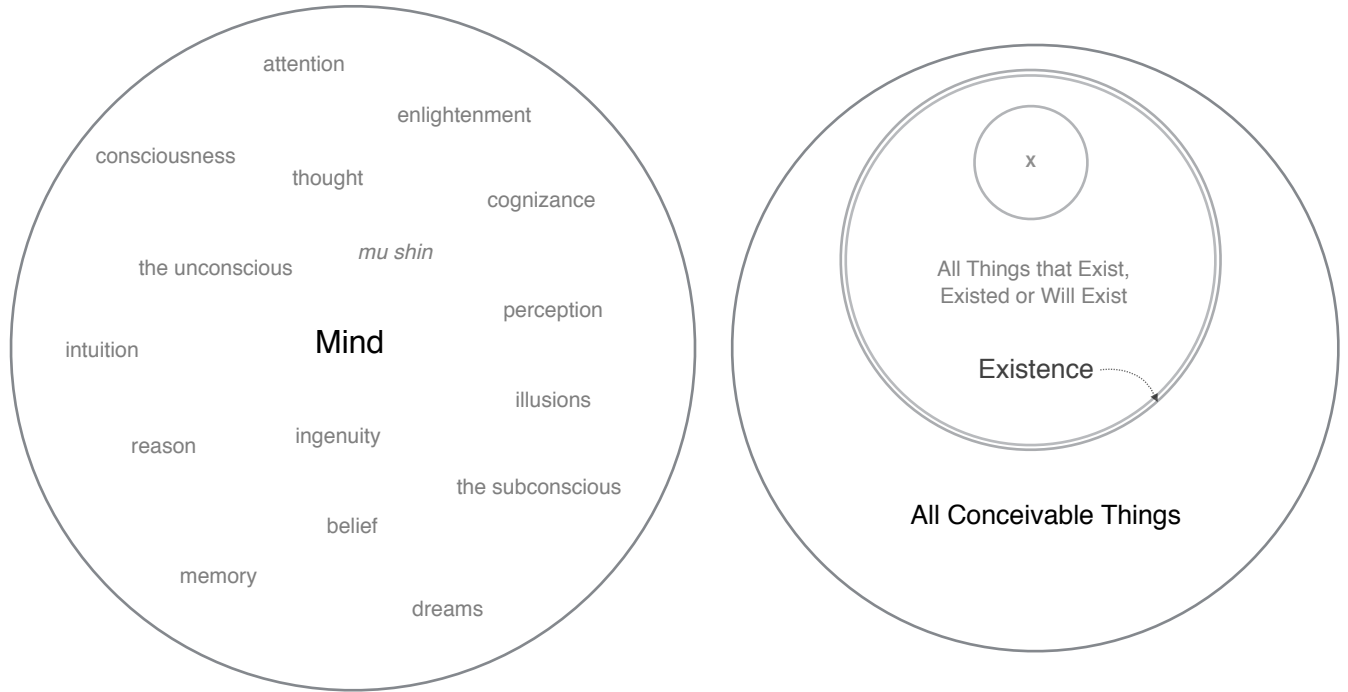
No

Give your logically valid reason if your answer is "No":

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Step 4 of Argument.

Here, the circle marked "Mind" denotes *all* those things that are mental, and the circle marked "All Conceivable Things" denotes *all* the things that are conceivable (as in the circle on Page 6).



Is this *ever* possible? Or in other words, can *any* conceivable thing be *totally independent* of mind altogether?

Tick off the appropriate square below, and give logically valid reasons for your answer if it's "Yes" ... otherwise, draw your own conclusions.

Yes

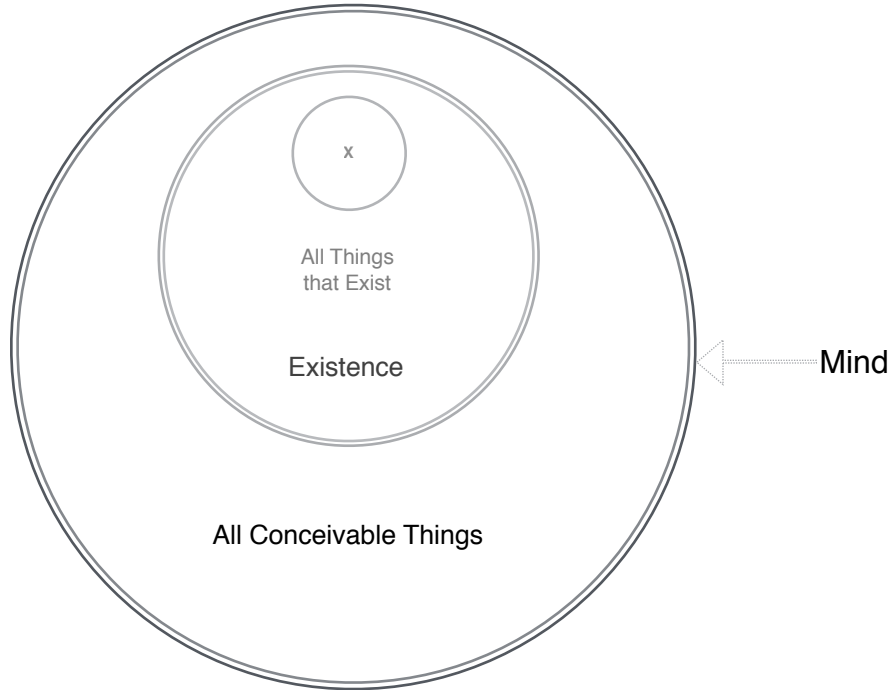
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Give your logically valid reason if your answer is "Yes":

CAN ANYTHING EXIST TOTALLY INDEPENDENTLY OF THE MIND?

Step 4 of Argument (continued).

In fact, Is this not the only possible situation? That the circle marked “All Conceivable Things” must lie wholly within the outermost circle marked (with an arrow) “Mind”?



Is this not so? In other words, must not all conceivable things be at the very least *dependent* upon the mind — just to be conceived in the first place?

Tick off the appropriate square below, and give logically valid reasons for your answer if it's “No” ... otherwise, draw your own conclusions.

Yes

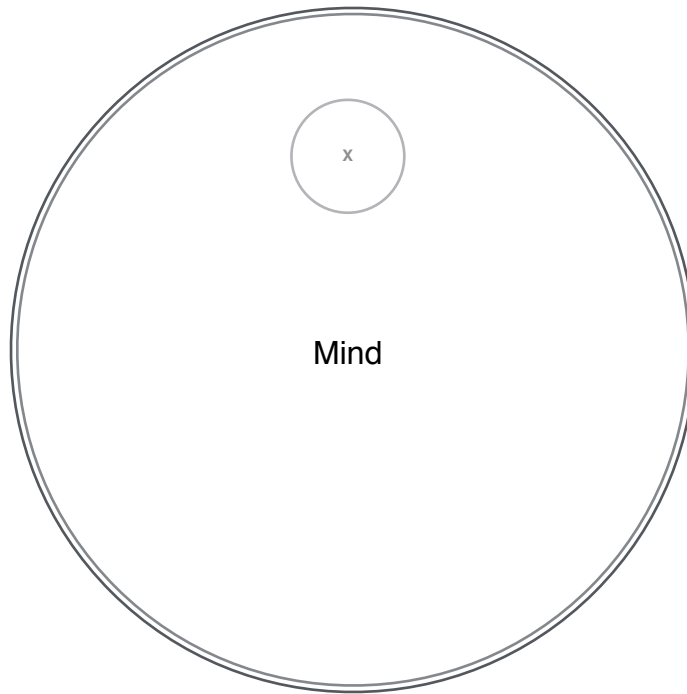
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Give your logically valid reason if your answer is “No”:

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Step 5 of Argument

If all the above is true, then is this not the *only* possible conclusion ... namely, that the circle marked "X" must lie wholly within the circle marked "Mind"?



Is this not so? In other words, *given all the previous arguments*, must not *anything* that exists, did exist or will exist, in *any* manner whatsoever, *always* be, at the very least, *dependent* on the mind ... and, in fact, given the arguments that have been made before, even *within* the mind?

Tick off the appropriate square below, and give logically valid reasons for your answer if it's "No" ... otherwise, draw your own conclusions.

Yes

No

Give your logically valid reason if your answer is "No":
