

The Principle of Sufficient Reason: Arguments for and Against

Annotated Bibliography

Della Rocca, Michael. "PSR." *Philosopher's Imprint*, 10, no.7, (2010). 2-13. In this article Della Rocca argues that if we allow anything to be explicable, we must allow everything to be explicable. This is pertinent to my research question since it is proposed as a pointed rebuttal of more contemporary arguments against the Principle of Sufficient Reason (PSR).

Feser, Edward. *Scholastic Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction*, editiones scholasticae, vol. 39. 137-146. Written by one of the leading analytic Thomists of the twenty-first century, this textbook is dedicated to the contention that all rational and scientific inquiry presupposes the PSR. It serves as a great primer on reasons to accept the PSR from a specifically Thomistic perspective.

Pruss, Alexander. "The Leibnizian cosmological argument." In *The Blackwell Companion to Natural Theology*, eds. William Lane Craig and J.P Moreland, 26-60. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012. This chapter is written by one of the world's leading experts in the Principle of Sufficient Reason. It is especially helpful in considering my research question as it clearly and coherently presents leading arguments against the PSR.

Richardson, Kara. "Avicenna and the Principle of Sufficient Reason." *Review of Metaphysics* 67:4, no. 268 (June 1, 2014): 743–767. This article argues that Arabic philosopher Avicenna, no less than rationalists like Spinoza and Leibniz, placed the PSR at the center of his philosophical thinking. This article is pertinent to our research question as it shows the universality of the PSR's appeal.