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### INTRODUCTORY.

WHATEVER is was created, excepting the Creator. If we go up with the ascending series of cause and effect, when we come to the summit we find that which was not caused; for if it were caused, we must go a step farther to find *its* cause. And that which is at the summit, and is itself not caused, has the whole series below it, and must be the cause of all causation.

The totality of being consists of Creator and created. But the Creator, whom we will call God, did not create out of nothing. If God willed that something should be which was not before, His will, His thought, His power, were there, and clothed themselves with the effect and were in the thing He caused to be. He did not create *out of* nothing; for if what He created consisted of nothing, it would be nothing. He created from Himself, and is Himself the substance of all that is; for He created all things from His own substance, and is in all things