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## **Cause is in time and in space,**

Cause is in time and in space, because all phainoumena are there, and cannot be anywhere else.

But, we inquire, may not cause be but in time and in space? Cannot the theory (dogma) of creation be true?

No, because the condition of cause is that it be anterior and exterior to effect otherwise Cause is cause of itself, that is to say, there is no cause at all.

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