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How Can God Know Anything?

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The paper asks whether a divine being can have empirical knowledge. If God is impassible, then He has no perceptual knowledge. If God is passible, then it is possible that He has perceptual knowledge. But perceptual knowledge involves epistemic access to the world via causal influences of the world upon God. Perhaps His knowledge requires only reliably formed beliefs. But not even God can answer global doubts about the reliability of His own cognitive faculties. The paper considers whether classical foundationalism offers a way out.

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