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Analytical Comparison of Two Theological Paradigms: Stoic and Avicennian Views on the Relationship Between God and the World

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Consider explicitly stating the specific gaps in existing research that this study aims to fill. This would strengthen the rationale for conducting the study and clarify its contribution.

Clarify whether this definition aligns with Stoic interpretations universally or if it is a specific subset within Stoicism.

Some arguments, particularly in the section on causality, would benefit from additional citations of primary sources to support the interpretations provided.

The section could be improved by including a more detailed side-by-side comparison table to succinctly highlight similarities and differences between the two paradigms.

Expanding on the historical context of Stoic philosophy within these periods would enhance the reader's understanding of its development and influence.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

It would be beneficial to describe the comparative-analytical approach in more detail, including the criteria used for comparison and any frameworks applied.

Ensure that terms such as "Necessary Being," "First Cause," and "Logos" are consistently defined and used throughout the paper to avoid confusion, particularly when shifting between Stoic and Avicennian concepts.

Provide a brief rationale for the inclusion of specific sources, especially classical texts vs. modern interpretations. This helps in justifying the comprehensiveness and reliability of the sources.

Consider restructuring this section to provide a step-by-step logical development from fundamental principles to Avicenna's ultimate theological model.

Consider providing a direct quotation from Avicenna's work to support this point for added authenticity.

Ensure that the portrayal of Stoic theology remains consistent with its physicalist underpinnings without introducing potential anachronisms or modern interpretations.

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