**A Sketch of Spinoza's Argument for Substance Monism**

**D1:** "Self-caused" =df that whose essence implies existence.

**D3:** "Substance" =df what is in-itself and conceived through itself.

**D4:** "Attribute" =df the essence of substance.

**D5:** "Mode" =df a state of substance.

**D6:** "God" =df absolutely infinite substance, etc.

**A1:** Everything is either in-itself or in-another.

**A7:** If something, x, can be conceived not to exist, then the essence of x does not entail the existence of x.

**P1:** Substance is logically prior to its modes.

**P2:** Two substances with distinct attributes have nothing in common.

**P3:** Unless two things have something in common, neither can cause the other.

**P4:** Two substances can be distinguished only by their attributes or modes (indistinguishables are identical).

**P5:** Substances can't share attributes.

**P6:** One substance can't produce another.

**P6c:** No substance can be produced by another.

**P7:** The essence of a substance entails its existence.

**P11:** God necessarily exists.

**P14:** Except for God, no substance can be or be conceived.