

Note: Perhaps the use of the term event is best defined by the science of physics - an occurrence that is sharply localized at a single point in space and instant of time.

And, if God was created at the time of the creation - while He is certainly more powerful than man, He is also subject to the laws of a universe He did not create, but was part of the creation. - if God dwells within time then He is subjected to the restraints of time.

If this is the case, it is reasonable, then, to believe, God, whom we have already limited at slightly before or at the time of creation, is limited within the time parameters of man, 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day; 365 days in a year. If He did not create, or at best had a limited role in the creation of the heavens and earth, God certainly would not have the power or ability to restore the earth in six 24 hour days and cause to come into being, (existence), life itself.

If we believe an earth and universe billions of years old (and for reasons we can never totally understand, an earth restored for the benefit of a new creation by God, the first man, Adam), then as with any complex construct there would be design and planning, incredible knowledge and intellect, but also the power and authority to actually make the plan and design a reality. It would require the implementing of laws to govern the entirety of the universe, including earth, as well as the ability not only to foresee; but control events past, present and future as well as knowledge of the ultimate consequences of specific actions in thought, word, and deed, in other words the physical, behavioral and emotional make-up of all of God's creation, visible or invisible, in certain domains during particular

intervals of time.

The essence of this conversation is that God exists outside of human time and space.

(Note - only the Hebrew God of Genesis records a God with the knowledge, power, and authority to give account of the creation as acknowledged by science).

If God exists, and He does, outside of time and space, did Jesus exist with the Father also outside of time and space? There are numerous theories as to when Jesus came into being, or has He been from everlasting?

John17:5 addresses the power of God to create the heavens and the earth and His relationship with the Son and at the same time confirms the Father and the Son have always been: So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory I had before the world existed. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

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Before The BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heaven

Genesis - from the Hebrew "bre'shith" in the beginning

Beginning- noun - the point in time or space at which something starts.

God -Hebrew Elohim- plural, masculine, indicating Father, Son and Holy Ghost, existing outside of time and space and not bound by the laws of time and space: When used in the singular to mean the supreme God, referring to Yahweh, beside whom other gods are nonexistent or insignificant.

John 1:2, "The word was with God in the beginning."

The first four words of the Bible prove that God existed before creation of the heavens and the earth.

Meta-physics - that which exists outside of or independently of time and space.

It also proves that as God created the heavens and the earth that time, matter, energy and space came into being at the creation. If this is

the case, time can be measured but not in the traditional sense as man is accustomed. Eternity is measurable, what is not measurable in time is the domain in which God resided before the creation.

Where was God? He has existed from forever to forever. Is God in a parallel universe, another dimension? Or, does an infinite, timeless God exist in and of Himself without need for time and space?

Psalm 93:2

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

Jeremiah 10:10

But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

Hebrews 13: 8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Hebrews 7:24

But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

John 17:5

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

1 Peter 5:11

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Prior to eternity God existed in a reality that had no time, that is, the idea of God prior to creation cannot be measured by man. It cannot be measured because God has existed forever.

Forever - endless, never ending, everlasting, infinite, boundless, timeless.

There are **three basic components** in geometry and one in algebra that describe the concepts of time, that is time that can't be measured, forever, and time that has a beginning and an end.

In geometry a line _____ goes on forever in both directions. It has no beginning and no ending because it continues to extend in both directions forever.

A ray has a beginning point but has no ending, _____ it extends forever in one direction.

A line segment has a beginning point and it has an ending point, _____.

In math three dots after a number means the numbers extend forever; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ... or -1, -2, -3, -4, -5, ..., because no matter what number you use, whether one million, one billion, one trillion, or even a quadrillion, etc., there is always a number that is larger, it extends forever.

Since God created our universe, and earth, matter, energy and time do not start until this creation - God lives outside of time and space; if God only came into being just prior to the creation, at the same time as the creation of heaven and earth, or shortly after the "big bang," then we are accepting the validity of

pagan religions and rejecting the authority of the Bible as we are describing an event in which God came out of chaos, or is limited in His own ability and authority to create, hold together, and control events.

Time - the fourth dimension in which events can be ordered from the past through the present, into the future. In physics time always moves in a positive direction, forward.

If we accept the validity of the 'Big Bang' consistent with the creation of heaven and earth by God, then while man can map or trace through the prism of physics back to the origin of the universe, he cannot go past that point, as God will not allow man to enter that realm unless by His authority.

As a note: We are not talking about going back in time, but tracing through the magnifying glass of science a point at which creation begins. While some physicists believe it may be possible to go forward in time, none believe it is possible to travel back in time. This reference seems at odds with the position on time; however, God will not allow one to go back in time as it would obviously be done for one reason, that is, to alter events of the past to affect a different outcome for the future. If you believe God controls all events in heaven and on earth, and note the Bible predicts events in the future, then the past is not subject to change.

However, we know God did allow men to travel to the future either in time or vision as to future events affecting mankind. For, I believe to travel in time requires crossing a barrier which God has constructed not only for man but Satan and his fallen angels as well. Imagine if men or angels had the ability to move back and forth in the dimension of time.