

The Self-Existence of God

Intro: The effect of God being both One and Eternal is Self-Existence. God exists in and of Himself alone.

Isaiah 44:24

Thus says the LORD,
your Redeemer,
and the one who formed you from the womb,
"I, the LORD,
am the maker of all things,
Stretching out the heavens
by Myself
And spreading out the earth
all alone,

Acts 17:

24 "The God who made the world and all things in it,
since He is Lord of heaven and earth,
does not dwell in temples made with hands;
25 nor is He served by human hands,
as though He needed anything,
since He Himself gives to all *people*
life and breath and all things;

Observation:

- Carefully read and reread the text. Examine its context.
- Note all persons, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions & articles.
- Ask: Who? What? When? Where? How? & Why? Find answers in the text, *only!*
- Note and mark key words and ideas, as well as their relationships with one another.

Note and mark

- What God did in Isaiah 44:24.
- How He says He did it.
- Why God does not need to be served. Acts 17:25

Interpretation:

Isaiah 44:24 What does this verse teach about God? _____

What does this verse say to the proabortionists and evolutionists ?

Acts 17:24-25 What does the phrase 'as though He needed anything' imply?

How does the truth of verse 24 explain why God needs nothing to exist?

How would you define the Self-Existence of God? _____

Note:
John 1:1-3, 14 teaches that Jesus created all things. When compared with Isaiah 44:24, can there be any doubt that Scripture teaches that Jesus is the LORD God who created the Universe by Himself? There is no other interpretation when trying to assimilate these two passages at once.

Note:
In light of this verse, it is clear that the abortion and evolution issues are really spiritual in nature, and require prayer and God's power to be resolved. Until people understand the divine origins of life and nature, they will never see the true deception of the theory of evolution and the pro abortion stance. It is not freedom to think or do what you want that sets you free, but Truth.

The Self-Existence of God (cont)

Roman 11

- 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both
of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments
and unfathomable His ways!
- 34 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD,
OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?
- 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM
THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?
- 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him
are all things.
To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

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- How God's 'judgments' and 'ways' are described.
- The source of 'all things'.

Interpretation:

Romans 11:33-36 What point is Paul making about God's 'judgments' and 'ways'?

What point is Paul making about God in verses 34 & 35? _____

What point is Paul making about 'all things' in verse 36? _____

How does this verse teach that God is self-existing and not caused by anything? _____

Note:

This passage comes at the conclusion of Paul's exposition of two of Scripture's most difficult and, often times, contentious teachings: God's Sovereignty and the Free Will of man. Paul expounds both positions to the point of seeming contradiction. Perhaps this is why, almost in relief, he breaks into this soaring benediction, and, under divine inspiration, extolls the supremacy and mysteries of God and the truth that all things inevitably comes 'from ... through ... and to' Him! God, alone, ultimately determines 'all things'.

Application Principles: In light of what you have learned, what **Truths** or **Principles** are taught in these texts about God's Self-Existence?

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Write out a verse from above that you would like to memorize and/or meditate upon:

Application Practicals: In light of these Truths & Principles, what will you **do** to apply them to your life **today**?

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From what you learned, how is God different from His creation and/or creatures?

Final Note:
Did God create us because He needed our love, or the universe because He needed to be amused? *Absolutely not!* God needed nothing to add to His Being! He is absolutely self existing and self sufficient, in need of no thing or no one to be complete. Our existence, and the existence of all things, is only and ultimately for His own good pleasure, and nothing else!

God Alone is Self Existing & Self Sufficient

All Things Exist By and For Him!