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#### As the creator of **Time**, God is over and outside of it. ETERNAL

- Job 36:26, "Behold, God is great, and we know him not; The number of his years is unsearchable." cf. John 1:1, 15; 8:58
- 2 Peter 3:8, "But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

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# Since God created **Space**, He can know what happens everywhere in the universe. OMNIPRESENT

- Jeremiah 23:24, "Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? saith Jehovah. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith Jehovah."
- Psalms 139:7-10
- Acts 17:27-28

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#### God's nature is superior to Matter

- John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
- Seen in the prohibition to make images. Deuteronomy 4:15ff; cf. Psalms 115:4-8
- Seen in the insufficiency of dwelling in a temple made with hands. Acts 17:24

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- Made the worlds. Genesis 1:1; Psalms 33:9
- Not served by men's hands. Psalms 115:4ff
- Made of one every nation of men. Common origin. Genesis 1:26ff
- Determined their appointed seasons and the bounds of their habitation. Daniel 2:21
- That they should seek God. Romans 1:18ff
- In Him we live and move and have our being.

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#### Times of Ignorance.

- God did not ignore sin, but took initiative to redeem. Romans 5:8
- God dealt with sin in previous ages. Hosea 4:6
- What does it mean, God "overlooked" sin?
  - God did not punish man with the full measure of his wrath. cf. Acts 14:16-17
  - God showed forbearance while executing His scheme of Redemption. Romans 3:25-26; cf. Galatians 4:4-5

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#### Commands Repentance

Acts 17:30-31, "All men everywhere ..."
Romans 3:23, "for all have sinned ..."
Romans 4:15, "... where there is no law, neither is there transgression."

Therefore, <u>all</u> are under law!

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What Produces Repentance?

- Bible preaching. Matthew 12:41; cf. Jonah 3:1-2, 10
  - "Preach the preaching that I bid thee."cf. Luke 11:32
- The goodness of God. Romans 2:4; 2 Corinthians 5:11
- The Judgment to come. Acts 17:30-31; John 12:48; Hebrews 10:31
- Godly sorrow. 2 Corinthians 7:10

#### In The Beginning ... GOD!

- While the universe and everything in it needed a **beginning**, God does not!
- Asking "Who created God" would be as silly as asking "Who created the Creator?"
- Only the answer of a **Creator-God** can solve the riddle as to "<u>how</u>" and "<u>why</u>" the universe exists.

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