

## The Attributes of God (Aseity)

**What is aseity?** Aseity comes from the Latin word “a se” which means “from Himself” or “of Himself. It speaks of God’s independence and self-sufficiency. God has life in Himself. He has no other source than Himself. He exists of and from Himself. He exists by his own power. He does not “have” existence, He “is” existence. He is not created, but rather the creator of all things. Since He is the creator of all things, He is before all things making Him eternal with no beginning and no end.

- **John 5:26** For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;
- **John 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men

We see the aseity of God in the first verse of the Bible (**Gen 1:1**) as well as in (**John 1:1**)

- Before anything was created (the earth, the stars, the universe, angels, etc), God existed.
- God is not created but is rather the creator of all. He is true being by which all creatures live, move, and exist
- Nothing can be self-created
- There has never been a time God did not exist.
- He has no beginning and has no end.
  - Christ was in the order of Melchizedek who is referenced to have no genealogy, no father, no mother, neither beginning of days or end of life. Melchizedek was not God, but rather had no genealogy on record to shadow God who has aseity (**Heb 7:1-3**).

### **Ex nihilo nihil fit “out of nothing, nothing comes”**

The best evidence to know that God exists and that He is the creator is look and see if you see anything (trees, people, birds, etc). If there ever was a time when there was nothing, then there would be nothing today. However, if there is anything today, then there could never have been a time where there was nothing. This speaks to the aseity of God as He is from eternity past with no start and no end as He has life in Himself. There never was a time when God was not.

- “God was under no constraint, no obligation, no necessity to create. That He chose to do so was purely a sovereign act on His part, caused by nothing outside Himself, determined by nothing but His own mere good pleasure; for He “worketh all things after the counsel of His own will” (Eph 1:11). That He did create was simply for His manifestative glory.”  
— **Arthur W. Pink**

God does not need anything from us or from anything. He didn’t create the world or universe because he was lacking and needed something. He is self-sufficient and lacking nothing. (**Acts 17:25**)

### Bible verses about Him being before the creation:

- **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- **Psalm 90:1-2** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were born <sup>3</sup>Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
- **Psalm 93:2** Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.
- **John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- **1 Corinthians 8:6** yet for us there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him.
- **John 17:5** Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

- **Colossians 1:15-17** <sup>[a]</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For <sup>[b]</sup>by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup>He <sup>[c]</sup>is before all things, and in Him all things <sup>[d]</sup>hold together.
- **Hebrews 1:1-2** God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, <sup>2</sup><sup>[a]</sup>in these last days has spoken to us <sup>[b]</sup>in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the <sup>[c]</sup>world.
- **Revelation 4:11** Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they <sup>[a]</sup>existed, and were created.”

To be the creator of all things means that God is before all things and therefore uncreated. He is before the “beginning” which makes Him outside of time and to be outside of time is to be eternal. He is the uncreated creator which makes Him infinite and eternal having life in Himself and true being.

- The Supreme Being (God) is the only one that has true being because He is. He is dependent of no one for His existence. Creatures are dependent on Him for creation and to live and move and have our being.
  - **Acts 17:28** for in Him we live and move and <sup>[a]</sup>exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’
  - **1 Corinthians 8:6** yet for us there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him.
- With a Being, there is no becoming. God is who He is and has always been.
- He “is” and we are “becoming.” He is permanent and unchanging and we are not.
  - **Exodus 3:14**: God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM**”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’”

### **The famous Questions**

Q: Who made God?

A: He is!

Q: Where did God come from?

A: He is!