

# THE INDEPENDENCE OF GOD

"God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

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## INDEPENDENCE = ASEITY



- "a" + "se" = "from himself"
- God IS the fullness of life in and of himself.

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## GOD THE CREATOR

*"The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers."*

Psalm 24:1-2

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# GOD THE CREATOR

*"You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.*

Nehemiah 9:6

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# GOD THE CREATOR

- God has life in and of himself.
- God is *UNCAUSED*
- Creation *Ex Nihilo* - "Out of nothing"
- "[God] has of himself all that he has." (Anselm)

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**"God has of himself all that he has."**

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**"GOD HAS OF HIMSELF ALL THAT HE HAS."**

*Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*

John 17:24

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**"GOD HAS OF HIMSELF ALL THAT HE HAS."**

*For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.*

John 5:26

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**"GOD HAS OF HIMSELF ALL THAT HE HAS."**

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

John 3:36

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## SINCE GOD OWNS EVERYTHING, HE CAN GIVE ANYTHING

*"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
Possessor of heaven and earth; (Genesis 14:19)*

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## THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

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God has of himself all that he has.

- Self Divine
- Self-Wise
- Self-Virtuous
- Self-Empowering
- Self-Justifying

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*As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." (Romans 9:13-15 ESV)*

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**He is the Good without which  
there is no Good.**

Anselm

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*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

James 1:17

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*You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Psalm 16:11

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## DO WE SERVE GOD?

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*The God who made the world and everything in it,  
being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in  
temples made by man, nor is he served by human  
hands, as though he needed anything, since he  
himself gives to all mankind life and breath and  
everything.*

Acts 17:24-25

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*For every beast of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.  
I know all the birds of the hills,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.  
"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the world and its fullness are mine.*

Psalm 50:10-12

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## HOW DO WE SERVE GOD?

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## HOW DO WE SERVE GOD?

*KNOWING WE GIVE ONLY WHAT HE HAS  
FIRST GIVEN TO US.*

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Who has first given to me, that I should repay him?  
Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine. Job 41:11

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.  
(Romans 11:34-36)

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