

Paul, His Life and Teachings



Paul's Theology God (Part 4)

Lesson 41

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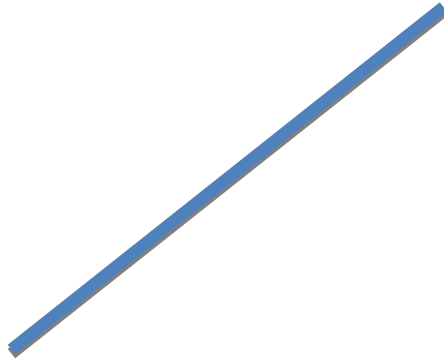
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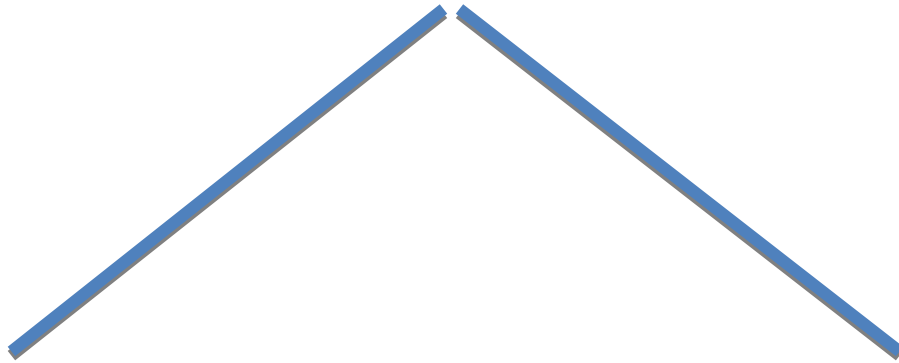


Transcendent

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Transcendent

Immanent





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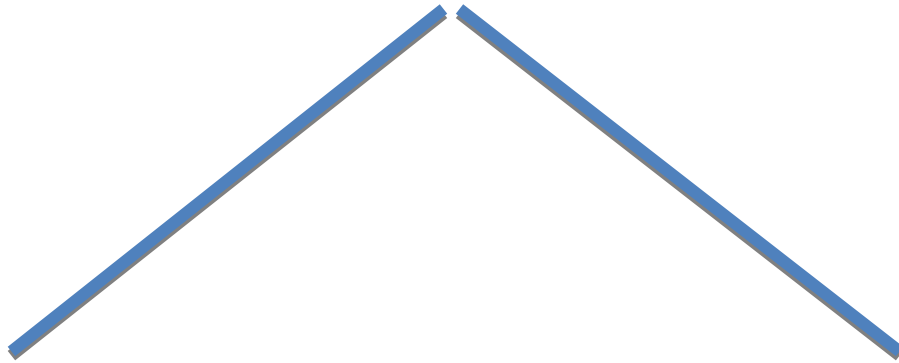


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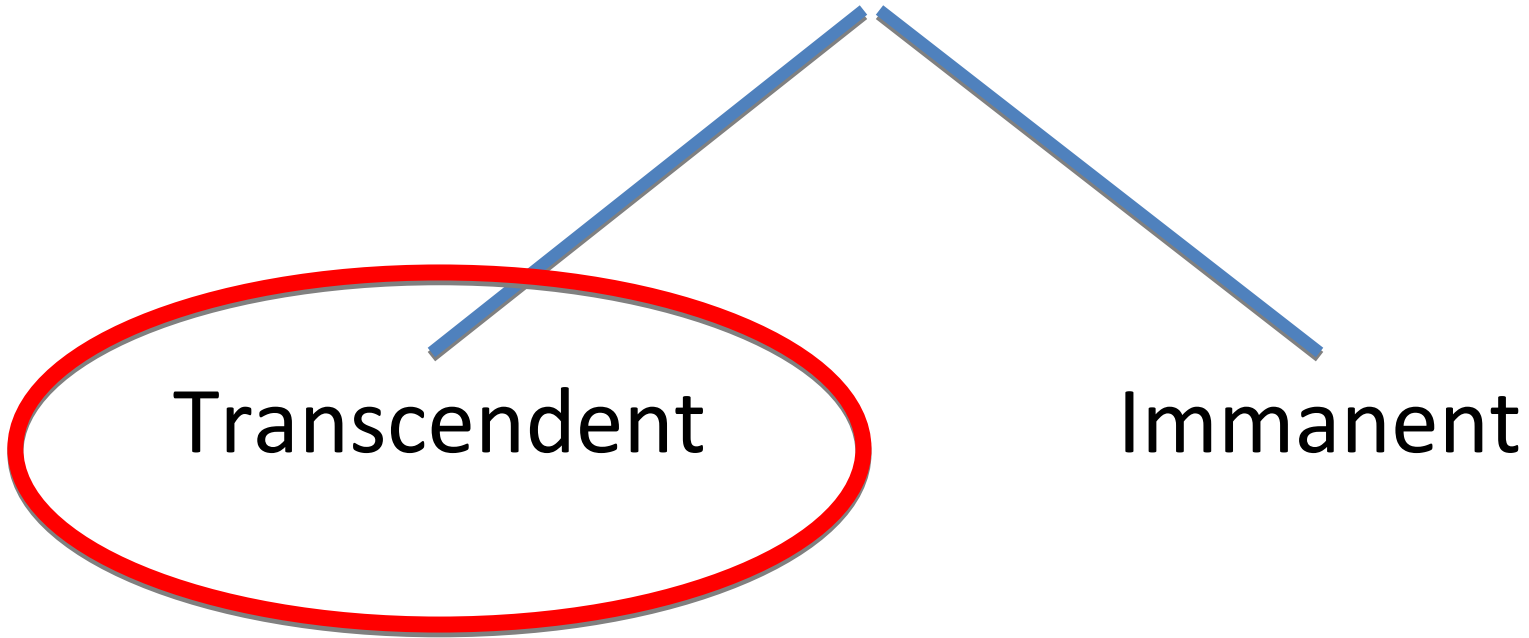
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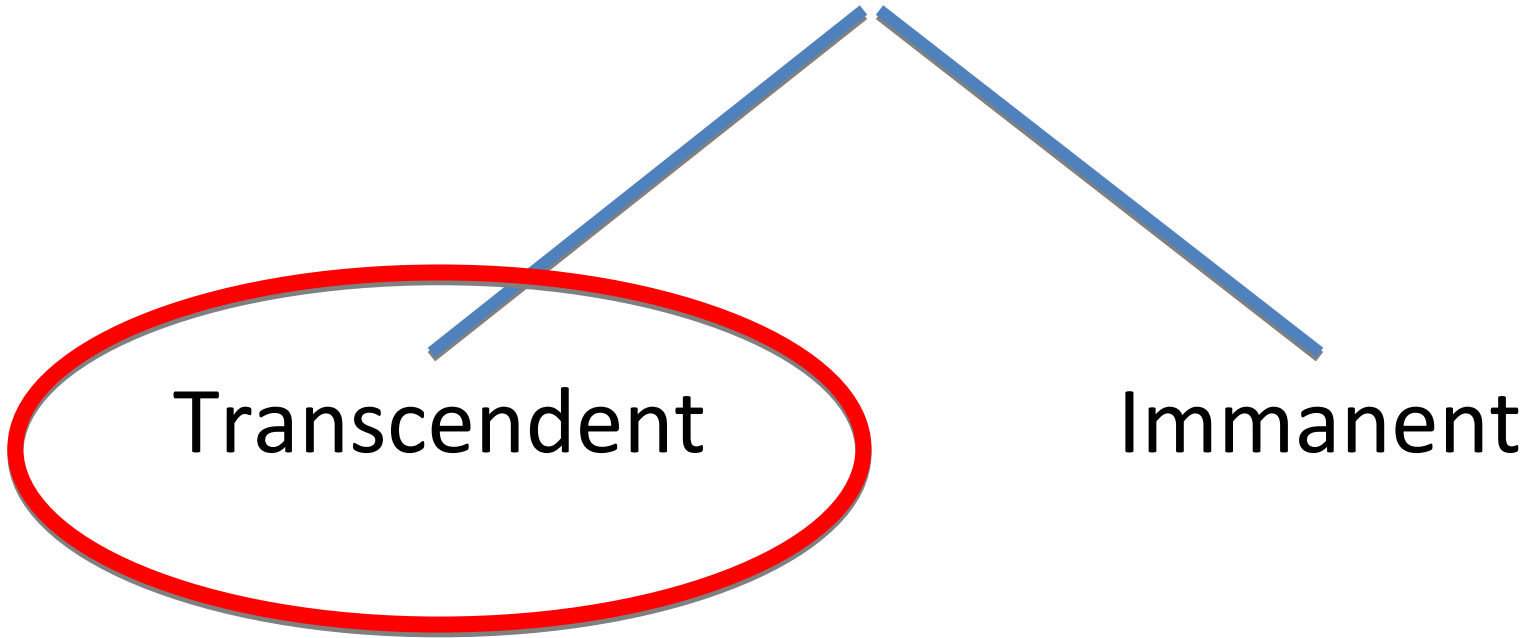
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Where is God in relation to
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All things physical
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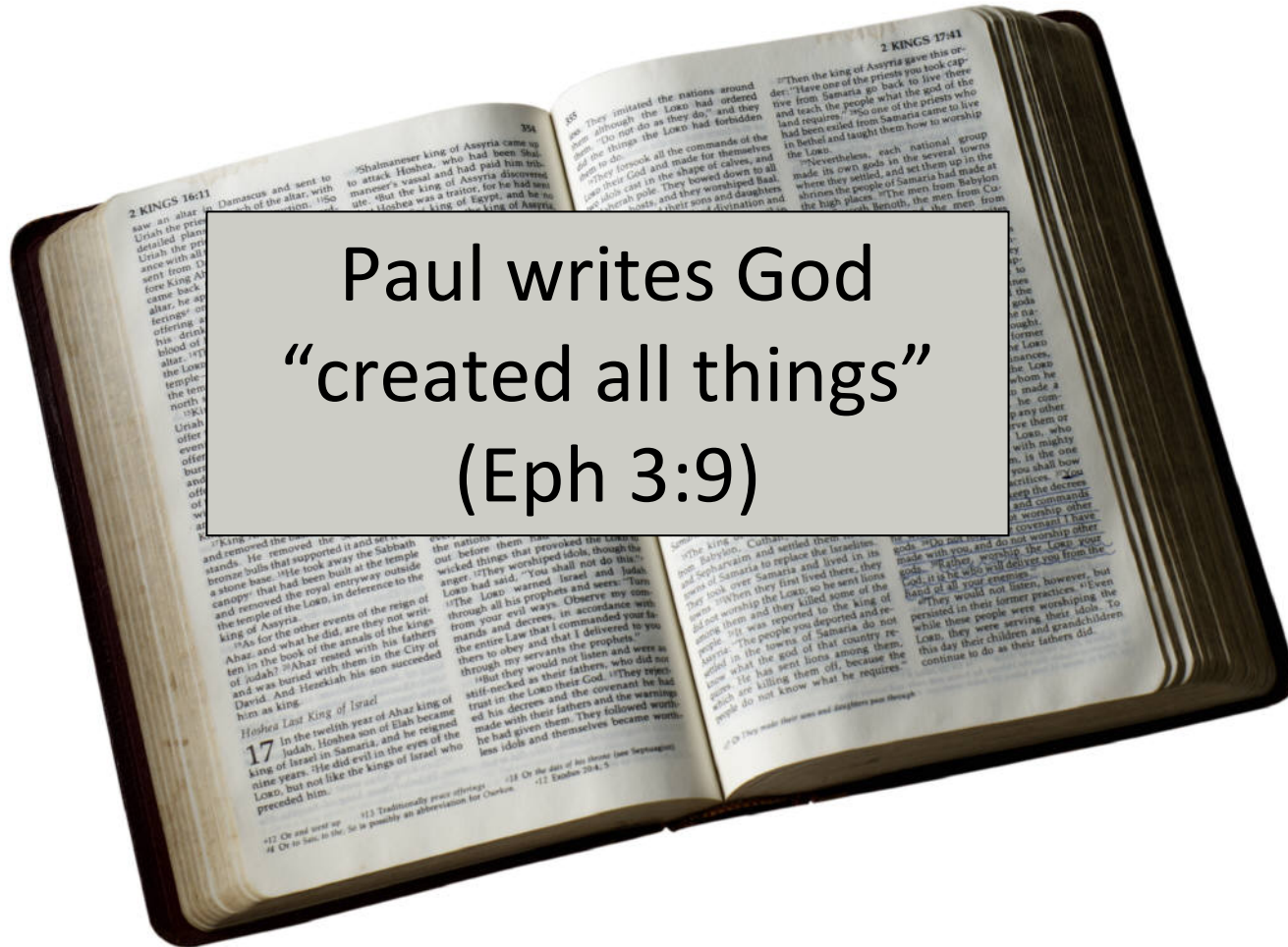
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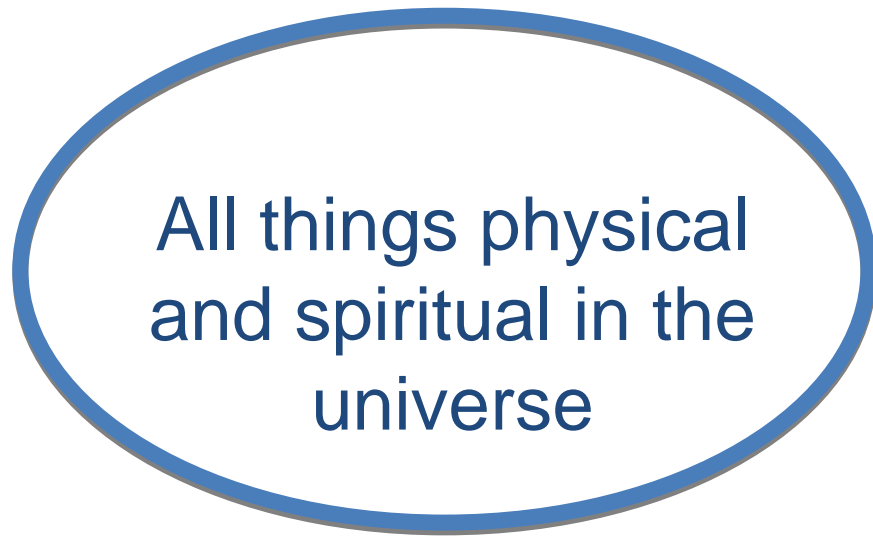
Consider God as “Creator”



Paul writes God
“created all things”
(Eph 3:9)

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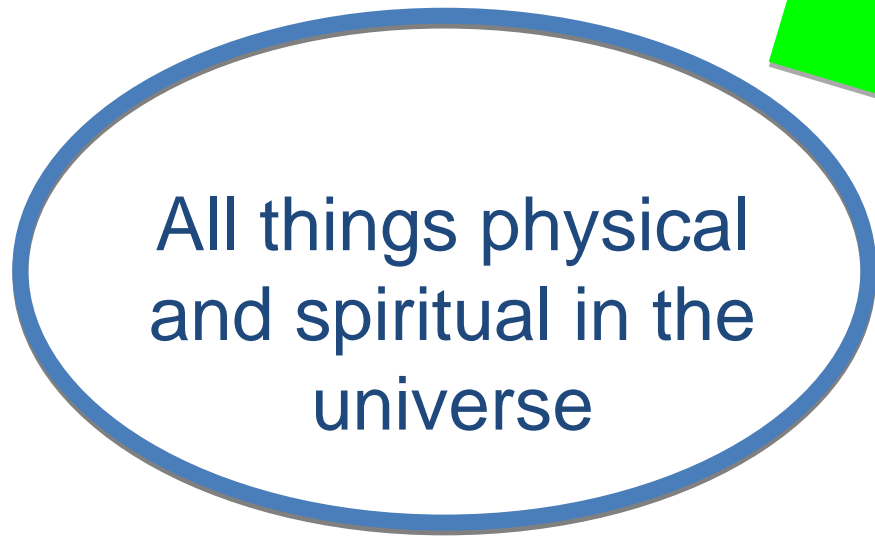
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A “transcendent” God transcends (“goes beyond”) space and time

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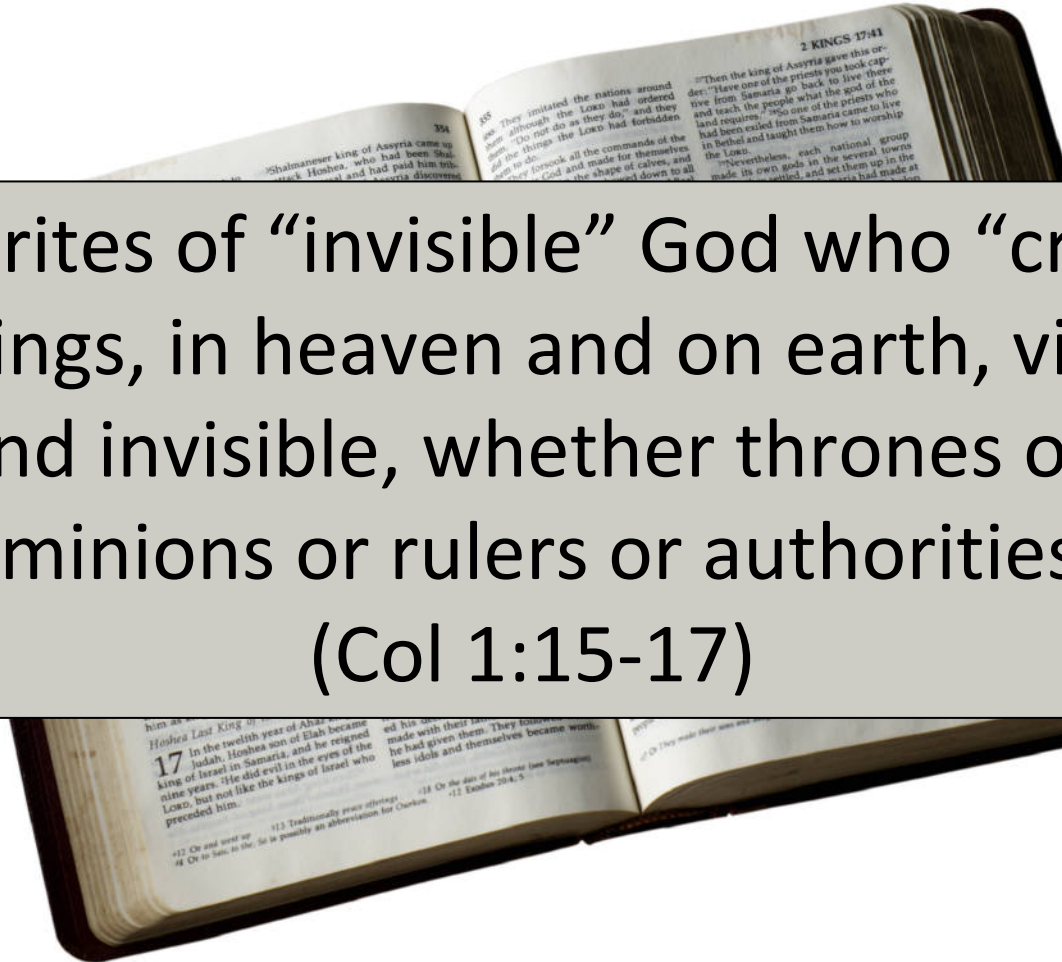
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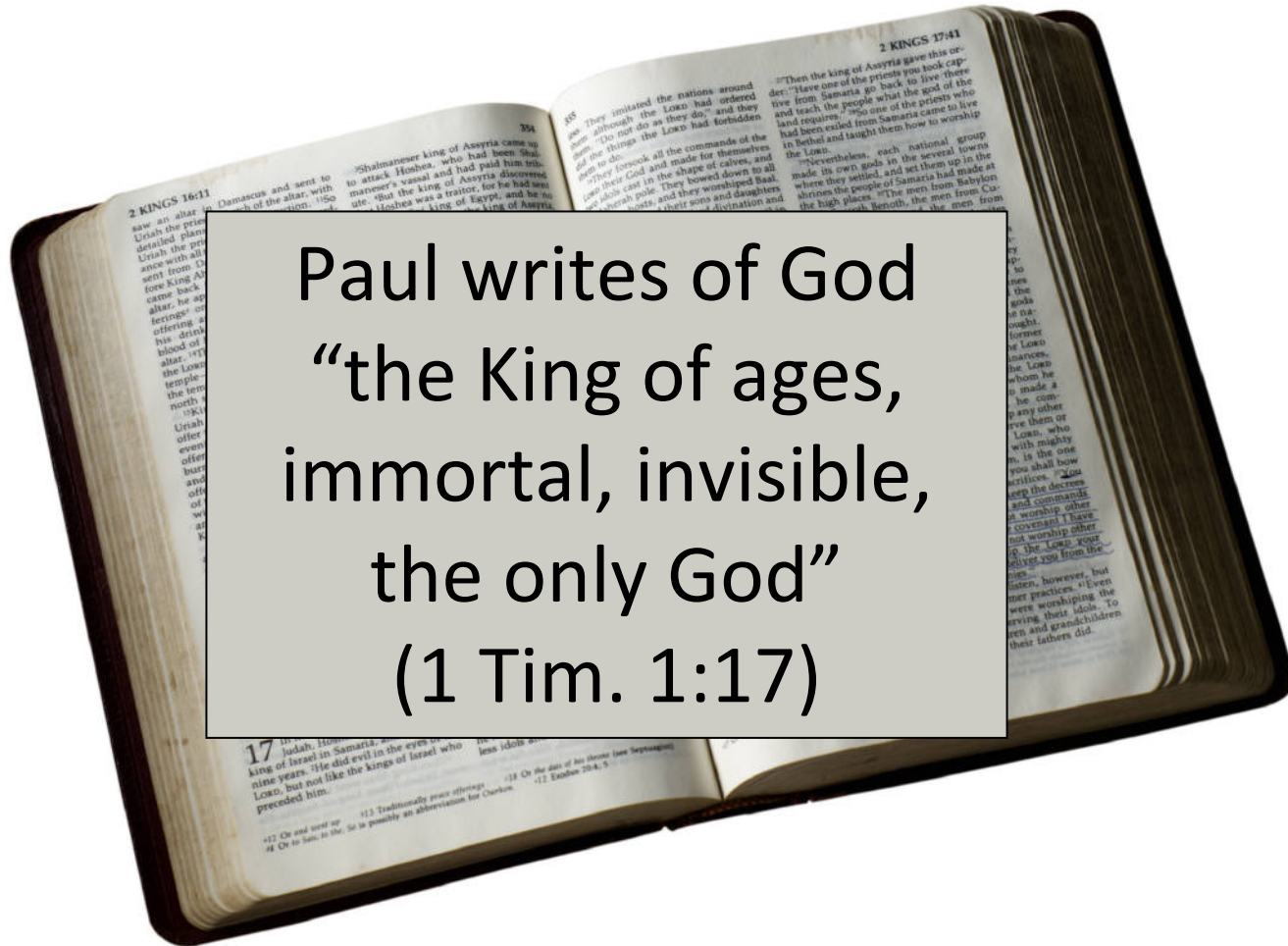


Consider God as “Creator”

Paul writes of “invisible” God who “created all things, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities ”
(Col 1:15-17)

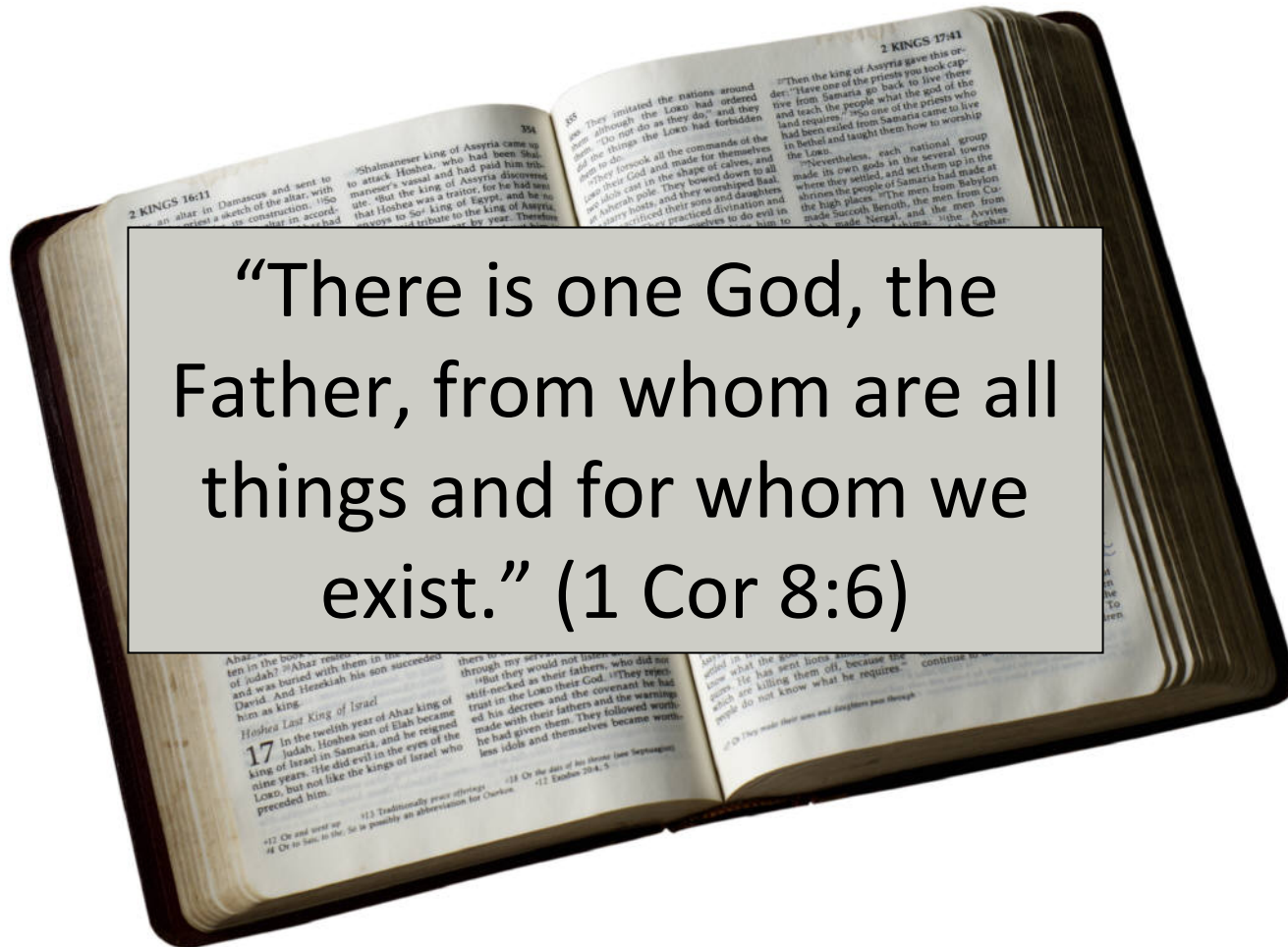


Consider God as “Creator”



Paul writes of God
“the King of ages,
immortal, invisible,
the only God”
(1 Tim. 1:17)

Consider God as “Creator”



“There is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist.” (1 Cor 8:6)

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3. *Creatio ex nihilo*

Creatio ex material:

Did God use existing material to make
the world?



Creatio ex Deo:

Is creation from the essence of God?



Creatio ex nihilo:
Did God create the universe out of
nothing?





1. Creatio ex material



1. Creatio ex Deo



1. Creatio ex nihilo

God “calls into existence the things that do not exist” (Rom. 4:17)



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“But will God indeed dwell on the earth?
Behold, heaven and the highest heaven
cannot contain you; how much less this
house that I have built!” (1 Kings 8:27)

God



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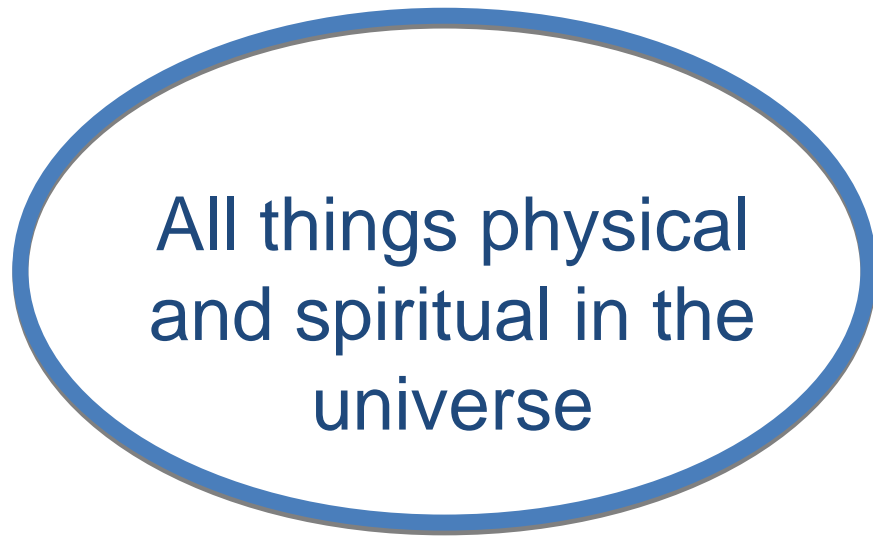


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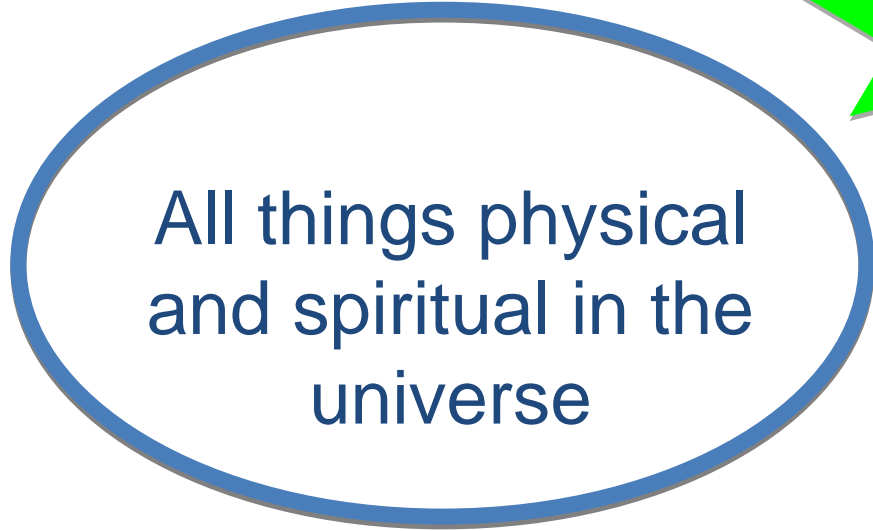
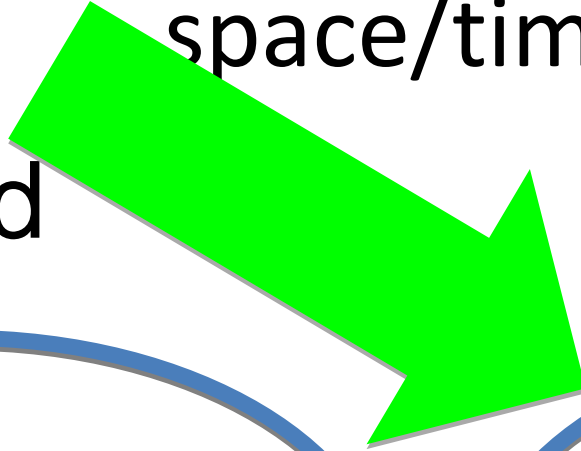
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An “immanent” God is *in* the universe

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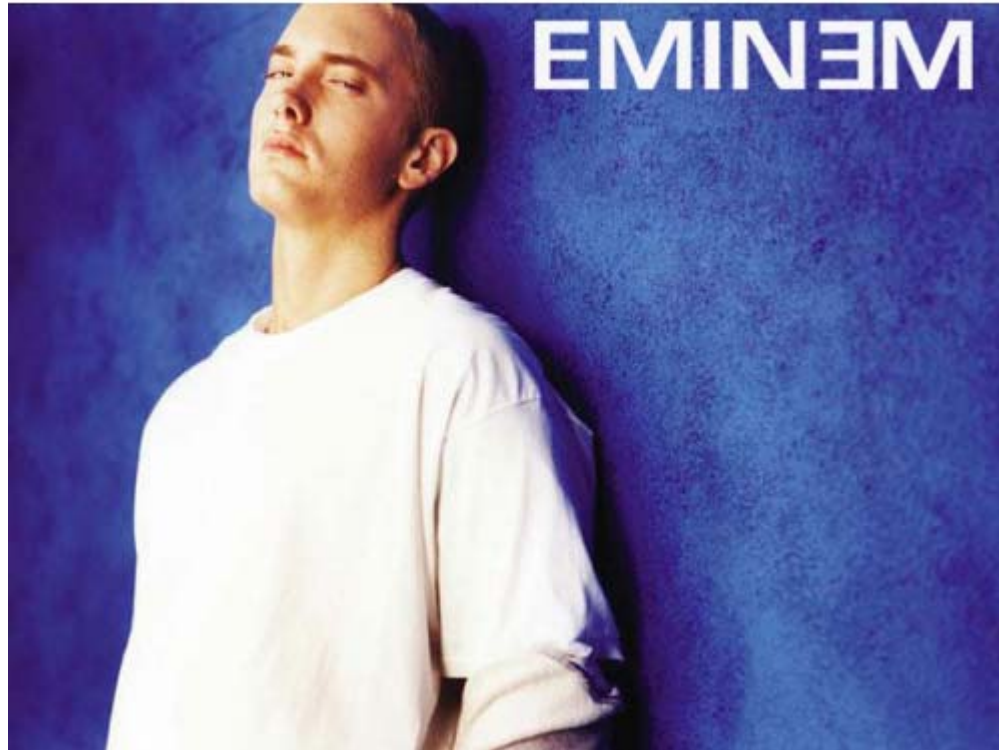
An “immanent” God is *in* the universe

God is “immanent”

God

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“Immanent” - not this guy!



Not these guys!



Not “imminent” either



God is “immanent”

God

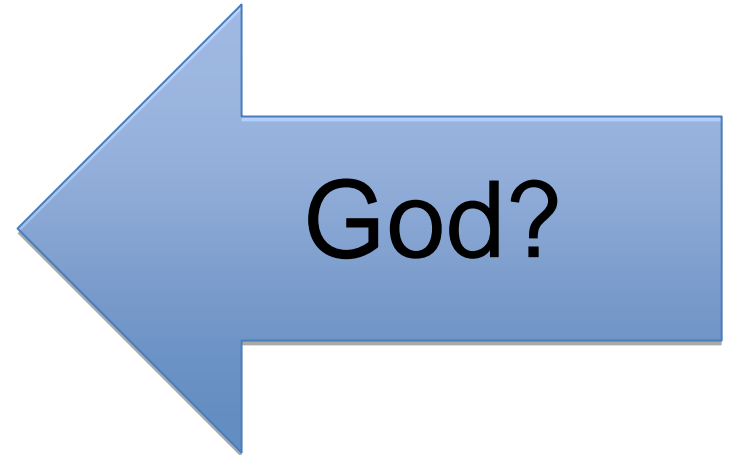
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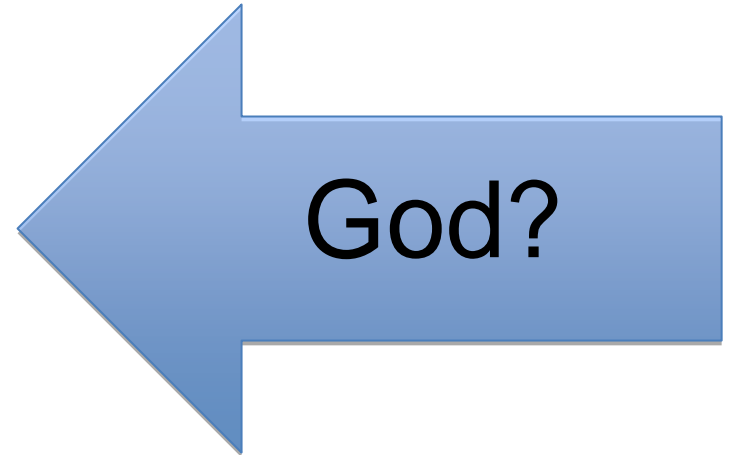
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God is present in his authority



“King of the ages”
(1 Tim 1:17)

God is present in his authority



“King of the ages”
(1 Tim 1:17)

God reigns and rules over all
matter in the universe

God is present in his power



God is present in his power



God's "invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world" (Rom. 1:20)

God is present by his knowledge

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Paul repeatedly calls on God
as his “witness”

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God fills heaven and earth but is
not mixed with heaven and earth





“God as who “made the world and everything in it” (transcendence).

“He is actually not far from each one of us, for, ‘In him we live and move and have our being’” (Acts 17:24-28)



Paul writes of God the Father “who is over all and through all and in all.” (immanence)
(Eph 4:6)

Among the crowd, some are
“called out”



Among the crowd, some are
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Paul prays the
church is “filled with
all the fullness of
God”
(Eph 3:19).



Among the crowd, some are
“called out”

“In him you also are
being built together
into a dwelling place
for God by the Spirit”
(Eph. 2:21)



Among the crowd, some are
“called out”

“Do you not know
that you are God’s
temple and that
God’s Spirit dwells in
you?”
(1 Cor. 3:16)



God is “immanent”



God

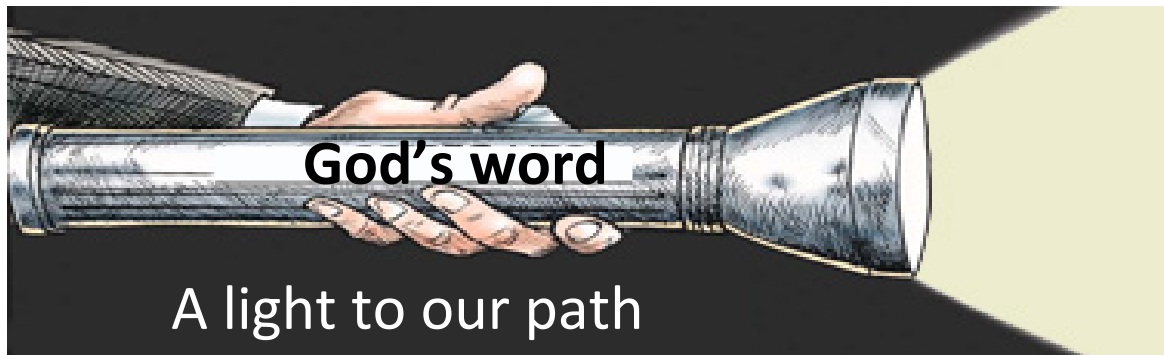
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God is “immanent”
And “transcendent”

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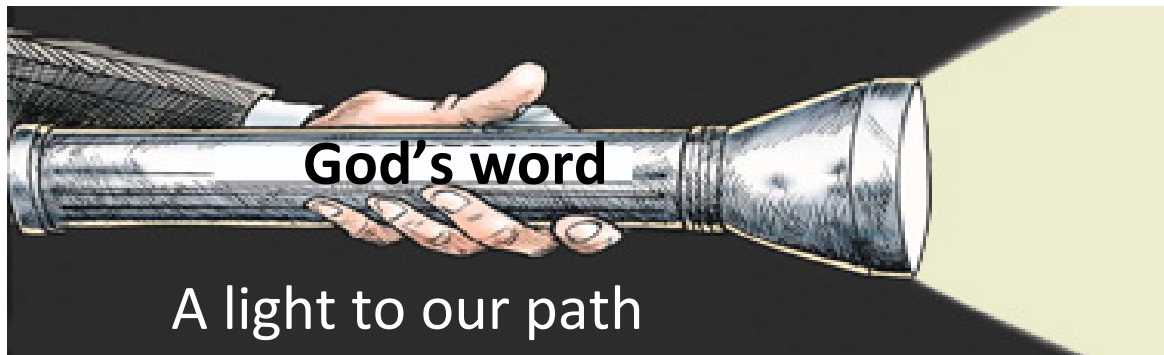
Points for Home

“God chose us in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world” (Eph. 1:4)



What we know of
God comes from his
revelation of himself





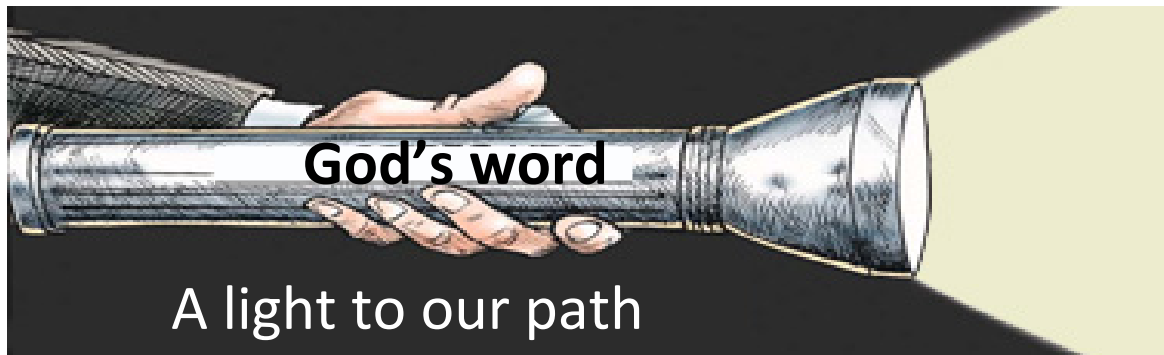
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“Where shall I flee
from your
presence”
(Psalm 139)



Points for Home

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“You formed my
inward parts”
(Psalm 139)