

# Eternal God

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Gen. 1:1 in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. It's obvious there was a beginning. Even Richard Dawkins will acknowledge that. However, the precision and apparent design of the universe would indicate an intelligent design. If the earth didn't have a 23.5-degree tilt we wouldn't have the seasons. If we didn't have the seasons, we wouldn't have nuts, berries, fruits or vegetables. If the earth was too close to the sun we would burn, too far away we would freeze. If the moon was too close, we would have massive tsunamis. Ocean travel would be impossible. We wouldn't be able to inhabit coastal regions. If the moon was too far away, we wouldn't have the ocean currents that thermoregulate our planet. If we didn't have the two giant gas planets, Jupiter and Venus, with their massive gravity, in their precise positions we would be a cosmic dart board. We could go on and on, but the point is that there is a very precise universe that appears to be intelligently designed. If there is an intelligent design there must be an intelligent designer. So obviously, if there is an intelligent designer that created the heavens and the earth, then that designer must be God. He had to have created space, time and matter simultaneously. He would have had to have time to put space in and space to put matter in. Rom. 1:20 says, for sense the creation of the world, his invisible attributes, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so they are without excuse.

But what was before creation? Col. 1:17 says He is before all things. John 1:1-3 says, in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. he was in the beginning with God. all things came into being through him and apart from him nothing came into being that has come into being. So, we can see through scripture, God was before anything was. He created time and space so he lives outside of time and space, therefore is unaffected by time and space. I.e., he is eternal. Our minds are limited in capacity and finite by nature. The concept of eternity, let alone an eternal God, is difficult to understand. No beginning, and no end. Rev. 22:13 gives us that exact description of Jesus. Jesus says, I am the alpha and the omega, the first and last, the beginning and the end.