

The Omniscience of God and the domain of its applicability

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Many theologians have stated that because God is "omniscient" (All-Knowing) and "omnipresent" in His infinite power then this somehow means that His Knowledge and Presence extends into the future indefinitely. God is regarded as a Being existing outside of all Time - including the past, present and future although His actions can affect all of these aspects of time. This has created strong debates over the centuries about the implications for human pre-destination and free-will. If God "knows" what human beings are going to do many years in the future, then do human beings really have any free choice? Some have managed to resolve this dilemma for themselves, but the author of this brief paper still sees the "future knowledge" of God with respect to human actions, as a proxy form of pre-determination. Where is the free-will and responsibility?

The ultimate answer to the age-old problem of free-will and pre-destination may lie in understanding God as acting only in one time-frame. This time-frame, can be defined as the immediate "Present" and the "Now". Additionally, God does not simply create things and then leave them to their own devices as a machine-maker does. Rather than a divine watch-maker, He is continuously nurturing and sustaining His creation, as well as continually re-newing it and re-creating it through cycles of birth, growth, and decay. In essence, there is no such thing as the "past" and the "future". The past no longer has any reality for it is a previous version of "now". It does, however, leave its imprints on the "now" and the present. The future cannot have any reality either. The "future" is an alien concept when it comes to all consciousness - including the Divine. If the future were to have any reality, then it would have to be created - i.e. all the actions of the individuals who make up the "future" would need to be created in God's "mind" at all times. In other words, these future actions and intentions would need to be created by God in some plane of existence before the individual actors are even born. Is this not an absurd concept?

Where God resides is where He Creates

If God is All-Knowing then the idea of Him not being able to foresee what an individual will do in 20 years time; seems to suggest that God is limited. In other words, one is saying that God "cannot" do something or God "cannot" be something. But is this really a problem? God cannot suddenly NOT become God and divine. God is God, and He resides in His domain for all eternity. God is the Creator, He cannot become "created". This is because there is and always has been only One, and that is He. He can imbue His divine qualities into his Creation to varying degrees - but ultimately, they will be distinct from Him because they are creation. They can be very alike Him in their qualities and actions and can point directly to Him - but ultimately, the Essence is beyond material form even though the Essence depends on the material form to make Itself known and appreciated. Thus, it is not absurd to say that what God CAN

"be" or "do" will be confined to a certain domain of suitability.

Thus it is, that God's only domain of residence is in the Now and in the Present - where He brings forth and sustains all Creation, where He records all their doings and understands the inevitable outcome of things that will soon manifest. The question of course, is if God's existence is always in the Present - does He have any concept at all of the future? The answer to this is the affirmative, however - His knowledge of the future entirely depends on his total and forensic understanding of the proceedings of the past and the immediate state of the present. From this, God has the best understanding of what will happen in the future. Better than all of creation, since God constantly knows all the states and configurations of matter and mental thoughts, and all their past configurations and states. God is never surprised, since God is immediately Present with all beings and entities. God understands their intentions immediately because it is the individual who uses God's Power to create these mental states. Even the subconscious is known constantly by God given that the ego is constantly requesting that He maintain its turbulent states. So, taking all into this account - God has no need to discern or "know" what will happen to an individual in the distant future.

Why does He have no need to know what happens long in the future?

This is because God "cannot" know it, because such a realm has no reality or existence. It lies outside the realm of "Be and It Is" (creational intention). God has yet to Decree it or Will it. God creates via an intermediary in the forms of various "angels". They are set with tasks and respond constantly within the domain of God's consciousness and creative Will. A future event several years in the future has no reality if God has not determined it within His domain of the Present. Thus, it has no relevance to the concern of the Divine consciousness. It is not a question of saying "God cannot predict 20 years into the future". It is simply a question of understanding where God's consciousness and actions lie. Despite this, it is true to say that there is some future pre-destination where God intends a being to live for x amount of years or die of a certain disease or even reside in a certain location at the time. But the degree of pre-destination that exists upon the moment a being is born - is limited so that the free-will of the being is not impaired and its life not rigged in a certain direction. Thus "fate" is not set into stone, unless of course a being or collection of beings firmly sets down a certain path or trajectory which can have no possible undoing.

Perhaps the ultimate aspect that we can take away from this concept of God being a continuous Creator who resides in the "Now" and the "Present" - is the fact that the most balanced and harmonious state of human consciousness resides in this immediate time-frame. A great sense of peace can enter the soul when it is not constantly agitated by the unknowns and possibilities of the future (a realm with no reality) or if it is upset by what happened to it in the past (which no longer has any reality - even though it may have imprint on the present). Thus, time is ultimately an illusion and even mortal beings can transcend it depending on their state of consciousness.