

The Asity of God

- Asity, Latin Word – “Out of Self or Self realignment, - being, existence in oneself
- Only God has being in him self
 - We have being from God and in God
- God alone is independent
- Herman Bavenick: Absolute Essence – The primary attribute of God, there is nothing above him
- God is self-sufficient, self-sustaining and self-satisfied
- He is the source of all that is
- God is life, He possesses all life and is the giver of all life (no matter physical or spiritual)
- God was always God, without beginning
- The asity of God is connected to the eternity of God
- At no point, God did not exist
- God is the uncreated creator
- A. W. Pink, Book suggestion, Attributes of God

If anything exists, then something must have always existed, if there was ever absolutely nothing, then now is nothing. For nothing comes into being by nothing. On the other hand, if anything exists now, then something has always existed. This is the one that has power and being in and of himself. This something or someone is the Living God – R. C. Sproul

"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.

(ROM 11:34-36 ESV)

There is nothing outside of God, that comes within (Romans 11:34-36)

- Who has given God any power, provision or anything? – No one, God has all, is all!
- Is there anything outside “all things”?
- From Him – He is the source of all
 - All is from his sovereign will
 - Has anything come forth that is not from God?
- Through Him – He is the means of all
 - The upholding, directing ...
 - Through his sovereign activity
- To Him - He is the goal, the aim
 - To his sovereign glory

SCRIPTURE

(Gen 1:1 ESV) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

(Psa 93:2 ESV) Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

(Eph 1:4 ESV) even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

(Tit 1:2 ESV) in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began

(Dan 7:13 ESV) "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

(Psa 90:2 ESV) Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

(Isa 43:10 ESV) "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

(Eph 1:11 ESV) In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

(Joh 1:4 ESV) In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

(Joh 5:26 ESV) **For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.**

(Joh 14:6 ESV) Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

SCRIPTURE

(Rom 9:26 ESV) "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"

(Act 17:28 ESV) for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring."

(Pro 16:4 ESV) The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.

(1Co 8:6 ESV) yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

(Eph 4:6 ESV) one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

(Col 1:17 ESV) And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

(Heb 1:3 ESV) He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

(Psa 36:9 ESV) For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

(Jer 2:13 ESV) for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

*Nothing:
originates in itself
proceeds in itself
is for itself*

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[Steven Lawson, The Attributes of God, His Asity & Spirituality](#)