

Time and Eternity

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Recently I spoke with a learned friend who brought up the subject of beginning and end. I told this friend that time is a function of eternity, which is limitless. Any attempt to unravel the riddle of eternity will boggle the mind. It is beyond comprehension. For us humans, time is finite because we are mortal and have been allotted only a certain amount of time on this planet. For me, I embrace the belief that the universe is operated by the GAOTU. The GAOTU has created a trestle board of infinite length upon which all events, both great and small, are listed. The GAOTU is everywhere. All is preordained by that great authority who reveals his plans to no mortal. Whatever happens occurs in accordance with the plan laid down on the trestle board. These plans transcend time and place and are multidimensional, rendering these plans inscrutable and beyond normal comprehension. The only entity who understands the trestle board is its creator, the GAOTU, in whom we place our trust, like children place their trust in their parents. The child follows what the parents ordain, and we do the same with the GAOTU who is the source of all existence. To delve any further on this subject leads us to a tautology that the human mind cannot unravel, namely, the question of who or what came before the GAOTU. This question challenges our powers of logic and reason that cannot fathom and process that which is endless. We can

only pay homage to the GAOTU and hope for the best with confidence that through faith in the GAOTU and in accordance with his plans, we will live full, meaningful and productive lives.

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