

Question: Since everything has to come from something that existed before it and Christians claim that God created all things, where did God come from?

Answering questions about the origin of God are extremely difficult to do in a way that we can understand. Our God is an unlimited and infinite being while we are limited, finite beings. There will always be some mystery about God that cannot be explained by human reason and logic. This does not mean faith in God is a leap in the dark. The Bible affirms that since the creation of this world there are some things about God that can be known (Romans 1:18-23). Because of what can be known about God, Christians are willing to trust in him in matters that they cannot know and comprehend. By his very nature, our eternal God exists in a totally different category from all created things that must have a maker in order to exist.

Have you ever heard of anyone who denies that everything in our material universe was made from or by something that existed before it? Houses do not build themselves; they must have a builder. As the Bible says, “Every house is built by someone” (Hebrews 3:4). Neither do children give birth to themselves; they must have parents. The same is true of everything of a material nature in our world. Since the first law of thermodynamics demonstrates that matter itself is not eternal, everything in our material universe had to come from something outside itself.

This means that for our material universe to exist there must be something or someone outside of it that is of a different nature or category. The ancient philosopher, Aristotle, called this “the uncaused first cause.” Thus, the Bible did not stop with saying, “For every house is built by someone,” but added, “God is the builder of everything” (Hebrews 3:4). God is Spirit and not matter (John 4:24). He exists outside our material universe and is not dependent upon anything or anyone else. God is eternal (1 Timothy 1:17). He has no beginning or end. He is the “the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End” (Revelation 22:13), the one “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation 1:8). Since God is unlike and beyond anything in our world that we can touch, see, taste, smell or hear, we must not assume that he

cannot exist because he had no maker. Instead, we can know that his existence is necessary for a world dependent upon a pre-existent series of causes and effects.

I challenge you to get to know him and allow him to bless and guide you. He sent Jesus Christ his son into this world to call each one of us to trust in him and to accept the gift of eternal life with him. Does it not make more sense to believe in an intelligent and eternal, self-existent God who created all things than to believe that our material universe of unintelligent rocks and dirt created itself? I pray that you will carefully consider these things.

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