

Open Theism

Open Theists believe that God cannot see the future because the future does not yet exist, and even an omniscient God cannot see something that does not exist. He cannot know something is true if it is not. He cannot know what He will do next if He has not yet made that decision. In the pages of Scripture, God certainly does act as though He cannot see the future. Many Bible prophecies are conditional in nature, and the results depend on the human responses to God's initiatives. God is often seen as changing His mind and doing things He would not otherwise do, in response to our prayers and our good and bad decisions. In other words, God is "open" to the possibility of many different outcomes. The future is not cast in granite, so to speak.

I believe the concept of Open Theism is Biblical, but it does not explain the whole story. God is also transcendent and exists outside of our space/time universe, and He does not always view human events in a linear fashion. I believe that in all probability time technically does not exist. It is a name we give to the space or separation in between events. That space differs for all of us depending on the vantage point from which we view those events. According to quantum physics, the smallest unit of time is the Planck unit. In between Planck units of time nothing exists, only pure consciousness, or quantum potential. Our human existence technically has no external reality. It only exists within our mind or thoughts. I like to discuss Christian salvation as a "progression" of events culminating in a final event in time. But, time actually is an artificial construct.

The conclusion is that we begin and end as perfect beings. We are "infinite" beings who have always existed and there was never a time in which we did not exist. We have always been "perfected" in Christ, our Savior or God Source. When we come out of these temporary "dream" states of temporal existence, it's as though we were never gone, except for the memories. When we enter the dream state, we temporarily become "lost." We lose touch with our true identity, our divine nature. When we wake up in Heaven from the dream or "life simulation," we are able to view all the events of our life from any perspective in time. We can view them sequentially or not. We can re-experience each event of our lives at any time and in any order. It's like cracking open the pages of a book that has already been written.

God views our existence in the same way. When God views our lives from within its pages, He cannot see the future. When He opens the book to another page that is all He sees. After He puts the book down, or turns to the last page, He sees the end result. I believe that God, or the greater collective consciousness, participates with us in our various life experiences. He does this quite literally as us, and also as other conscious beings who interact with us and view our life from both earthly and heavenly perspectives. God is many separate beings all at once. It is impossible for anyone to fathom the immensity and complexity of God. He is simultaneously both separate from and part of everything that exists.