

The Inscrutable Question: Eternal Life Compared with Physical Life; God Invents Time

21. From this we can easily conclude that eternal life is different from human life. Eternal life is the life of God. Not only is it a perfect composite of God's essence it also has no beginning or ending.
22. Human life on the other hand has a beginning and an ending: physical birth initiates it with the imputation of soul life to biological life and physical death terminates it with the removal of the soul (and for the believer the human spirit) from the body.
23. Eternity is the environment for eternal life while time is the environment for human life.
24. Consequently, when a person believes in Christ for salvation he receives the imputation of God's life called eternal life to his newly created human spirit.
25. When biological life exits the mother's womb at physical birth and God imputes to it soul life, this is an event that begins physical life for that person in an environment called time.
26. We have learned from our study of the Inscrutable Question that as a result of Lucifer appealing his sentence to the lake of fire he was granted an appeal trial.
27. In order to conduct that trial, a new set of witnesses had to be called. This led to the introduction of the human race.
28. Adam was created lower than the angels but with equal volition. He was not imputed eternal life but rather provided with perfect life.
29. In addition, man was provided with an environment considerably different from that of the angels. Angels function in the eternal state where as man functions in time.
30. Therefore, God invented time and placed man into a time-space continuum that is contained within the boundaries of the universe.
31. Outside the universe is the eternal state. Inside the universe is time, which consists of past, present, and future.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. "time":

A continuum which lacks spatial dimensions and in which events succeed one another from past through present to future.

32. Consequently, each of us is an event in time, which was invented by God as the environment for mankind.
33. Eternity has no beginning or ending but time has a beginning and an ending. Thus, time needs to be defined.

The Invention, Discovery, & Purpose of Time**A. God Invents Time:**

1. Time was invented by God and may be defined as indefinite, continuous duration in which events succeed one another.
2. God possesses eternal life and therefore has always existed, as is the case for His love and all of its composites.
3. When God decreed to create mankind His omniscience discerned that man would fall. Righteousness condemned this result and justice was obligated to judge mankind.

4. However, love provided a solution to be carried out under the policy of grace that would result in saving anyone who would believe in the solution provided.
5. The solution provided was the provision of God's Son as the uniquely born One with the result and with the purpose that anyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.
6. God decreed that He would create a perfect human couple. This means our original parents were trichotomous with perfect bodies and perfect lives in a perfect environment called the Garden of Eden.
7. Unlike the angels who were all created simultaneously, mankind began with only these two people, Adam and his wife, Ishah.
8. Following the Fall, they would believe in Christ which was an event in time. As they began to procreate, their children, Cain, Able, and Seth, became events in time.
9. Each member of the human race thus becomes an event, which begins at physical birth when soul life is imputed to biological life and ends when the soul is removed from the body at physical death.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—

v 2 - A time to give birth, and a time to die ...