

WHAT IS TIME? (David Harsha)

Time is a stream which is rapidly bearing us all to the boundless ocean of eternity!

Let us ask again, with all seriousness,
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I asked an **aged man**, a man of cares,
Wrinkled, and curved, and white with hoary hairs;
"Time is the warp of life," he said, "Oh tell,
The young, the fair, the gay, to weave it well!"

I asked the ancient, venerable **dead**,
Sages who wrote, and warriors who bled;
From the cold grave a hollow murmur flowed,
"Time sowed the seed we reap in this abode!"

I asked a **dying sinner**, before the tide
Of life had left his veins: "Time!" he replied;
"I've lost it! ah, the treasure!" and he died.

I asked the golden sun and silver spheres,
Those bright chronometers of days and years;
They answered, "Time is but a meteor glare,"
And bids us for Eternity prepare.

I asked the **Seasons**, in their annual round,
Which beautify or desolate the ground;
And they replied (no oracle more wise),
"Tis folly's blank, and wisdom's highest prize!"

I asked a **lost spirit**, but oh, the shriek
That pierced my soul! I shudder while I speak!
It cried, "a particle! a speck! a mite
Of endless years, duration infinite!" I asked my **Bible** and it said,
"Time is the present hour, the past is fled;

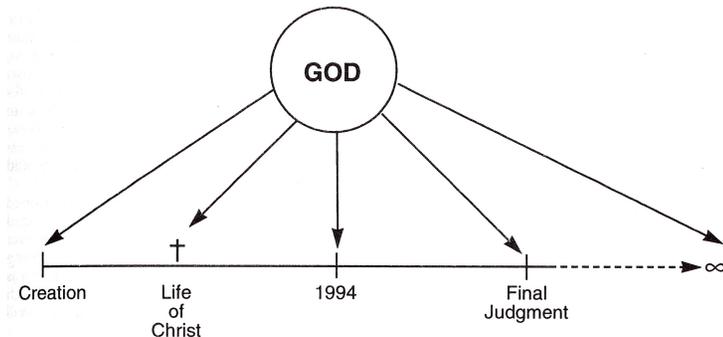
Live! live today! tomorrow never yet
On any living being rose or set!"

I asked **Old Father Time himself** at last;
But in a moment he flew swiftly past—
His chariot was a cloud, the viewless wind
His noiseless steeds; which left no trace behind.

I asked a **mighty angel**, who shall stand
One foot on sea, and one on solid land;
"By Heaven," he cried, "I swear the mystery's o'er;
"Time was," he cried, "but Time shall be no more!"

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Time is the path to GLORY, or the path to HELL!



THE RELATIONSHIP OF GOD TO TIME

God created time and is Lord over time. Therefore, he can see all events in time equally vividly, yet he also can see events in time and act in time. . . With regard to the future, God frequently claims through the Old Testament prophets that *he alone is the one who knows and can declare future events. (Isaiah.45:21)* *Systematic Theology, An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine, Pg. 177, Wayne Grudem.*

Isaiah 46:8-10—Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors,⁹ remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.