

God's eternity that "God comprehends and at the same time possesses a complete fulness of interminable life"; while Thomas Aquinas described this eternity as "a complete and at the same time a full possession of interminable life." *With this agree all the theologians, not only the R. C. but the Lutheran and the Reformed as well.* (italics my own)

- Herman Bavinck, *The Doctrine of God*, pp. 155-156.

To illustrate this agreement, one has only to quote A. A. Hodge:

His eternity. By affirming that God is eternal, we mean that his duration has no limit, and that his existence in infinite duration is absolutely perfect. He could have had no beginning, he can have no end, and in his existence there can be no succession of thoughts, feelings, or purposes. There can be no increase to his knowledge, no change as to his purpose. Hence the past and the future must be as immediately and as immutably present with him as the present. Hence his existence is an ever-abiding, all-embracing present, which is always contemporaneous with the ever-flowing times of his creatures. His knowledge, which never can change, eternally recognizes his creatures and their actions in their several places in time; and his actions upon his creatures pass from him at the precise moments predetermined in his unchanging purpose.

- A. A. Hodge, *The Confession of Faith* (published 1869, reprinted London: Banner of Truth, 1958), pp. 50-51.

And to show the persistence of this idea, we may quote a contemporary, Millard J. Erickson:

God is also infinite in relation to time. Time does not apply to him. He was before time began. The question, How old is God? is simply inappropriate. He is no older now than a year ago, for infinity plus one is no more than infinity. He simply is not restricted by the dimension of time. God is the one who always is. He was, he is, he will be. Psalm 90:1-2 says, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting thou art God." Jude 25 says, "To the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever."