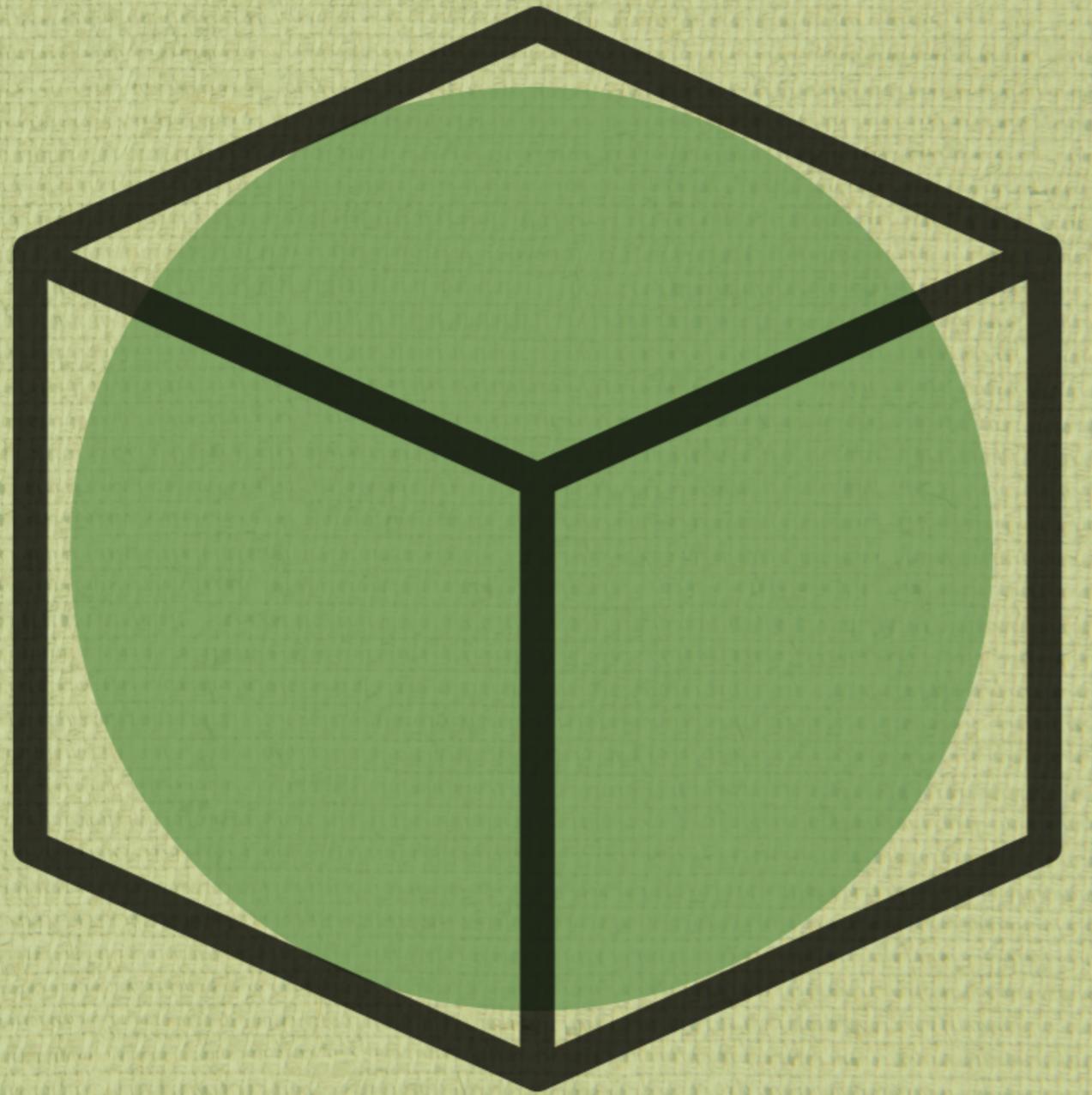


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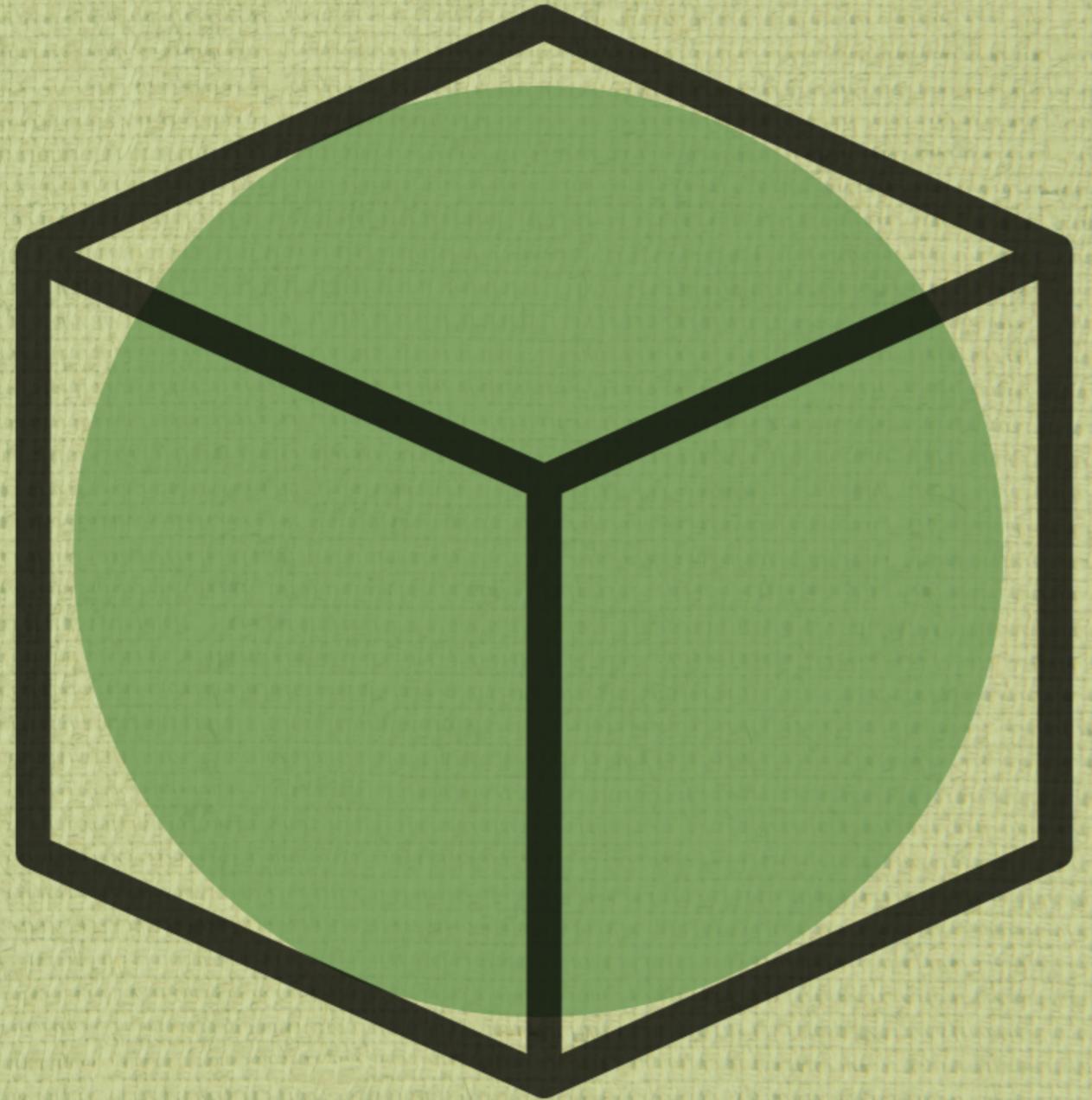
— David Powlison

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

— Philipians 3:12-14

Time and Presence

Psalm 90:2



Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

— Genesis 3:1

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

— Genesis 3:4-5

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

— Psalm 90:2

**Behold, God is great, and we know him not;
the number of his years is unsearchable.**

— Job 36:26

**Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**

— Psalm 93:2

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

— Jude 24-25

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

— Exodus 3:13-14

“Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

— John 8:56-59

“Our existence is marked off by days and weeks and months and years; not so the existence of God. Our life is divided into a past, present and future, but there is no such division in the life of God. He is the eternal ‘I am.’ His eternity may be defined as *that perfection of God whereby He is elevated above all temporal limits and all succession of moments, and possesses the whole of His existence in one indivisible present.* The relation of eternity to time constitutes one of the most difficult problems in philosophy and theology, perhaps incapable of solution in our present condition.”

— Louis Berkhof, Systematic Theology

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

— Galatians 4:4-5

“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

— Acts 17:30-31

“Time is itself a creation of God. That means that his relation to time is very different from ours. For us, time often passes too quickly for us to accomplish our purposes, or it passes too slowly to maintain our interest. We often fail to accomplish something because we ‘did not have enough time.’ But since he is a *se*, God does not depend on time in that way. He always has enough time to accomplish his purposes, and he never has too much. Another way to put it is that God is Lord of time, because he is Lord of everything created.”

— John Frame

“The infinity of God may also be viewed with reference to space, and is then called His immensity. It may be defined as that perfection of the Divine Being by which He transcends all spatial limitations, and yet is present in every point of space with His whole Being.”

— Louis Berkhof, Systematic Theology

**“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold,
heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you;
how much less this house that I have built!”**

— 1 Kings 8:27

But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

**“Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
What kind of house will you build for me, says the LORD,
or what is the place of my rest?
Did not my hand make all these things?”**

— Acts 7:47-50

**“The God who made the world and everything in it,
being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in
temples made by man, nor is he served by human
hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself
gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.”**

— Acts 17:24-25

**Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

— Psalm 139:7-10

“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.”

— Jeremiah 23:23-24

**The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
Keeping watch on the evil and the good.**

— Proverbs 15:3

“As a matter of course whatever is finite has its existence in space. Its very limitedness implies the idea of ‘whereness.’ It is always somewhere, and not at the same time somewhere else...God transcends all space and whereness. He is not ‘somewhere’; yet he fills heaven and earth; he does not permeate space as does the light or the air, but he is present at every place with his whole being.”

— Herman Bavinck, The Doctrine of God

“Clearly, God’s relation to space is different from ours. We are limited by our bodies to a certain portion of space; God is not. The time, expense, and effort of travel limit our ability to visit different places. That is not true of God...God is sovereign over spatial reality, the Lord of space.”

— John Frame, Systematic Theology

“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place...”

— Acts 17:26

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

— Ephesians 5:15-16

“When we reach for omnipresence ourselves, we guarantee that we will be fully present nowhere, spread thin, people of divided attentions, efforts, and loyalties. Better to trust that these bodies which tether us to one location are good limits given by a good God...When we trust him as fully present everywhere, we are finally free to be fully present wherever he has placed us — face-to-face with those we love, seeking the face of God.”

— Jen Wilkin, None Like Him

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