

unconsciously but wrongly transfer to eternal being, for we say that it "was", or "is", or "will be", but the truth is that "is" alone is properly attributed to it, and that "was" and "will be" are only to be spoken of becoming in time, for they are motions, but that which is immovably the same forever cannot become older or younger by time, nor can it be said that it came into being in the past, or has come into being now, or will come into being in the future, nor is it subject at all to any of those states which affect moving and sensible things and of which generation is the cause. These are the forms of time, which imitates eternity and revolves according to a law of number. Moreover, when we say that what has become is become and what becomes is becoming, and that what will become is about to become and that the nonexistent is nonexistent -- all these are inaccurate modes of expression. But perhaps this whole subject will be more suitably discussed on some other occasion.

Time, then, and the heaven came into being at the same instant in order that, having been created together, if ever there was to be a dissolution of them, they might be dissolved together. It was framed after the pattern of the eternal nature -- that it might resemble this as far as was possible, for the pattern exists from eternity, and the created heaven has been and is and will be in all time. Such as the mind and thought of God in the creation of time.

-- *The Collected Dialogue of Plato*, ed. Edith Hamilton and Huntington Cairns (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1961), p. 1167.

c. Scriptures used to support God's alleged timelessness

Three Scriptures are frequently used to support the conception of God's timelessness:

Isaiah 57:15 -- "For thus says the high and exalted one  
Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,  
I dwell on a high and holy place,  
And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit  
In order to revive the spirit of the lowly  
And to revive the heart of the contrite."

Psalms 90:4 -- "For a thousand years in Thy sight  
Are like yesterday when it passes by,  
Or as a watch in the night."

II Peter 3:8- But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."