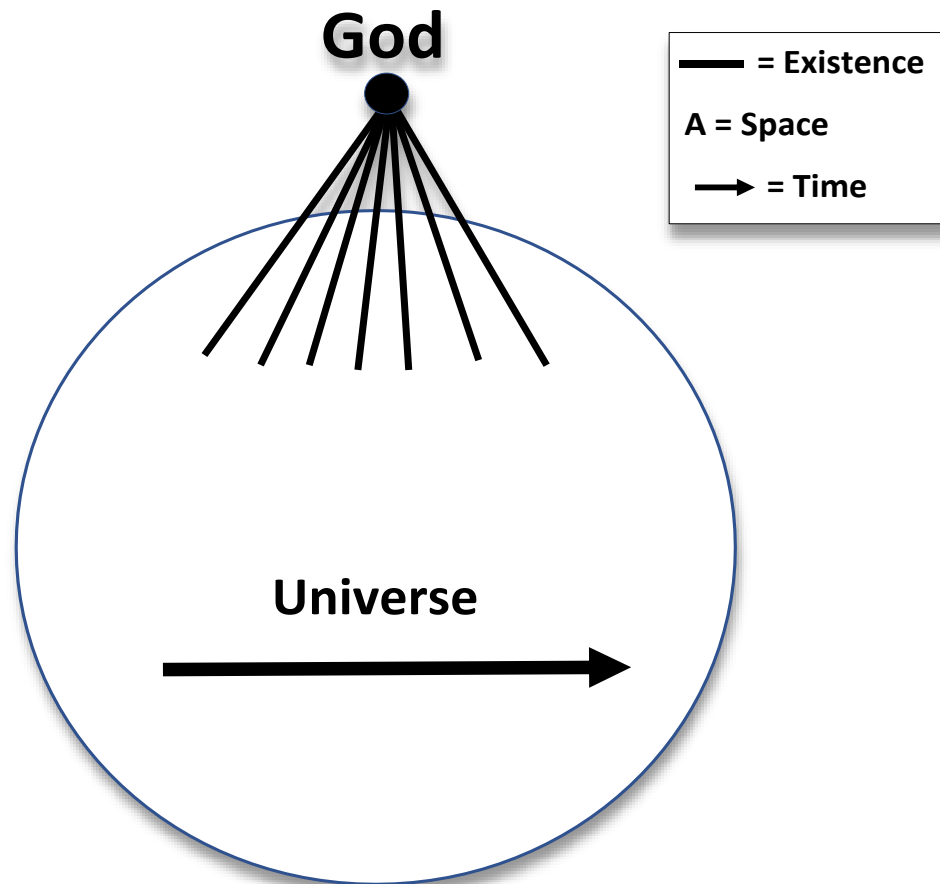


Reflective Assessment

Directions: Examine the diagram below and respond to the questions below. Remember to interpret the diagram considering what we have been discussing.



1. If the area of the circle (“A”) represents all created space in our universe, and the arrow represents time, how is God’s relation to the universe represented by the diagram?
2. What are the “lines” coming from God meant to represent? What type of cause do the lines represent: “non-simultaneously acting causes” or “simultaneously acting causes”?
3. If the arrow representing time pointed in both directions (meaning that time had no beginning), would that change the meaning of this diagram?
4. How does this diagram show that creation is distinct from questions about the beginning of the universe?