

Uncreated Unmovable Isaiah 46

"Remember this and stand firm,
recall it to mind, you transgressors,

remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
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,

The Point: God is a singular being, the uncreated Creator and unmovable mover.

The Question: Where would you be without God?

All gods will bow down to the LORD. (Vs. 1-2)

He creates and carries—he is not carried. (Vs. 3-4; 6-7)

God has no equal. (Vs. 5; 8-11)

Transcendent Immutable Immanent Necessary There are gods, and then there is God. Some create personal gods to please their proclivities: appetites and likings. Some find gods in stores and buy them off the shelf—no kidding! Some find gods in books and, without research, hold on to false teaching to their ruin.

All gods will bow before the God of creation. The two gods named in Isaiah 46 are Bel and Nebo. They are named on purpose because they are the chief gods of Israel's potential overlords. Bel was the god of thunderstorms and agriculture. Nebo is the god of writing and human wisdom. God created nature and human wisdom, and the false gods who have usurped the title will take the knee.

"Our Father who is in heaven," you are transcendent and immanent. The LORD God is not created, and he has no need to be crated and carried from place to place. Bell and Nebo are packed up and carried by donkey, ox, and cart; set-up so that they won't fall over, displayed so they can be admired and worshipped. The LORD God carries his children from the cradle to the grave and the life after life. *I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. Isa 46.4* "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." Amen.

Our God, the LORD God, has no equal: he is necessary and immanent. There is only one necessary being in heaven and earth; *Elohim*, the Creator of matter, time, energy, and space. Aristotle 350BC wrote, there had to be an "unmovable mover," and this deity/force had to be all good. Immanent means he is always present. He is not the great "clockmaker."

The believer can make significant gains by meditating on this chapter. Verse 8 tells us to remember he is the only God; almost a call to repentance That minds me of Eph 6.13-14; do what it takes to stand firm—then stand! Verse 10 is a reminder that God has told the ending at the beginning. Finally, verses 10-11 are a stern reminder that his purpose will happen as he said it would.

Know, honor, and tell the truth of judgment and grace.