

DIVINE PROGRAMMER

Computer programmers create programs that encompass entire cyber worlds. Within these worlds are computer-generated characters that are limited to what they can do by the boundaries of the program. However, it would be ludicrous to say the programmer is subject to those same boundaries within her cyber world. She is outside her program and can change a boundary whenever she chooses.

God has created a colossal program - the universe. He generated creatures with free-will to live in it, (Nehemiah 9:6). Sin soon corrupted God's program and suffering followed. God is in the process of dealing with this corruption and bringing creation back to His original design.

Within God's universe He has written boundaries (laws of time, space and science) to which every creature is subject. However, we shouldn't assume God is subject to these same laws. As programmers are outside their program - God is outside the laws of time, space and science that He created. The universe is subordinate to its Creator.

God is omnipresent (everywhere all the time). He is also omnipotent and omniscient. It is impossible for a human finite mind to fully grasp an infinite being. Many academic minds reject God because He doesn't comfortably fit into the boundaries they understand. Trying to fit infinite God into our limited understanding is like a computer-generated-character trying to comprehend its programmer.

All we need remember is that the laws of time, space and science are subordinate to the Creator – not the other way round. At any moment, God can change a boundary if it suits His purpose – we call this act a miracle. However, God may need to be very cautious with miracles; as any programmer can attest when you insert a new boundary there are ripples throughout the program.

Even if we don't like the proposition that we are subordinate to our Creator (and many do not), the best thing we can possibly do is 'get with His program'. John 3:16 states: **For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

