God, Time, and Physics

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Abstract: This paper’s goal is to look at arguments for whether the traditional western conception of God has God existing outside or inside of time and put up the two prevailing conceptions, God inside of time or God outside of time, up against modern scientific understanding of time as an element of physics. Looking at the logical implications of these two prevailing conceptions I attempt to see if they could be reconciled with modern physics. My conclusion is that while it is possible to conceive of a logically coherent God that fits with either conception, doing so would result in a God outside of what is traditionally thought about in western theology.