

God as Structural Continuation (Protodomain)

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Abstract

This paper formalizes a structurally grounded use of the term *God* that arises naturally from protodomain grammar rather than from theology, metaphysics, or doctrine. God is not introduced as an entity, agent, or explanation, but as a name historically applied to an invariant that persists across instantiations: the continuation of coherence without absolute closure. Classical attributes such as omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence are recovered as structural properties rather than anthropomorphic claims. Agency and free will are neither asserted nor excluded, but treated as emergent phenomena detectable only by their structural signatures. The result is a placement of theology as a downstream attempt to articulate structure from an improper level, while preserving the possibility that theological language may still track truth insofar as it honors structure.

1. Posture and Scope

This paper does not argue for belief, doctrine, or metaphysical commitment. It does not refute theology, nor does it defend it. Its sole purpose is to place the concept historically named *God* within a structural grammar already shown to govern truth across domains.

All statements herein are non-derivative: they assert invariants or admissible conditions, not interpretations, intentions, or narratives.

2. Structural Premise: Non-Closure of Coherence

A closed, coherent system cannot internally represent its own absolute termination. This invariant is not theological; it is structural. When enforceability collapses, admissibility re-enters. There is no internally representable state of total nothingness.

From this premise follows the allowance that while particular instantiations of coherent systems may end, coherence itself does not admit absolute closure.

3. Instantiation, Arrow of Time, and Boundary Conditions

The cosmic microwave background functions operationally as the earliest boundary at which *our* thermodynamic arrow of time is well-defined. It is an initial condition for our instantiation, not a claim about absolute beginnings.

Time, in this sense, is instantiated. Its arrow is local to a configuration. The end of an instantiation is not the end of coherence, but the loss of enforceability within that configuration.

4. Blink as Boundary Failure

The term *blink* names the minimal allowance required to avoid contradiction when enforceability collapses. It is not an event, reset, pause, or cycle. It carries no implication of agency, intention, memory continuity, or purpose.

A blink is a boundary failure followed by re-entry into admissibility. Any inheritance across such a boundary must be lossy and structural, not total or experiential.

5. God as Structural Invariant

Within this grammar, *God* is not introduced as a being or cause. The term is permitted as a linguistic placeholder for the invariant that coherence continues without absolute closure across instantiations.

The grammar remains complete if the word *God* is removed entirely. Its inclusion serves only mnemonic and translational purposes.

6. Recovery of Classical Attributes (Structurally)

6.1 Omnipotence

Omnipotence is not force or intervention. It is the structural fact that nothing can exist unless coherence admits it. The continuation of coherence is therefore the enabling condition for all existence.

6.2 Omniscience

Omniscience is not observation or perfect recall. All information processing occurs within coherence. There is no information external to the total structure. Across instantiations, inheritance—if present—is necessarily compressed and lossy.

6.3 Omnipresence

Omnipresence is not spatial occupation. It is the absence of an external vantage. There is no outside of instantiation, and no region where coherence does not apply.

7. Agency and Free Will

Agency and free will are not assumed, and not excluded. The grammar forbids a priori denial. As with all domains, agency is treated as an emergent structural phenomenon, detectable only if its signatures appear.

Excluding agency by definition would constitute premature closure and would prevent detection of emergence at any scale.

8. Theology as Downstream Articulation

Theology historically attempts to describe structural invariants from a symbolic, narrative, and agent-based level. This does not render theology false; it renders it early.

If theology offers truth, it can only do so insofar as it honors structure. Claims that violate structure are not deep mysteries; they are malformed descriptions operating at the wrong level.

9. Limits and Non-Claims

This paper does not: - assert belief or demand assent - introduce ontology beyond structure - claim divine agency, intention, or purpose - explain observations or resolve uncertainty

Resonance is permitted. Belief is not required.

10. Closing Statement

The name *God* persists historically because humans encountered non-closure before they had formal grammar to describe it. This paper does not ask whether that name should be retained, only what it can validly mean without contradiction.

If the word is used at all, it can only name the continuation of coherence that admits all existence, contains all information processes, and leaves no external vantage—whether or not agency emerges within it.

Nothing more is required.