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That would make "dams as to beavers" as parallel to "universes as to gods".

Beavers can build dams only because they were born with anticipations as to dam-building - meaning that over eons of time through trial and error prior iterations of "beavers" built prior dams.

In the case of gods, if the universe had not always existed, no earlier gods could ever have existed to form earlier universes. The universe necessarily precedes both gods and beavers.

The fact that beavers make dams now, and that humans can (or may in the future) shape something like new worlds from existing ones, can never establish that there was a "first" dam or first world that was created from nothing. There had to be a universe first, and then nature "experimenting" over time, to get us to where we are now and to where wherever we may get in the future.

Only by asserting without evidence an omnipotent and eternal god, which is against all human experience and observation and therefore anticipation, do you get past that problem. And that assertion is totally illegitimate - a false opinion made false by its lack of evidence to support it.