

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Incommunicable (transcendent otherness)

1. Self-existence [Aseity]

Exodus 3:13-14: Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' 'what shall I say to them?'" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

2. Self-sufficiency

Acts 17:25-25: The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

3. Omnipresence

*Isaiah 43:1-2: But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; I will be with you.*

*Psalms 139:7-10: Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.*

4. Eternity

*Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

5. Immutability

*Psalm 102:25-27: Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.*

They will perish, but you will remain;

they will all wear out like a garment.

*You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
but you are the same, and your years have no end.*

*James 1:17: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down
from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to
change.*

6. Unity and Simplicity

Communicable (immanent nearness)

1. Spiritual
2. Intellectual

Omniscience

Omnisapience

Truth

3. Moral

Goodness

Holiness

4. Rulership

5. BEAUTY

THE TRINITY

Three persons:

John 17:3: And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 1:1-2: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

John 20:28: Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Genesis 1:2: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

1 Peter 1:21: For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:3-4: But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

Each fully God:

John 8:58: Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

2 Cor 13:14: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Matthew 28:19: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

There is one God:

1 Timothy 2:5: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Deuteronomy 6:4: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one."

John 10:30: I and the Father are one.

Ephesians 4:5-6: There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Definition of the Trinity

God's whole and undivided essence belongs equally, eternally, simultaneously, and fully to each of the three Persons of the Godhead, so that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each is fully God while each is his own personal expression, in role and activity, of the one eternal and undivided divine essence.

Various heresies:

- Dynamistic Monarchianism/Subordinationism
- Modalism
- Arianism

*****Homoousios vs Homoiousios*****

*****The Filioque controversy*****

The Economic Nature of the Trinity

The Father

The Son

The Spirit

UNITY is not UNISON!
DISTINCTION is NOT DISCORD!

Why is this an important doctrine?