

Institutes of Theology
Semester 4 | Theology Proper

Quiz #3 Study Guide
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*For the quiz, you will **match** the term with the appropriate Scripture as it relates to our obligation to Scripture (Taken from *Biblical Doctrine* pg. 211–229).

1. **The Decree of God:** God's eternal plan, whereby, according to his decretive will and for his glory, he foreordained everything that comes to pass.
2. **Creation:** God's creation is defined as his work by his Word and for his glory in creating the universe out of nothing so that its original condition was without spiritual or physical corruption.
3. **Fiat Creationism:** God created the universe by fiat (or decree). This view asserts and argues that God created everything in six literal twenty-four-hour days and that he created man as special and distinct from all other creatures in the image of God. That God created directly by his Word is explicitly stated in Scripture.
4. **Miracle:** God suspending natural laws and personally reaching into life to rearrange people and their circumstances according to his will.
5. **Providence:** God's preserving his creation, operating in every event in the world, and directing the things in the universe to his appointed end for them.
6. **Preservation of the Universe:** The triune God's ever-active work through God the Son in maintaining the things he created with all the characteristics and dynamics he gave them.
7. **Divine Concurrence:** God's operation with created things, causing them (whether acting directly or ordaining them through secondary causes), through their properties, to act.
8. **Divine Governance:** God's continual active rule over all things so that, through them, he will accomplish his ultimate purpose of glorifying himself.
9. **Theodicy:** A vindication of God's justice against the charge that the presence of evil in creation shows him to be unjust, impotent, both, or nonexistent.... [It] declares that God is all-powerful and all-good even though this might not seem to be the case since evil exists in the creation.
10. **Compatibilistic Theodicy:** human free will and divine determinism are complementary ideas; that is, it is possible to accept both without being logically inconsistent.