

Institutes of Theology
Semester 4 | Theology Proper

Quiz #1 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* pages 143–188).

1. **Theology Proper:** Seeks to ground the knowledge of God's existence in Scripture and to relegate all other evidence of God's existence to secondary status, subordinate to Scripture's assessment.
2. **Ontological Argument:** God's existence is proved by man's thought that God exists as the perfect being.
3. **Cosmological Argument:** The argument from the created realm to an Ultimate Cause for it all.
4. **Teleological Argument:** The complex order, design, purpose, and intelligence in the universe is the result of the work of an intelligent, purposeful designer, who is God.
5. **Moral Argument:** The ethical phenomena in man (conscience, reward and punishment, moral values, and the fear of death and punishment) imply a moral being who created and maintains the moral order in the world.
6. **Yahweh:** The most common name for God in the Old Testament.
7. **Elohim:** God as supreme power, strength, and might.
8. **Incommunicable Perfections of God:** Characteristics unique to God (e.g., self-existence, simplicity, immensity).
9. **Communicable Attributes of God:** Characteristics transferable in part to humans (e.g., goodness, righteousness, love).
10. **Aseity:** God is independent of all things.
11. **Divine Simplicity:** God's indivisibility, his perfect lack of composition. This means that each of and all his perfections *are* his essence.
12. **Goodness:** God is the perfect sum, source, and standard (for himself and his creatures) of that which is wholesome (conducive to well-being), virtuous, beneficial, and beautiful.

13. **Holiness:** God's inherent and absolute greatness, in which he is perfectly distinct above everything outside himself and is absolutely morally separate from sin.
14. **Decretive Will:** God's "secret will," and yet while its full extent is hidden, aspects of it are revealed (e.g., predictive prophecy). This is God's good pleasure, his eternal, unchangeable counsel or decree in which he has foreordained all things.
15. **Preceptive will:** This consists of God's precepts in the law and in the gospel for man's conduct (Matt. 7:21; 12:50; John 7:17; Rom. 12:2; 1 Thess. 4:3–8; 5:18; Heb. 13:21; 1 John 2:17). It is often called God's "revealed" or "signified" will.