

Theology 101: 10 Words That Describe What God Is Like

What Does Genesis 1 Suggest About God?

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:1)

- God Is Obvious
- God Is Eternal
- God Is Incomprehensible
- God Is Knowable
- God Is Unique
- God Is Plural
- God Is Creative
- God Is Intelligent
- God Is Powerful
- God Is the Center of Attention

If God Obviously Exists, Why Do People Reject Him?

God Has Clearly Shown Himself in Many Ways

- | GENERAL REVELATION | SPECIAL REVELATION |
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| • Creation | • Communicators (<i>Prophets</i>) |
| • Conscience | • Coming to Earth (<i>Jesus</i>) |
| | • Canon (<i>the Bible</i>) |

Some Commonly Used Evidences for God

1. *Cosmological* – Everything we see has a cause. God = First Cause.
2. *Teleological* – Everything has design and purpose. God = Designer.
3. *Ontological* – We have the idea of God. There must be a God.
4. *Psychological* – We have a consciousness of God in the soul.
5. *Anthropological* – Man=intellect & morality. Evolution is material.
6. *Moral* – We have a sense of right, wrong, & justice.
7. *Laws of Logic* – Only with God can there be reason or logic.

So Why Do People Still Reject God?

NOTE: It is NOT a lack of information, a good argument, etc.

1. *Because They Desire to Suppress the Truth They Know (Rom 1:18-20)*
¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness,
2. *Because They Develop Futile Thoughts and Become Fools (Rom 1:21-23)*
²¹ because, **although they knew God**, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but **became futile in their thoughts**, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, **they became fools**,
3. *Because God Gives Them Up to Deeper Sin (Rom 1:24-32)*
²⁴ Therefore **God also gave them up** to uncleanness, ²⁶ For this reason **God gave them up** to vile passions. ²⁸ **God gave them over** to a debased mind,
4. *Because They Love Sin and Desire to Hide from God's Truth (John 3:16-21)*
¹⁹ "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil.
5. *Because the God of This Age Has Blinded Them (2 Cor 4:3-4)*
³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. (2 Cor 4:3-4)

10 Words That Describe What God Is Like

These are often called God's **attributes** or God's **perfections**. God has many attributes (not just these), and people categorize them in different ways.

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1. _____: **God is completely separate from _____.**
Is 6:2-3 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!"
1 Pet 1:15-16 but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
2. _____-**Existing: God does not _____ anyone or anything.**
Ex 3:14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" [also, "the living God"]
3. _____: **God is not limited by _____ or _____.**
Ps 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.
4. _____: **God _____ all things past, present, & future.**
Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!
5. **Omni _____: God possesses infinite _____.**
Rev 19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"
6. **Omni _____: God is _____ of everything everywhere.**
Ps 139:7-8 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are* there.
7. _____: **God is the absolute & sole _____ of all.**
Eph 1:11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
8. _____: **No material substance, free from physical limits.**
John 4:24 "God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
9. _____: **God never _____.**
Ps 102:27 But You *are* the same, And Your years will have no end.
Mal 3:6 For I *am* the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.
James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
10. _____: **God _____ in His words and actions.**
Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,
Psa 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.
1 John 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

