

QUESTION:

DISCUSS THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

ALL POWERFUL, ALL PRESENT, ALL KNOWING

TRANSCENDENT

TRIUNE

RULER OF ALL CREATION

IMMUTABLE

BLAMELESS

UNIQUE

TIMELESS

ETHEREAL

SELF-EXISTENT

Refer to the following links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfttQ24L-fY>

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FW_6nXCmVVc

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57Ei8JM3L9k>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=surQPAarBdc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3YhQuCfD7M>

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ANSWER:

THESE ARE QUALITIES THAT MAKE GOD DIFFERENT FROM ANY ONE ELSE.

MNEMONIC - "ATTRIBUTES"

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AMPLIFICATION

ALL POWERFUL, ALL PRESENT, ALL KNOWING

1. ALL POWERFUL

He is able to do whatever He wills within His nature. Nothing is impossible for God.

Matt.19:26

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Rev.19:6

And I heard, as it were the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of mighty waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

Jer 32:17

'Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. (NKJ)

Job 42:2

"I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.

(NKJ)

THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT GOD CANNOT DO:

- **HE CANNOT LIE**

Num 23:19

"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (NKJ)

Titus 1:2

in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, (NKJ)

Heb 6:18

that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. (NKJ)

- **HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF**

2 Tim 2:13

If we are faithless, he remains faithful; he cannot deny Himself.(NKJ)

- **HE CANNOT BE TEMPTED**

James 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

2. ALL KNOWING

God knows all things past, present and future.

1 John 3:20

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

Acts 15:18

"Known to God from eternity are all His works."

Isa 46:10

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:(KJV)

Ps 147:5

Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; his understanding is infinite.(NKJ)

Heb 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.(NKJ)

3. ALL PRESENT

He is present everywhere at once. Omnipresence refers to His presence in all existing things – this is within the context of space.

Ps 139:7-10

7Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

8If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

9If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10*Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.(NKJ)*

Matt.18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Jer.23:23-24

23 "Am I a God near at hand," says the Lord, "And not a God afar off? 24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places so I shall not see him?" says the Lord; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord.

Eph.1:23

which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all.

Omnipresence refers to His presence in all existing things. This is a relative perfection – a relation to his creation.

Immensity is an absolute perfection – this refers to His existence without the limitation of space. He is not limited by space. He is infinite in His relationship to space. Space is dependent upon Him.

I King 8:27

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!(NKJ)

Isa 66:1

Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?(NKJ)

2 Chr 2:6

But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him?

(NKJ)

TRANSCENDENT

THIS MEANS:

1. NOT A PART OF CREATION BUT SEPARATE FROM CREATION AND
2. HIGHER THAN ALL HIS CREATION

1. SEPARATE FROM CREATION

Col.1:16

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Gen.1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Acts 14:15

and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them."

Neh.9:6

You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things on it, the seas and all this is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

2. HIGHER THAN HIS CREATION

2.1. ABOVE ALL

Eph.4:6

one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

2.2. HIGHER THAN HEAVEN AND THE EARTH

Ps.113:5

Who is like the Lord our God, who dwells on high.

2.3. HIGHER THAN ALL GODS

Ps.95:3

For the Lord is a great God, and the great King above all gods.

2.4. HIGHER THAN ALL KINGDOMS

Ps.103:19

The Lord has established His throne in the heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

2.5. HIGHER THAN ALL NATIONS

Ps.113:4

The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

Ps.99:2

The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples.

2.6. HIS WAYS HIGHER THAN OURS

Is.55:8-9

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

TRIUNE

1John 5:7

For there are three who bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

No human person is TRINITY in UNITY and UNITY in TRINITY. Our finite minds cannot comprehend fully the concept of God. [See mnemonic TRIUNE]

RULER OF ALL CREATION

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And I heard, as it were the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of mighty waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

2Chr.20:6

and said: "O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?"

Ex.15:18

"The Lord shall reign forever and ever."

Heb.1:3

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high,

HE IS RULER OF ALL BECAUSE:-

1. HE CREATED ALL THINGS

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2. HE IS TRANSCENDENT

Separate and above all creation [see above]

3. HE IS SOVEREIGN

Freedom to do what He wants because of His superiority and ownership of all things created by Him.

Deut.4:35

"To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him."

Matt.20:15a

'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things?....'

Rom.9:19-21

**19 You will say to me then, " Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?"
20 but indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor, and another for dishonor?**

4. HE IS IMMANENT

HE IS PRESENT IN THE WORLD AND NEAR TO MAN

Acts 17:28

"for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

Eph.4:6

one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1Cor.12:6

And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

Col.1:17

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

5. HE IS OMNIPOTENT, OMNIPRESENT AND OMNISCIENT

IMMUTABLE (UNCHANGING)

Mal.3:6a

For I am the Lord, I do not change;.....

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.

Heb.13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

God is unchangeable in all His attributes.

SEE MNEMONIC "IMMUTABLE" ON THE IMMUTABLE NATURE OF GOD.

BLAMELESS (PERFECT)

Matt.5:48

"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Blameless refers to the moral attributes of God. He is without fault and perfect (complete) in every way.

HE IS BLAMELESS (PERFECT) IN:

- HOLINESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- RIGHTEOUSNESS
- WISDOM
- LOVE
- TRUTH

1. PERFECT HOLINESS

James 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

Perfect holiness refers to the sinless perfection of God.

Lev.19:2

"Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.'

Rev.15:3-4

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of saints! 4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested."

2. PERFECT FAITHFULNESS

Perfect faithfulness refers to the perfect reliability and trustworthiness of God.

1Cor.1:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heb.10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

SEE MNEMONIC "PERFECT" UNDER THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD:

3. PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is God's justice against sin - in order to bring conformity to the right standard.

John 17:25

O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

Neh.9:33 [KJV]

Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly.

SEE MNEMONIC "RIGHTEOUS" UNDER THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

4. PERFECT WISDOM

GOD'S PERFECT WISDOM IS SEEN IN:

4.1. HIS WORKS

Prov.3:19

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens;

Ps.104:24

O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions

4.2. HIS WAYS

Rom.11:33

Oh, the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

4.3. HIS WORDS

2Tim.3:15

and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Prov.2:1-2

1 My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, 2 so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;

Prov.4:20-22

20 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

See also Prov.7:2-4

5. PERFECT IN LOVE

1John 4:8

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

2Cor.13:11

Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

This is called Agape Love. The God kind of love. A love that is constant for unworthy creatures. A love that produces love in us for God and one another.

SEE MNEMONIC "AGAPE" UNDER THE LOVE OF GOD:

6. PERFECT TRUTH

6.1. GOD IS TRUTH

Rom.3:4a

Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar...

Is.65:16a

So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth;.....

See also **Jer.10:10**

6.2. FATHER IS TRUTH

John 7:28

Then Jesus cried out as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but he who sent Me is true, whom you do not know...."

See also **John 17:3**

6.3. SPIRIT IS TRUTH

John 14:16-17a

16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth,....."

6.4. JESUS IS TRUTH

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

See also **1John 5:20**

PERFECT TRUTH IS SEEN IN:

[A]. WORDS OF GOD

Ps.12:6

The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

1. SPEECH

Num.23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

See also **Is.45:19**

2. WORD OF GOD

John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.

3. PROMISES

Rom.15:8

Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

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[B]. WAYS OF GOD

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See also **Psalm 86:11**

UNIQUE

Job 23:13

"But He is unique, and who can make Him change? And whatever His soul desires, that He does."

Deut.6:4

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!"

Mark 12:29

Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

1Cor.8:5-6

5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is only one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

1Tim.2:5

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

Is.44:6

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the First, and I am the Last; and beside Me there is no God.

1Sam.2:2

There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none beside You: nor is there any rock like our God.

TIMELESS

This is having no beginning or ending. [Timelessness of God]

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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.'"

Gen.21:33

Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God.

Deut.33:27

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: He will thrust out the enemy from before you; and will say, 'Destroy!'

ETHEREAL(SPIRITUAL)

John 4:24

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (NKJ)

As a Spirit He is:

- IMMATERIAL

Luke 24:39

"Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." (NKJ)

- INVISIBLE

Col 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (NKJ)

1 Tim 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (NKJ)

1 Tim 6:16

who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen. (NKJ)

Heb 11:27

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. (NKJ)

SELF-EXISTENT

This means that He does not depend on anyone or anything for his existence.

Gen.17:1

When Abram was ninety nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

N.B. The words "Almighty God" in the Hebrew is EL SHADDAI which means All Sufficient One.

John 5:26

For as the Father has life in Himself; so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.

John 1:4

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

THE SELF EXISTENT NATURE OF GOD

God does not depend on anyone or anything for His existence.

MNEMONIC – "SELF"

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD THAT REVEALS HIS SELF-EXISTENT NATURE ARE LISTED BELOW:

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