



## **A COMPLETE STUDY ON GOD...OR A BEST ATTEMPT**

If you are reading this- chances are you believe in God. He is the most talked about subject in all of history...and He is AWESOME!! **DID YOU KNOW: *The Bible nowhere attempts to prove the existence of God.*** Ok before you throw this paper away, think of it this way: *The Bible begins with the fact that God is.* The Old and New Testament writers took the existence of God for granted in one sense.

- You may say you "just know" God exists or "can just feel" God.
- Others say they sense God in the wind, in natural beauty, or the awe and orderliness of the universe.
- Some say they see God in people, in their love, compassion, and kind acts.

Any single argument of the Almighty's existence would be inconclusive as it is such a vast subject. We will not argue; we will start by just saying, "God is." *When did you first realize "God is"? Use the space below.*

## **4 FACTS WE KNOW ABOUT GOD:**

### **I. GOD IS THE ONLY INFINITE AND ETERNAL BEING.**

#### **A. GOD HAS NO BEGINNING AND NO END.**

**Genesis 1:1–2** *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>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.*

**Revelation 1:8** *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*

#### **B. GOD IS THE CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF ALL THINGS.**

**Colossians 1:16–17** *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

**John 1:3** *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

### **C. GOD IS THE SUPREME PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.**

**Colossians 2:3** *in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

### **D. GOD IS THE RIGHTEOUS RULER OF THE UNIVERSE.**

**Deuteronomy 4:39** *know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.*

**1 Chronicles 29:12** *Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.*

### **E. GOD IS LIFE, AND, THEREFORE, THE ONLY SOURCE OF LIFE.**

**Job 33:4** *The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

### **F. GOD IS ALIVE AND TRUE, UNLIKE THE LIFELESS IDOLS AND THE WHOLE FALSE SYSTEM OF IDOLATRY.**

**Psalm 96:4–6** *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. <sup>6</sup>Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

### **G. GOD CAN BE KNOWN THROUGH THE BIBLE**

**2 Timothy 3:16–17** *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

*Which one(s) from A-thru-G are the hardest for society to grasp and why? Are any of them still hard for YOU to understand? Journal your thoughts below...*

## **II. GOD HAS A PERSONALITY.**

God's personality is expressed in many ways. To just list a few:

**A. God loves.** John 3:16

**B. God hates.** Proverbs 6:16

**C. God cares.** 1 Peter 5:7

**D. God grieves.** Genesis 6:6

***Only a personality can do the above.*** Therefore, God must be a personal being. Take a moment and read these scriptures above. How does the revelation of God as 'personal being' change everything? *Write your thoughts below...*

### **III. GOD'S HAS A NATURE**

*God is beyond human comprehension, so the following nine aspects of God found in the Bible are incomplete, but they do give us an indication of the nature of God:*

#### **1. THE NATURE OF GOD IS EXPRESSED IN DIVINE COMPASSION.**

**Psalm 103:13** *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

#### **2. THERE IS NO EVIL IN GOD, ONLY GOOD.**

**1 John 1:5** *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

**Psalm 92:15** *to declare that the Lord is upright- He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

#### **3. GOD IS HOLY.**

**Leviticus 11:44-45** *For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. <sup>45</sup>For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy."*

#### **4. GOD IS A SPIRIT—GOD'S DIVINE ESSENCE.**

**John 4:24** *God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*

#### **5. GOD CAN BE PRESENT WITH US.**

**Genesis 3:8** *And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

#### **6. GOD CAN COMMUNICATE WITH US.**

**Exodus 3:4-5** *When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."*

**John 10:27** *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

#### **7. GOD HAS ALL KNOWLEDGE.**

**Psalm 33:13-15** *The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; <sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, <sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.*

#### **8. GOD HOLDS ALL POWER.**

**Revelation 19:6** *Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."*

#### **9. GOD IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE.**

**Psalm 139:7-10** *Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, <sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.*

What are your "Top 3" traits from the previous page and why? Write them below...

#### IV. THE TRINITY OF GOD

"Trinity" mean God's existence as three distinct persons in one God. **Think of water.** Water can be *liquid*, *solid* (ice), or *gas* (steam). Water can take three forms, but in each form it is water. The Bible refers to God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- **Father**—invisible, sent Jesus Christ, heads the divine Trinity
- **Jesus Christ**—the Son, God manifested in the flesh
- **Holy Spirit**—God in action on humanity

Think of another analogy of the Trinity and write it below. Feel free to be creative:

#### **True or False: The Trinity is obviously defined in the Old Testament.**

It is *only* implied in plural statements such as "Let us make man." Genesis 1:26 KJV. "Us" means more than one. However, The Trinity is revealed in the New Testament in Matthew 3:16-17

- **Christ** is baptized in water.
- The **Father** speaks from Heaven.
- The **Holy Spirit** descends like a dove.

For this same reason, in the name of all three persons we are to be baptized. Look at the Trinity like your human *body - soul - spirit*.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23** *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

In the Trinity is one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in perfect unity.

**1 John 5:6-8.** *This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.*