

I. The Divine Attributes of the Theistic God

A. Introductory questions

1. Does it make more sense first to show that there is a God, and then to discuss attributes, or to discuss God's attributes and then seek to establish God's existence?

2. What is the conception of God's nature held by classical theism? What are other views of God?
 - Theism

 - Deism

 - Atheism

 - Pantheism

 - Panentheism

 - Finite godism

 - Polytheism

3. Is this conception of God's nature coherent and logically consistent?

¹ Based mostly on Michael Peterson, et. al. *Reason and Religious Belief: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion*, 3rd ed. Oxford: 2003, chp. 4.

4. How will we arrive at or discover the characteristics we attribute to the God of classical theism?

B. Classical theism

1. Perfect and worthy of worship
2. Necessary and self-existent
3. Personal and Free Creator
4. All powerful, all knowing and all good
5. Sovereignty and human freedom
6. God eternal: timeless or everlasting?

Conclusion: The Westminster Catechism