

Entrance Examination
Doctrine of God

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“Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward.”
– *Vernon Law, pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates*

This assignment is really a preliminary part of a later assignment. It is an opportunity for you to articulate your own “theology proper” (doctrine of God) as it is at the beginning of our course. Imagine someone who knew you, but not very well, asked you the following questions. Then answer them, and hold onto your answers until the semester’s end.

Your grade will only be a ‘check’ (acceptable) or ‘U’ (unacceptable). This is the only assignment that will not ask you to draw substantively on the course materials. Enjoy it while it lasts!

1. Who is God?

2. What is God like?

3. How do you know both of these things?

4. What is the relationship between these beliefs and your other Christian beliefs, if any?

5. How would your life be different if your answers were different? In other words, what is at stake in your particular answers to these questions?

6. How are your answers significantly different from the answers of *two* of the following groups: (a) Jews, (b) Muslims, (c) Mormons, (d) other Christians, (e) Deists, and/or (f) agnostics?

7. What is the relationship between who God is and who you are?