

verse twenty, "For since the creation of the world His **invisible attributes** are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even **His eternal power and Godhead**, so that they are without excuse,"

Creation reveals two important things about God. Creation shows us that _____ from "Godhead" and that **God has** _____ - _____ (omnipotence) from "His eternal power"

GENESIS - Part I

Reference: **Genesis 1:1** and **Romans 1:18-23**

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Evolutionary philosopher Herbert Spencer argued that there are just five "ultimate scientific categories" that together constitute all that exists in this universe: _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.

But **Genesis One, verse one** accounts for all five categories: "In the beginning (_____) God (_____) created (_____) the heavens (_____) and the earth (_____)."

Let's examine some of the different perspectives people have about God

Theism (from the Greek word *theos* meaning God)

Definition: classical or traditional theism is the teaching that God exists and _____ in human affairs. This theistic God is a spaceless, timeless, immaterial, all powerful, moral, and personal creator being.

Unfortunately there is another form of theism that has infested evangelicalism and that's called "_____". The prefix "*neo*" means "*new*"; so, this is a new form of theism that is considered a mutant form of theism.

Proponents: *Clark Pinnock, Richard Rice, John Sanders, William Hasker, David Basinger, Thomas Morris, Greg Boyd, etc.*

Neotheism teaches God can _____ His mind (meaning God is not immutable) and He _____ the future until that future happens (that means God is not omniscient).

Deism

Proponents: *Francois Voltaire, Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, Charles Blount, Anthony Flew, etc.*

Definition: deism is the teaching that God exists and _____ in human affairs

Atheism

Proponents: *Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Leon Trotsky, Nikita Krushchev, Mao Zedong, Fredrick Nietzsche, Adolph Hitler, Ludwig Feuerbach, Sigmund Freud, Mark Twain, Madelyn Murray O’Hair, Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, Stephen Hawking, Penn Jillette, Ted Zaczynski (unabomber), Mary Sanger, Jesse Ventura, Larry Flynt, Bruce Lee, Billy Joel, Brad Pitt, Ray Romano, Lance Armstrong, Linda Ronstadt, Frank Zappa, Phyllis Diller, Kevin Bacon, Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Maher, etc.*

Definition: atheism is the teaching that God _____

References: **Psalm 14:1** and **Psalm 53:1** both state, “*The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’*”

Apatheism

Definition: apatheism describes someone that is _____ about the existence of God. He doesn’t care if God is or if God isn’t.

Reference: **Psalm 10:4**, “*The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.*”

Agnosticism

Definition: agnosticism is the teaching that God might exist but we do not or cannot _____ for sure if He does or doesn’t exist

There are two categories of agnosticism:

- _____ (or weak) agnosticism states we _____ know if God exists; God might exist but we just don’t know that
- _____ (or strong) agnosticism states we _____ know if God exists

Pantheism

Proponents: traditional Hinduism, Buddhism, New Age movement, and Mind Science cults (most Native American Indian religions would also be considered pantheistic)

Definition: pantheism is the teaching that God is _____ that exists

Polytheism

Proponents: ancient nature religions, Hinduism, witchcraft, earlier religions in Babylon, Egypt, Greece and Rome, Mormonism.

Definition: polytheism is the teaching that there is _____ one God, meaning there are multiple gods and sometimes both gods and goddesses

Monotheism

Proponents: Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Definition: monotheism is the teaching that there is _____ God

Both Protestant evangelicalism and Catholicism teach

_____, meaning that this one God (Monotheism) exists in a triune form (Trinitarianism) and that is this one God exists in three co-equal interactive persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit

Each person alive has available and ample evidence to the existence of this singular personal ultimate Supreme Being called God.

Reference: Romans 1:18-23

verse eighteen, “*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,*”

FACT: man’s _____ and God’s _____ reveal the knowledge about God to everyone

This is called general revelation or natural revelation because God has manifested His existence in general through these natural means of conscious and creation

verse nineteen, “*because what may be known of God is manifest in them (i.e. human conscience) for God has shown it to them.*”

Some people take the concept of God that is communicated to them through creation and conscience and then _____ that knowledge.

verse twenty a, “*For since the creation of the world, His (God’s) invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made...*”

verse twenty-one, “*because, although they knew God (meaning although these people were aware of God’s existence through conscience and creation) they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*”

verse twenty-two, “*Professing to be wise, they became fools,*”

verse twenty-three, “*and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*”