

Attributes of God

(Omniscience)

Omniscient: Latin words omni= "all" and scientia (English word science)= "knowledge." Meaning God has all knowledge, having complete or maximal knowledge, knowing everything.

- Omniscience can only be applied to God. Only an infinite eternal being can know everything.
- He cannot learn anything new, nor has He ever learned anything at all, but rather knows all things
- There has never a time where God didn't know everything
- No one knows you more than God, not even yourself
- To the believer the omniscience of God can offer comfort and security as God knows all things that are going on in the world and our life. He is not searching for answers or looking for new information to solve our problems. To the unbeliever, God's omniscience is terrifying.
- He has all knowledge from everlasting to everlasting (aseity)

"That God is omniscient is not only taught in the Scriptures, it must be inferred also from all else that is taught concerning Him. God perfectly knows Himself and, being the source and author of all things, it follows that He knows all that can be known.

And this He knows instantly and with a fullness of perfection that includes every possible item of knowledge concerning everything that exists or could have existed anywhere in the universe at any time in the past or that may exist in the centuries or ages yet unborn.

God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and all matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creaturehood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell.

Because God knows all things perfectly, He knows nothing better than any other thing, but all things equally well. He never discovers anything, He is never surprised, never amazed.

He never wonders about anything nor (except when drawing men out for their own good) does He seek information or ask questions.

God is self-existent and self-contained and knows what no creature can ever know Himself, perfectly. 'The things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.'

Only the Infinite can know the infinite."

—A.W. Tozer, [*The Knowledge of the Holy*](#) (New York: HarperCollins, 1961/1978), 56-57.

God know all things about humans

- Psalm 139:1-6

God knows each and every human completely and perfectly.

He knows every word that we have and will ever speak

He knows our thoughts, actions, motives, etc.

He knows the number of days we are to live and our exact second of death (Job 14:5)

He knows the number of hairs on our head (Luke 12:7)

He knows every decision you have made or will make

He knows what our tomorrow holds

He knows every sin you have ever committed. Every unbeliever will have perfect judgment as every sin they have ever committed is laid out on full display by the omniscient God. They will never have a more perfect judgment of themselves and their lives.

Etc

God knows what we need before we pray

- Matthew 6:5-15

God knows what is the best in every situation.

- Romans 8:28

God knows all things that are to come to pass

He knows all things that will come to pass because He decreed it all. He knows every leaf that has ever fallen since the creation of trees, He knows the number of grains of sand on the planet, He knows the numbers of atoms in this universe, every second of every human's life from the creation of the world, etc. There are no unseen events or surprises to God. The prescient view is an attack of God's omniscience.

- Isaiah 46:9-10

God knows His sheep

God is omniscient and knows all things. However, there is a salvific knowing and love toward His elect. God knows His sheep because He has foreknown them, chose them, and loved them from the foundation of the world.

- John 10:27-29
- 2 Timothy 2:19
- Romans 8:29-30

God knows our weaknesses, stumbling, failures, and sins, but He still loves His sheep.