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WHO IS

GOD?

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPbMQS73wV4>



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“Christianity at any given time is strong or weak depending upon her concept of God. And I insist upon this and I have said it many times, that the basic trouble with the Church today is her unworthy conception of God.”

A.W. Tozer in his book,
*The Attributes of God:
Deeper into the Father's heart*



*TO KNOW GOD IS
TO KNOW HIS
ATTRIBUTES*



GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

Qualities or characteristics
that are true about
GOD.

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES



Natural or
Incommunicable

Qualities
possessed by
God exclusively

Moral or
Communicable

Qualities
possessed by
God & us

GOD'S NATURAL ATTRIBUTES



INFINITE: unlimited in scope & duration

ETERNAL: no beginning & no end

OMNISCIENT: all-knowing

OMNIPOTENT: all-powerful

OMNIPRESENT: continually present



GOD'S NATURAL ATTRIBUTES

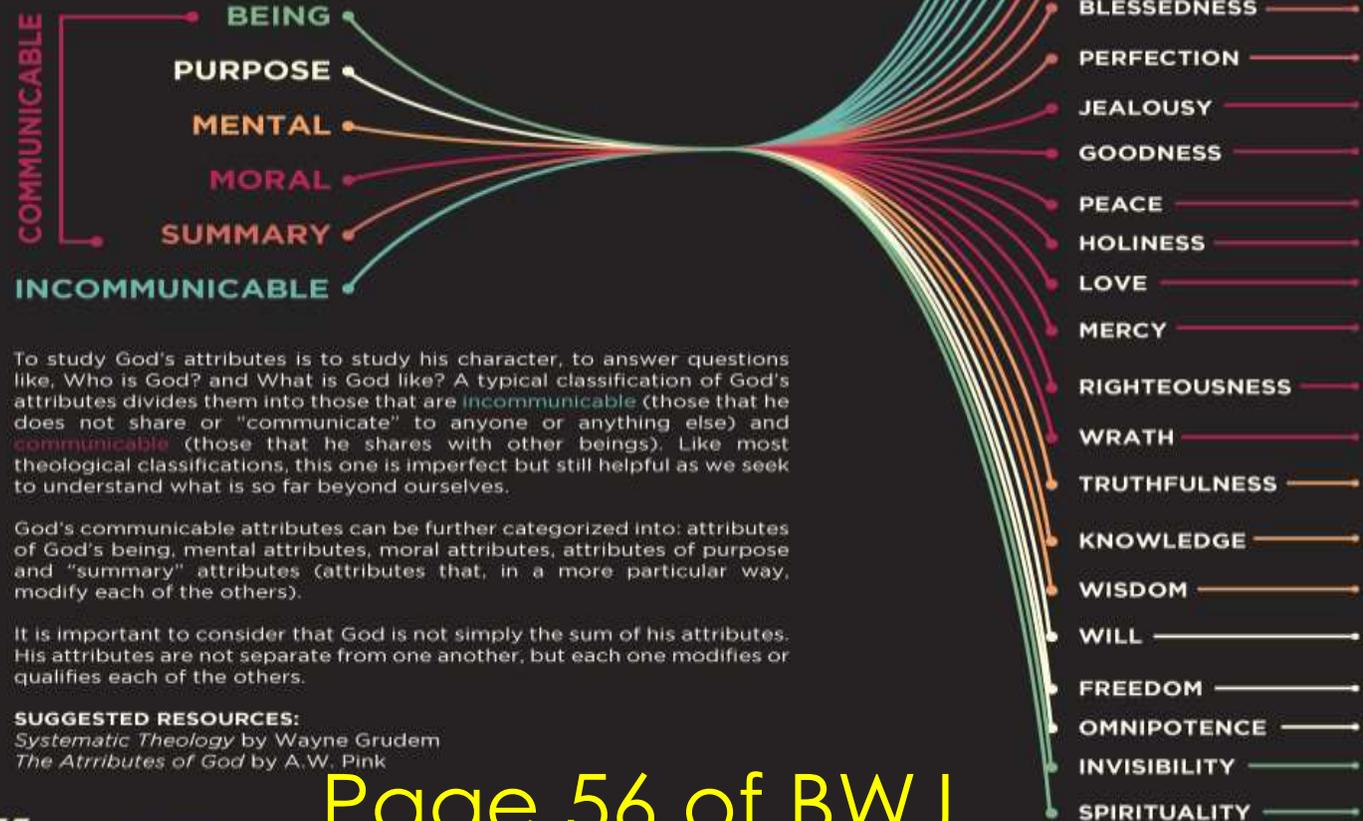
Immanent: active in this world

Transcendent: exists independent of and above all creation

Immutable: unchanging



THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD



To study God's attributes is to study his character, to answer questions like, Who is God? and What is God like? A typical classification of God's attributes divides them into those that are *incommunicable* (those that he does not share or "communicate" to anyone or anything else) and *communicable* (those that he shares with other beings). Like most theological classifications, this one is imperfect but still helpful as we seek to understand what is so far beyond ourselves.

God's communicable attributes can be further categorized into: attributes of God's being, mental attributes, moral attributes, attributes of purpose and "summary" attributes (attributes that, in a more particular way, modify each of the others).

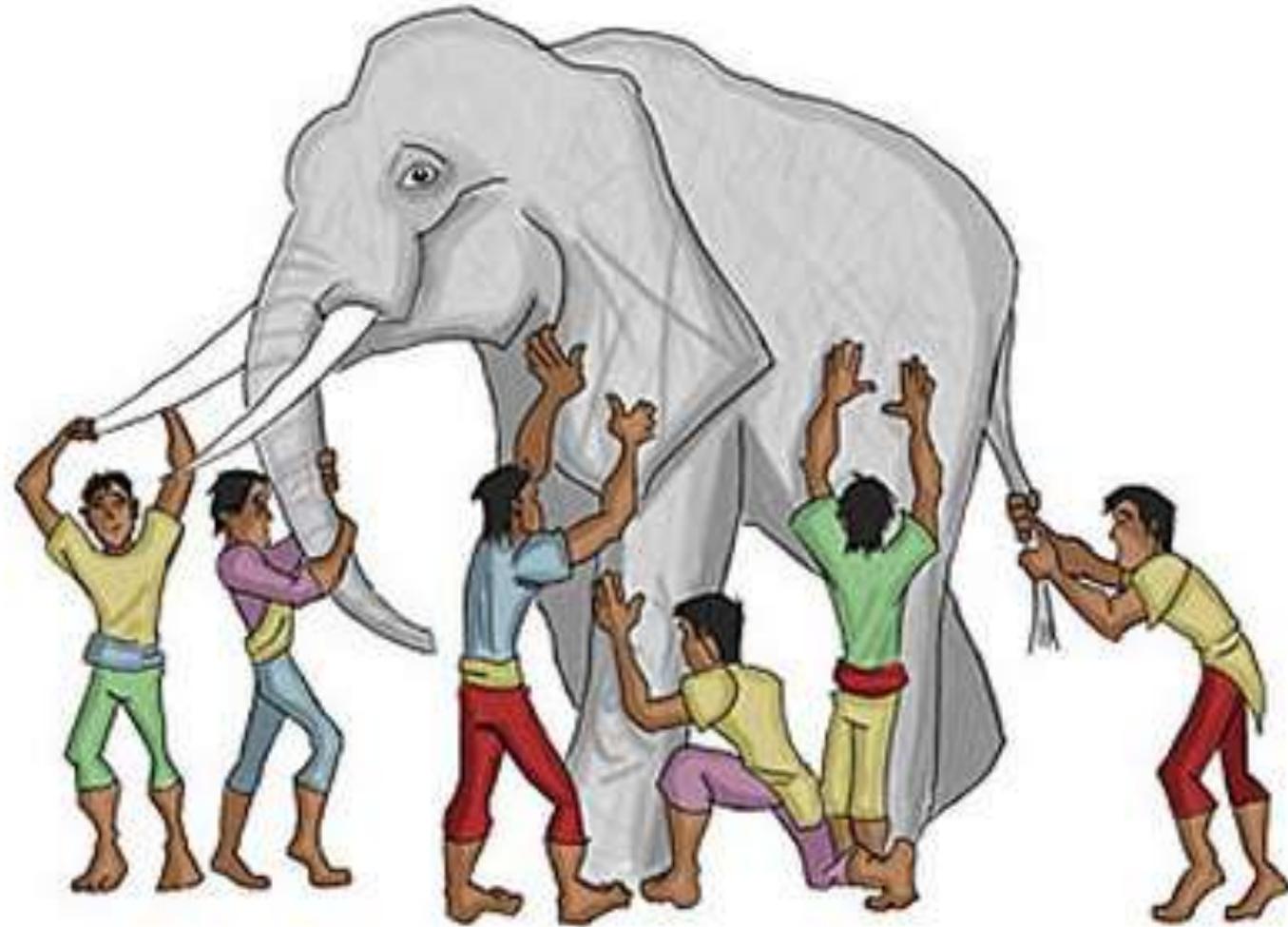
It is important to consider that God is not simply the sum of his attributes. His attributes are not separate from one another, but each one modifies or qualifies each of the others.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES:
Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem
The Attributes of God by A.W. Pink

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

The various attributes of God are **not component parts** of God.

In other words, God is not 10% love, 15% holy, 5% mercy, etc.



The Blind Men and the Elephant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPIJWk8-b4E>



*A lack of proper understanding of God's attributes
will lead to a wrong view of God and hence affects
how we relate to God.*



GOD IS

OMNISCIENT

(Psalm 139:1-4, 1 Samuel 2:3, Psalm 147:5, Matthew 6:4,8,12:36, Luke 12:7, Hebrews 4:13; 1 John 3:20)

God has perfect, complete knowledge.

God does not obtain knowledge by study, reflection or experience.

He doesn't need to learn, nor does he forget.

FORGIVE & FORGET

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“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” Hebrews 8:12

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” Isaiah 43:25



How does God's

OMNISCIENCE

affect your

life?

PSALM

139:1-4

(NLT)



¹ O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

² You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

³ You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

⁴ You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.

GOD KNOWS.....



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your **SCARS**

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