

The Most High

Next, **Perfection** Is Limitless. This fact needs to be understood very carefully. We just established that perfection can't change. Thus, the only real "limit" on perfection is Its own Nature. Since God Is Perfect, everything He thinks or does must be Perfect too. God isn't able to make a mistake. He isn't able to fall short of a goal. He isn't able to bring about evil. These aren't limitations, they are facts that follow from the Ultimate-Fact. God Is perfectly able to do every perfect thing. This is what theists mean by the right-use of "Omnipotent" (all-powerful).

Perfection Is Reasonable. No sane person thinks that chaos & confusion are perfect. The knowability of logic, math, and morality indicates a Headwaters of Perfect Reason. As the Source of Meaning itself, God has perfect knowledge. This is what theists mean by the right-use of "Omniscient" (all-knowing).

Perfection Is Free. Nothing outside of Perfection has power over it. God is not constrained or "ruled" by anything but His own Nature. He Is Supernatural, and He supervenes over His creation. Such is the right-use of the word "Sovereign."

The Greatest

Finally, **Perfection** has a Purpose. Every good thing we can think of has a good purpose. There is no such thing as a useless good. Now, if all good things have a good purpose, then Perfection must have a Perfect-Purpose. This is what theists mean when they rightly talk about "God's Will."

So, what is **Perfection's** purpose? Notice that Perfection doesn't need anything. God has nothing to take. So why create? Because He has everything to give. This fact is the key to thinking great about God. Creation is God's means of sharing perfection. The Perfect-Purpose of God is to give Himself to and for creatures like you and me (John 3:16). While God's Reason, Freedom, Will, and Power, are the means by which He shares Himself, Love Is what God really Is. Love Is Perfection.

Thomas Aquinas was one who truly thought great about God. Thomas saw that God's Perfection must be within Himself. Thomas also saw that our "due-perfection" isn't in us. So, where is it? It's in the Perfect-Being Who created us for Himself. Our perfect-purpose is to know Him. How? By the Greatest power in this world or the next...

The Perfect-Love of God.

Exodus 3:14 – Isaiah 55:9 – Ephesians 3:16-21

What Is God Like?



Since God Is the Perfect-Being, His ways are infinitely greater than ours. So, how can imperfect people like us learn anything about Him? Well, since His ways are greater than ours, they're at least as great. So for starters...

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Accounting For Taste

There's a ground rule to thinking great about God. You may really like an idea, having been taught about its importance all your life. That doesn't make it a perfect idea – or even a good one. We can be wrong about what God Is like, just like we can flub a math problem, or be wrong about how some part of the world works. We don't construct the facts, we discover them – especially Facts about God.

If we're being honest, we all want God to be a lot like we are. But if we conceive of Him like this, we do the creating. Can you see the trap? Treating your preferences as if they were perfections and calling them "god," is really just trying to be God yourself. Just one question: are you perfect? No? Then neither is "your god."

Notice this carefully. To correctly solve a math problem, you must follow the right order of operations. For example, to solve $4+(4 \times 4) = x$, you don't work from left to right to get 32. Math-law insists that you start inside the parentheses. If you do, $4+(16) = 20$. Your ability to think great about God also starts with arriving at a preliminary conclusion: **You aren't Him.**

The Natural Law

Just like there is a law of math that compels good-teachers to correct wrong answers with red ink, there is a law of nature that shows us what we are supposed to be – and aren't. The Natural Law is beneath everything that is self-evident. In short, it tells us what the word "perfect" means.

It's an interesting fact that our awareness of the Natural Law doesn't come from years of study, or upon gaining proficiency in rightly applying it. On the contrary, we know it is there because we can't meet its demands no matter how hard we try – and deep down we know we should. It is basic-knowledge. We know it without having to be taught.

You didn't learn that a hug from your mom helps when you're scared or hurt. She wasn't taught that she ought to give you one. Her nature simply compels her to respond to suffering with love – and perhaps with some good food too. There's a basic pattern or Image that tells us what a human person is and ought to be. That self-same Image tells us what God Is like. Even though God Is greater than we can ask or think, we all know something of what He's like. "He Is" what each of us is designed to be – Perfect.

The Rock

To think great about God, we have to unpack what we know of perfection from the Natural Law.

First, Perfection Is One. Logic prohibits more than one Perfection. Notice this carefully. Perfection contains every possible good. If there is a difference between any two "gods," then each has something the other one lacks. Lack is an imperfection. So, the "gods" of dualism, polytheism, or even Mormonism can't be God. Logic and the Bible agree – **God Is One** (Deuteronomy 6:4). This doesn't mean that God has no parts. It just means that God can't be reduced to His parts. Since God is Perfect, everything that is a part of God Is God, and shares in the United-Perfection of the Ultimate-One.

Perfection Is ultimately stable. If perfection changed, it could only be for the worse. Thus, it wouldn't be perfect anymore. This is what theists mean when they say that God Is immutable. Simply put, if God's perfect nature changed, He couldn't be God anymore. Since God Is eternal and necessary, this can't happen. God's Name and Nature forever is I AM.