

GOD IS

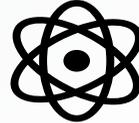
Augustine of Hippo
"On the Trinity"

Anselm of Canterbury
"Proslogion"

01

Necessary

God is necessary because He cannot fail to exist. Everything else is contingent, meaning that it will fail to exist. Every contingent thing needs a creator. God is the Creator and sustainer of everything that exists. God cannot be necessary without being omnipotent.



02

Omnipotent

God is maximally powerful, because He can do anything that is consistent with His nature. Because He is also omniscient, omnipresent, omnibenevolent and impeccable, He is all-powerful.



06

Impeccable

God cannot sin. Since God does not lack power or knowledge, He cannot do wrong. God cannot be omnipotent without being omnibenevolent and impeccable



God is Holy



Holy- wholely and completely other. Separate and set apart from all else.

03

Omniscient

God knows everything that is consistent with His nature. He knows the past, the present and the future. God cannot be omnipotent without being omniscient.



05

Omnibenevolent

God is completely good. He is perfect, complete, beautiful, and orderly in all that He does. When He creates, His creation is good. God cannot be omnipotent without being omnibenevolent.



04

Omnipresent

There is no place from which God is spatially or temporally distant. He can and does sustain everything, everywhere. God cannot be omnipotent without being omnipresent.



Thomas Aquinas
"Summa Theologia"

Our understanding of the nature of God was developed by Augustine, Anselm and Thomas Aquinas. They used the Bible, the creeds and aspects of Greek philosophy (Middle Platonism and Aristotelian thought) to develop their understanding of the doctrine of God.