

Christian Thought

Exam 3

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1. In what ways does the 1994 *Catechism* say that using parental imagery for God brings out the central themes of the gospel? (p. 267)
2. What is involved/implicit by saying we have or can have a personal relationship with God (pp. 269-270)
3. Our Islamic friends say that we are very disrespectful when we talk about a “personal relationship” with God. How would you respond to that?
4. What are some cautions that must be observed when we use the word “omnipotent” to describe God? (pp. 281-282)
5. Be able to define Deism (p. 285)
6. Be able to define theodicy (p. 292)
7. Know John Hick’s theodicy answer (p. 292)
8. Know Augustine’s theodicy answer (p. 293)
9. Know Karl Barth’s theodicy answer (p. 294)
10. The four implications of the doctrine of creation (p. 299-300)
11. The 3 stages in the development of the doctrine of the Trinity (p. 311)
12. The Jehovah’s Witnesses say: “The disreputable history of the Trinity fits in with what Jesus and his apostles foretold would follow their time. They said that there would be an apostasy, a deviation, a falling away from true worship until Christ's return, when true worship would be restored before God's day of destruction of this system of things.” How would you respond to that?
13. Why is modalism a heresy (or an inadequate explanation)? (p. 327-328)
14. Why is tritheism a heresy (or inadequate)? (p. 329-330)
15. What were the four main issues in the Pelagian controversy? (p. 443)
16. What did Augustine use a pair of scales to illustrate? (p. 444)
17. With what 3 analogies did Augustine explain or illustrate original sin? (p. 445)
18. How did Augustine and Pelagius differ on the “basis of salvation”? (p. 448-449)

Other / Class lectures

19. The Jehovah’s Witnesses say: “Having been created by God (as the beginning of God's invisible creations), Jesus is in a secondary position in time, power, and knowledge.” How would you respond to that?
20. Islam scholars say, “The doctrines of Trinity, equality with God, and sonship, are repudiated as blasphemies. God is independent of all needs and has no need of a son to manage His affairs.” How do you respond to that?
21. The founder of Mormonism, Joseph Smith, said "As man is, God once was; as God is, man may become." How would you critique that statement?
22. Know the five periods of expansion of the church (approximate dates and target populations)