

The Omniscience of God

Elements Class: Sunday, Nov 8th
Choir Room 10:45am



Omniscient:

Knowing everything.

HAVING ALL KNOWLEDGE.

Being all wise.

Having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding; perceiving all things.

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When we say that God is Omniscient, we mean that:

He knows everything:

everything possible, everything actual;
all events and all creatures, of the past,
the present and the future.

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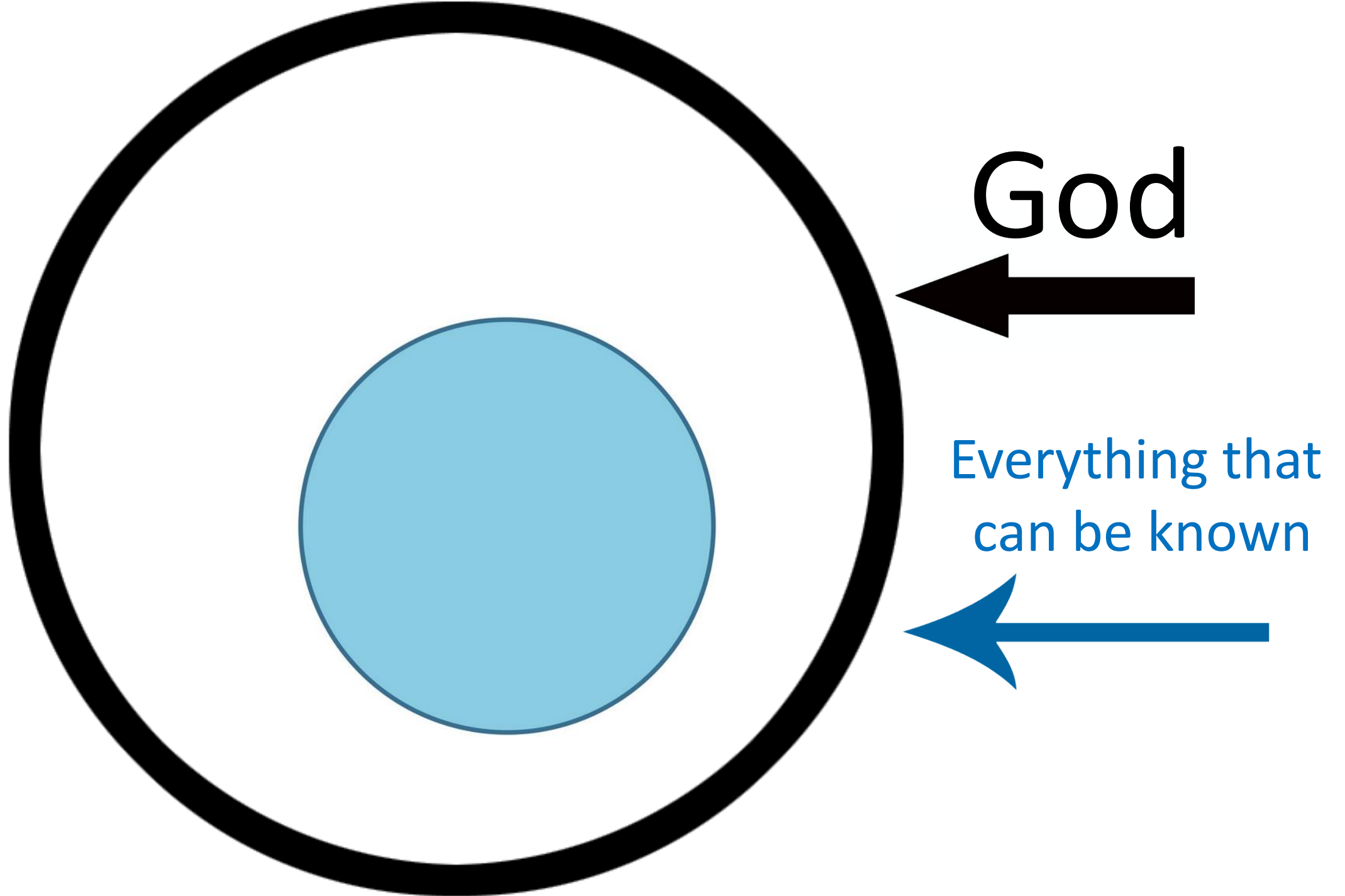
When we say that God is Omniscient, we mean that:

Nothing escapes his notice, nothing can be hidden from him, nothing is forgotten by him.

His knowledge is perfect. He never errs, never changes, never overlooks anything.

Simply put, being omniscient means;
God knows all that can be known
or ever will be known, perfectly and instantly.





To say that God is omniscient is to say that He possesses perfect knowledge and therefore has no need to learn.



Knowing everything, perfectly
and infinitely is at the core of
what makes God, God.

But it is more:
It is to say that
God has
never learned
and cannot learn.



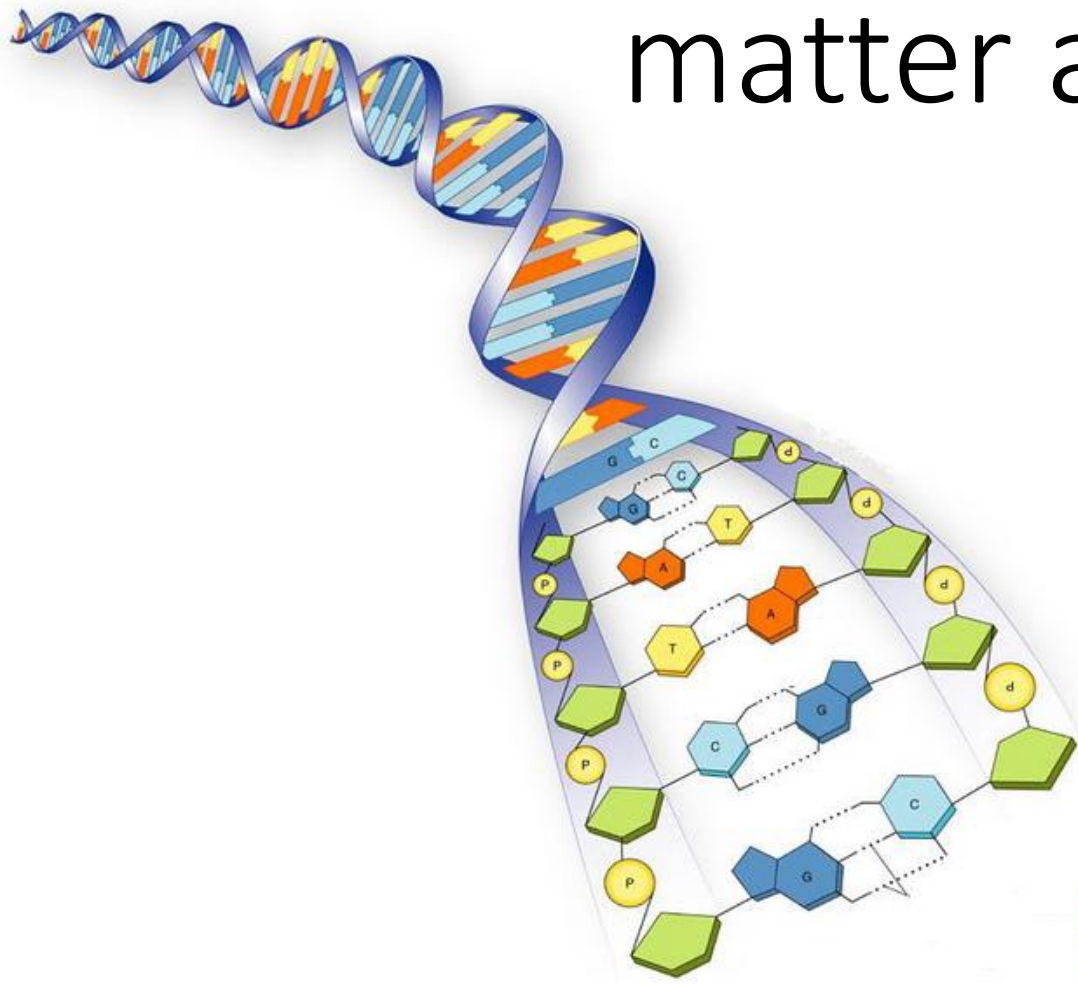
Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him? Has the LORD ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach him what is right or show him the path of justice? No!

(Isaiah 40:13-15a)

If God could at any time or in any way learn some knowledge that He did not possess already and had not possessed from all of eternity, He would be imperfect and less than himself.

God perfectly 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. (AW Tozer)

God knows **instantly** and **effortlessly** all
matter and all matters.



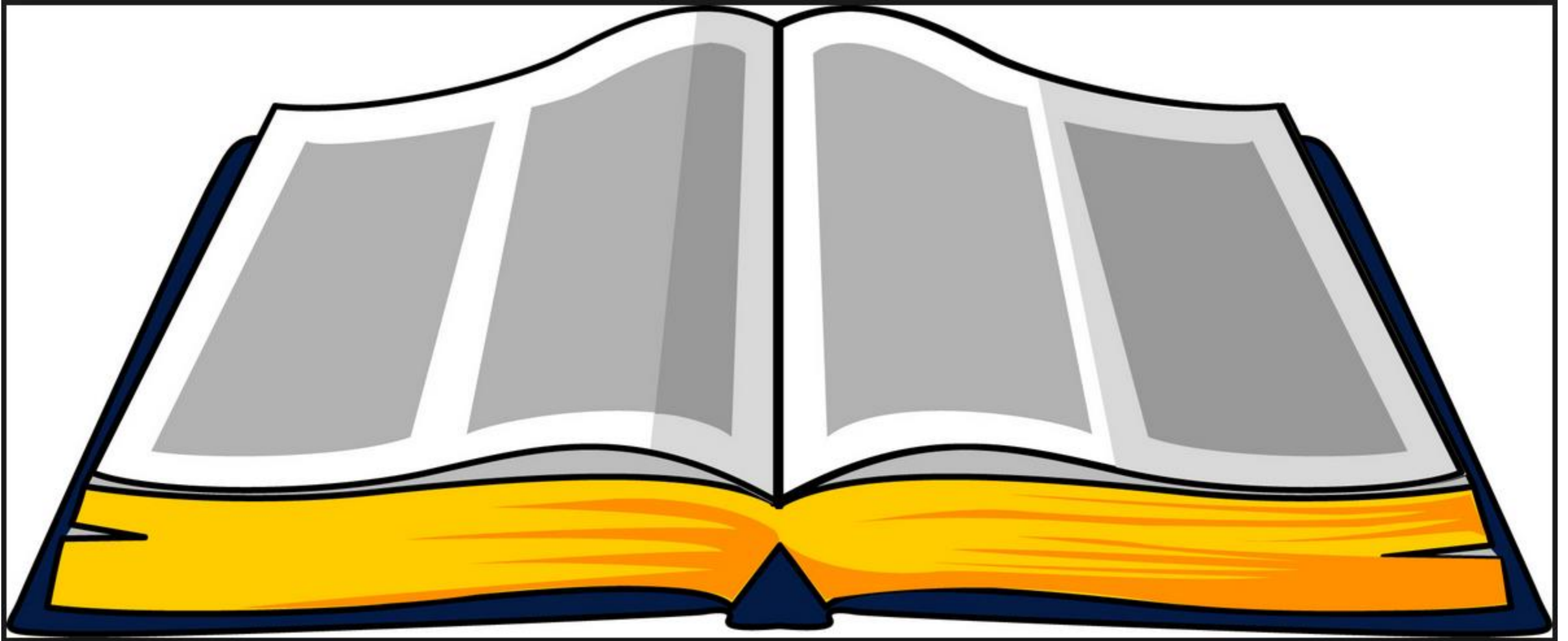
God knows instantly and effortlessly all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all beings and every being, all creatures and every creature, all law and every law, all relations...

...all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries,
all feeling, all desires, every unuttered
secret, all thrones and powers, 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 no thing better than
any other thing,
but all things equally perfect.

God is solitary in his omniscience.
No other being, or the sum total
of all beings, ever in existence,
could ever know what God
knows perfectly, fully and
instantly.

What does the Bible say about
God's omniscience?



He determines the number of the
stars; he gives to all of them their
names. Great is our Lord, and
abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
(Psalm 147:4-5)

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue **you, LORD, know it completely.**
(Psalm 139:2-4)

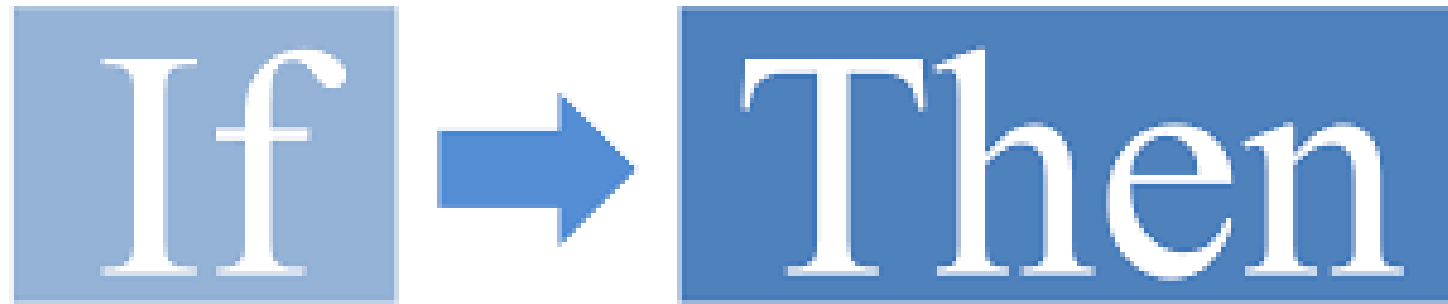
What is the price of two sparrows—
one copper coin? But not a single
sparrow can fall to the ground
without your Father knowing it. And
**even the very hairs of your head are all
numbered.**

(Matt 10:29-30)

Nothing in all creation is hidden from
God's sight. **Everything is uncovered
and laid bare before the eyes of him** to
whom we must give account.

(Hebrews 4:13)

Basic Implications:





God knows everything...

(and he does)

then....

He never
discovers
anything.





God knows everything...

(and he does)

then...

He is never
surprised,
never caught
off guard.





God knows everything...

(and he does)

then...

He always
knows what I
am thinking.





God knows everything...

(and he does)

then...

He knows
everything I
have done,
and will do.





God knows everything...

(and he does)

then...

There is no
reason to try
to hide
anything from
him.





God knows everything...

(and he does)

then...

He knows
everything
about every
problem and
every solution.



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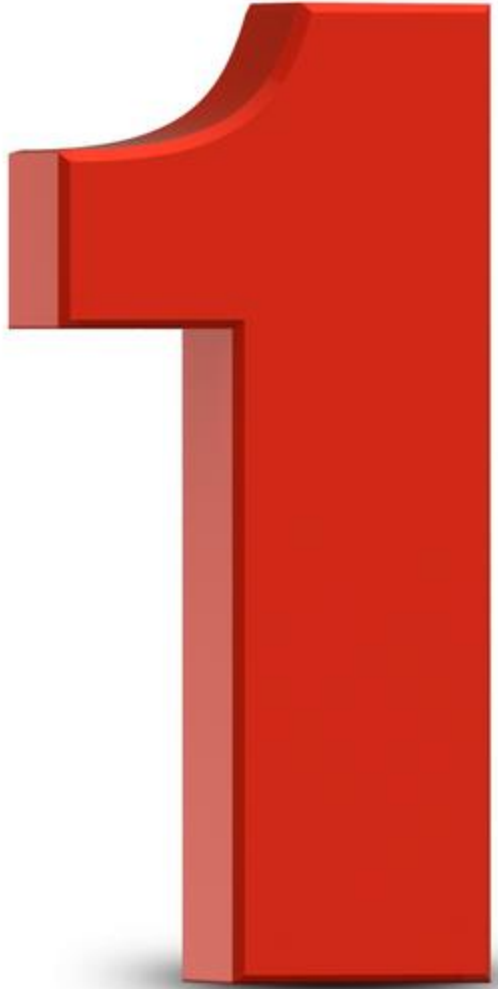


The omniscience of God is
a very convicting thing:

Because it means he knows all
my sinful thoughts, desires and
actions; past, present and future
etc.

Nothing in all creation is
hidden from God's sight.
Everything is uncovered and laid
bare before the eyes of him to
whom we must give account.
(Hebrews 4:13)





The omniscience of God tells us that **there is One who knows every single thing that I have thought, desired and done (*wrong*) and they will all be laid bare on his flawless scales of perfect & holy justice.**

The omniscience of God is
a very calming thing:

Because it means he knows all
the sacrifices we have made in
obedience to him, no matter
how small.

...your giving may be in secret.
Then your Father, who sees what
is done in secret, will reward you.
(Matthew 6:4)





The omniscience of God tells us that **there is One who knows every single thing that I have thought, desired and done** *(right)* for his glory and his name and **he will repay/reward every last deed** no matter how small.

The omniscience of God is
a very comforting thing:

Because it means he knows all
the solutions to all my problems,
all the answers to all my
questions etc.

“...your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”
“...my God shall supply all your need according to his
riches in glory...” (Matt 6:8, Phil 4:19)





The omniscience of God tells us
that **there is One who knows
every solution to every situation
that I will ever be up against!**

I can trust him to
get me out of it or
get me through it...
whichever is more for my good
and his glory in my life.

The omniscience of God is
a very consoling thing:

Because it means he is never
'caught off guard' or 'doesn't
know what to do'...when the
world appears out of control.

Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. The LORD himself watches over you! The LORD stands beside you as your protective shade. The LORD will keep you from all harm-- he will watch over your life.

(Psalm 121:4-7)





The omniscience of God tells us that **there is One who knows every world event centuries before it happens** and **nothing is out of his control, beyond his power or outside the realm of his purpose.**