

250 THEOLOGY TERMS (FREE)



FOR THEOLOGY STUDENTS



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1. 95 THESES

The 95 theses by Martin Luther were put on the door of Schlosskirche (Castle Church), Wittenberg in Germany, on October 31, 1517, which protested against Catholic Church indulgences, etc..

Example sentence: "The 95 Theses started the Reformation."

Reference: www.britannica.com/event/Ninety-five-Theses.

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2. A POSTERIORI

**Knowledge or justification
on the basis of
evidence/sensory
experience.**

**Example sentence: "This a
posteriori evidence
supports the theory."**

Reference:

www.rep.routledge.com/articles/thematic/a-posteriori

3. A PRIORI

Reasoning/knowledge via deducting theoretically, as opposed to observation/experience.

Example sentence: "It is an a priori observation that everyone has a conscience."

Reference: www.plato.stanford.edu/entries/apriori.

4. ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

The Abrahamic covenant was unconditional and refers to the promised land, the promise of his descendants and the promise of blessing and redemption.

Example sentence: "The Abrahamic Covenant is important in Judaism."

Reference:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zppnqhv/revision/2.

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5. ACCOMMODATION

The process by which God being above human understanding and reach, manages to communicate with humanity in an understandable way, that can be responded to.

Example sentence: "God can provide accommodation to humanity."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/accommodation-condescension.html.

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6. ACTIVE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST

This refers to Jesus keeping the law of God perfectly.

Example sentence: "The active obedience of Christ is a lesson in His divinity."

Reference: www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/what-is-the-difference-between-the-active-and-the-passive-obedience-of-christ.

7. ADIAPHORISM

Some moral/religious doctrines/practices are unimportant, as are neither commanded nor forbidden in the Bible.

**Example sentence:
"Adiaphorism is not the same as permission."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/adiaphorism.

8. ADOPTIONISM



Adoptionism holds that Jesus was adopted as the Son of God when he was baptised, denying Christ's eternal pre-existence.

Example sentence:

"Adoptionism was thought to be a heresy."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Adoptionism.

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9. ADVENTISM

Adventism teaches that the return of Jesus and Judgement are soon to occur.

Example sentence: "The church has Adventism as a core belief."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Adventism.html.

10. AGNOSTIC

An agnostic person claims that they are unable to know if God (or an ultimate reality) exists or not.

Example sentence: "They say they are agnostic and open-minded about believing."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/agnosticism.

11. AMILLENNIALISM



There will be no literal earthly reign of Jesus for 1,000 years, rather being spiritual.

**Example sentence:
"Amillennialism is not much followed."**

Reference: www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-is-amillennialism.html.

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12. ANALOGY OF FAITH

This can be defined as that one can interpret Scripture in light of Scripture.

Example sentence: "Some may say that the analogy of faith is not straightforward."

Reference: www.faithalone.org/blog/galatians-328-and-the-analogy-of-faith.

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13. ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Group of churches, including the Church of England, that are the third largest in the world.

Example sentence: "The Anglican Communion is smaller than the Catholic and Orthodox churches."

Reference:

www.churchofengland.org/about/anglican-communion

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14. ANNIHILATIONISM



Annihilationism is the teaching that the lost will be permanently destroyed, not lasting forever in "hell".

**Example sentence:
"Through the doctrine of annihilationism, the lost will no longer exist."**

Reference:

www.gotquestions.org/annihilationism.html

15. ANNONYMOUS CHRISTIANS

This theory means that someone can have the grace of God and be saved, without having been a Christian (also known as "inclusivism").

Example sentence: "Are anonymous Christians really saved?"

Reference:

www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/anonymous-christian

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16. ANNUNCIATION

This refers to when the angel Gabriel informed Mary that she would conceive a son.

Example sentence: "From the annunciation, Mary's son would be Jesus Christ."

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/Annunciation-Christianity.

17. ANTEDILUVIAN

This refers to the time before the worldwide flood of the Bible, in the days of Noah.

Example sentence: "This type of behaviour was typical in the antediluvian period."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/antediluvian.html.

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18. ANTI-THEODICY

Anti-theodicy opposes seeking theodicies in order to justify God in the face of evil.

Example sentence: "Anti-theodicy asserts that theodicies are not useful."

Reference:

www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/cambridge-companion-to-the-problem-of-evil/antitheodicy/FFCF3FD379237E99EFD70BA97930750D

19. ANTHROPIIC PRINCIPLE

We, observers, exist - as we exist in the Universe, it exists in a certain manner that allows observers to come into existence.

Example sentence: "The anthropic principle creates a premise."

Reference:

www.forbes.com/sites/startswithabang/2017/01/26/how-the-anthropic-principle-became-the-most-abused-idea-in-science/?sh=300a2f0a7d69

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20. ANTHROPOCENTRISM

Viewpoint that humans are the most important entities of the world.

Example sentence:

"Anthropocentrism asserts that humans are more important than animals."

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/anthropocentrism

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21. ANTHROPOMORPHISM

Giving human properties to God (or animal, such as wings).

Example sentence:

"Anthropomorphism is often speculation."

Reference:

www.patheos.com/blogs/davearmstrong/2017/01/anthropomorphism-anthropomorphism-biblical-data.html

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22. ANTINOMIANISM

Antinomianism can be described as a doctrine teaching that Christians do not need to intentionally follow the moral law.

**Example sentence:
"Antinomianism rejects the binding moral law."**

Reference:

www.gotquestions.org/antinomianism.html.

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23. APOCRYPHA

The apocrypha are a series of Bible books that are not considered valid by mainstream Protestantism, although were included in a separate section of the 1611 King James Bible translation.

Example sentence: "The apocrypha have never been accepted by Protestantism."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/bible/what-is-the-apocrypha-are-apocryphal-books-really-scripture.html.

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24. APOLLINARIANISM

A fourth-century heresy that denied Jesus' full humanity and perfection, by claiming that He had a divine mind.

Example sentence:

"Apollinarianism contradicts general Christian understanding."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Apollinarianism.html.

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25. APOLOGETICS

Apologetics is the defence of the teachings of Christianity.

Example sentence: "He enrolled in a course of apologetics."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/apologetics.

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26. APOSTASY

Apostacy can be described as total rejection of Christianity, by one who has been baptised and previously professed faith.

Example sentence: "Sadly their actions and words indicate apostacy."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/apostasy.

27. APOSTLES

The apostles were the twelve close disciples chosen by Jesus.

Example sentence: "The twelve apostles held close companionship with Jesus."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Apostle.

28. APOSTLES' CREED

Christian trinitarian creed, probably originating in Gaul during 5th century, that is shorter than the full Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed of 381 A.D., although not about Jesus's or the Holy Spirit's divinity.

Example sentence: "The Apostles' Creed is important."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Apostles-Creed.

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29. APOSTOLIC AGE

The time from the death of Jesus until the death of the last one of the twelve apostles in about 100 A.D..

Example sentence: "The apostolic age saw great church growth."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/apostolic-age.html.

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30. APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

Apostolic succession can be described as bishops receiving their office in a continuous line going back to the apostles.

**Example sentence:
"Apostolic succession is used to give authority."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/apostolic-succession.

31. APPLIED ETHICS

Applied ethics is the consideration of the practical application of ethics for real-world problems.

Example sentence: "This situation will require applied ethics."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/applied-ethics.

32. ARGUMENT FROM EVIL

The argument that evil's existence would indicate that God could not exist.

Example sentence: "The argument from evil does not accurately disprove the existence of God."

Reference: www.plato.stanford.edu/entries/evil.

33. ARK OF THE COVENANT

The Ark of the Covenant was the chest that contained the two tablets of the Ten Commandments.

Example sentence: "The Ark of the Covenant was hugely important to the Israelites."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Ark-of-the-Covenant.

34. ARMAGEDDON

The Battle of Armageddon is the final battle between God and the forces of Satan.

Example sentence: "The enemies of God will be ultimately destroyed in the final battle."

Reference: www.britannica.com/place/Armageddon.

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35. ARIANISM

This is the doctrine that Jesus was created by God.

Example sentence:

"Arianism contradicts the belief that Jesus is eternal."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Arianism.

36. ASCENSION

Ascension refers to Jesus ascending into Heaven 40 days after His resurrection.

Example sentence: "After his ascension Jesus was seated at the right hand of God."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Ascension-Christianity.

37. ASEITY

The belief that God does not depend on anything else in order to exist, as opposed to the rest of creation needing God for their existence.

Example sentence: "Humanity cannot possess aseity."

Reference:

[www.rep.routledge.com/articles/thematic/aseity/v-1#:~:text='Aseity'%20\(short%20for%20',exist%20of%20or%20from%20himself..](http://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/thematic/aseity/v-1#:~:text='Aseity'%20(short%20for%20',exist%20of%20or%20from%20himself..)

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38. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION



Having confident belief about one's salvation.

Example sentence:

"Assurance of salvation is key for Christians."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/assurance-salvation.html.

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39. ATHEIST

An atheist asserts they lack belief in a god or gods.

Example sentence: "What evidence will convince an atheist?"

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/atheism.

40. ATONEMENT

Atonement can be defined as reconciliation with sinners to God, such as by a sacrifice.

Example sentence: "We must bring atonement between sinners and the moral law."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/atonement-religion.

41. AUTOGRAPHS

This term refers to the original Aramaic, Greek and Hebrew Scripture manuscripts.

Example sentence: "The original autographs were written long ago."

Reference: www.carm.org/dictionary/autograph.

42. BENEDICTION

A benediction is a prayer that asks for God's blessing, that may be at the end of a church service.

Example sentence: "He gave the benediction at the end of the sermon."

Reference:

www.britannica.com/dictionary/benediction

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43. BIBLICAL CRITICISM

**Studying textual /
compositional / historical
questions regarding the Bible
- the main types are: textual,
philological, literary,
tradition and form criticism.**

**Example sentence: "Some
may say that Biblical
criticism is unimportant."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/biblical-criticism.

44. BORN AGAIN

Born again refers to a Christian having accepted Jesus Christ as their saviour for their sins.

Example sentence: "When he was baptised he became born again."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/born-again.html.

45. BRUTE FACT

A brute fact cannot be further explained or also explains itself.

Example sentence: "Some scientists explain the Big Bang as a brute fact."

Reference:

www.thebsps.org/reviewofbooks/willert-on-vintiadis-and-mekios-2

46. CHALCEDONIAN DEFINITION

Jesus' nature defined at the Council of Chalcedon, 451 A.D. as both divine and human, without sin.

Example sentence: "The Chalcedonian definition defined Jesus as truly God and also truly man."

Reference: www.zondervanacademic.com/blog/council-of-chalcedon#:~:text=At%20the%20Council%20of%20Chalcedon%2C%20the%20church%20explicitly%20defined%20the,all%20things%2C%20sin%20apart.%E2%80%9D

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47. CALVINISM

Developed by Calvin, it focusses on God's sovereignty, human depravity and predestination.

Example sentence:

"Calvinism is controversial, as it holds to predestination."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Calvinism.

48. CANON

The canon of Scripture refers to the accepted books of the Old and New Testaments.

Example sentence: "The canon of Scripture cannot be added to."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/canon-of-Scripture.html.

49. CANONISATION

The process by which the books of the Bible were deemed to be authoritative. Also, in the Catholic Church it refers to the process of someone being recognised as a saint.

Example sentence: "The canonisation of the Bible took time."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/biblical-literature/The-process-of-canonization.

50. CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE

Rules or moral commands that everyone must follow, even if they do not want to or for permitting circumstances.

Example sentence:

"Immanuel Kant introduced the categorical imperative."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/categorical-imperative.

51. CESSATIONISM

Cessationism holds to the belief that the New Testament miracles of speaking in tongues and healing have stopped operating through individuals.

Example sentence: "Was cessationism just for the early church?"

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/cessationism.html.

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52. CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

This interdenominational Christianity emphasises the Holy Spirit working in people's lives and spiritual gifts as a regular part of believers' lives.

Example sentence: "The Charismatic movement has become more popular."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Charismatic-movement.html.

53. CHRISTIAN MORTALISM

The soul is not naturally immortal and may include either the soul dies with the body (thnetopsychism) for both to be resurrected on the Day of Judgement, or "soul sleep" after death (psychopannychism).

Example sentence: "Christian mortalism is varied."

Reference:

www.definitions.net/definition/CHRISTIAN+MORTALISM

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55. CHRISTOLOGY

Christology refers to studying about Jesus Christ.

Example sentence: "There is no greater enjoyment than studying about the life of Jesus."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Christology.html.

55. CHURCH DISCIPLINE

The correction of church members for poor Christian behaviour, in order to protect the church and restore the individuals.

Example sentence: "Church discipline is important."

Reference: www.crossway.org/articles/10-things-you-should-know-about-church-discipline.

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56. CIRCUMINCESSION

Circumincession is the mutual immanence and dynamic interaction of the three persons of the Trinity.

Example sentence:

"Circumincession refers to how the persons of the Trinity relate to each other."

Reference: www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/circumincession.

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57. CODEX

Codex refers to the modern type of book page display, as opposed to the former long scroll style.

Example sentence: "Codexes were a vital innovation for reading."

Reference:

www.apps.lib.umich.edu/reading/Paul/codex.html#:~:text=A%20codex%20is%20essentially%20an,group%20of%20leaves%20C%20or%20pages.

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58. COMPATIBILISM

The belief that determinism and also free will are compatible.

Example sentence:

"Compatibilism is not agreed with by all theologians."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/compatibilism.html.

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59. CONSECRATION

This is the process of making something sanctified / purified / holy.

Example sentence: "There will be a consecration ceremony for the new church."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Bible-consecration.html.

60. CONTINUATIONIST

Belief that gifts of the Holy Spirit have continued to the present time, in particular "sign gifts", for instance speaking in tongues and prophecy.

Example sentence:

"Continuationist theology is not held by all church denominations."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/continuationism.html.

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61. COSMIC CONFLICT THEODICY

Raised by Dr. Peckham in The Theodicy Of Love, it attempts to explain the existence of evil due to the cosmological angelic warfare between good and evil.

Example sentence: "The cosmological conflict theodicy is in line with a Seventh-day Adventist perspective."

Reference: www.apologeticsforall.com/2021/01/10/cosmic-conflict-theodicy.

www.TheologyTeacher.co.uk

62. COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

This asserts that God's existence can be inferred by the existence of the universe.

Example sentence:

"The cosmological argument is a valid explanation of it."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/cosmological-argument.

63. COUNCIL OF TRENT

From 1545 to 1563, this was the Catholic response to the Protestant Reformation's doctrinal challenges.

Example sentence: "The Council of Trent was a reaction to the Reformation."

Reference: www.britannica.com/event/Council-of-Trent.

www.TheologyTeacher.co.uk

64. CREATIONISM



The belief that divine creation created living organisms and the universe ex nihilo.

Example sentence:

"Creationism is a Christian belief."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/creationism.

65. CREATION MANDATE

The notion from Genesis 1 for humanity to have dominion and be stewards of the earth.

Example sentence: "The creation mandate shows that humans are more important than animals."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/creation-mandate-cultural.html.

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66. CREATION WEEK

This is the term given to the 7 day Creation week, that some Christians believe is literal or figurative.

Example sentence: "The literal Creation week is not shared by all Christians."

Reference: www.answersingenesis.org/days-of-creation.

67. CREED

A creed can be defined as a summary of doctrines.

Example sentence: "We have summarised the church's doctrines into a creed."

Reference:

www.biblestudytools.com/history/creeds-confessions/creeds

68. CREDOBAPTISM

This is the practice of baptising those who can make a conscious profession of faith.

**Example sentence:
"Credobaptism is important in Protestantism."**

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/believers-baptism.html.

69. DAY-AGE THEORY

This theory asserts that the days in Genesis 1 were in fact much longer periods of time.

Example sentence: "The day-age theory requires figurative interpretation of Scripture."

Reference: www.icr.org/article/theistic-evolution-day-age-theory.

70. DEISM

Deism is the belief in a god who does not interfere with the affairs of earth.

Example sentence: "Through their experiences, they rejected deism."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Deism.

71. DEONTOLOGICAL

RULES

Actions are moral or immoral according to a definite set of rules.

Example sentence:

"Deontological rules attempt to give a structure to life."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Deism.

72. DETERMINISM

Determinism indicates that actions that people take are invariable according to the circumstances they find themselves in, normally being incompatible with free will.

Example sentence:

"Determinism is usually incompatible with free will."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/determinism.

73. DISPENSATIONALISM

Espoused by John Nelson Derby, this asserts that history has multiple ages/dispensations, during which God interacted with humanity differently.

Example sentence: "Many consider dispensationalism to be found in the Bible."

Reference:

www.gotquestions.org/dispensationalism.html

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74. DOCTRINE

Doctrine refers to the accepted official form of religious belief.

Example sentence: "This denomination has various doctrines that need to be upheld."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/doctrine.

75. DOMINION

This refers to the belief that humans have rule over nature.

Example sentence: "The belief in human dominion is found in Genesis 1:28."

Reference:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zqphw6f/revision/5#:~:text=The%20term%20dominion%20means%20to,resources%20for%20their%20own%20benefit.

76. DOXOLOGY

A doxology is a short hymn or speech giving praise to God.

**Example sentence:
"Let us now sing the doxology."**

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/doxology

77. EARLY CHURCH

This refers to the church in the centuries immediately following Jesus' death.

Example sentence: "The Early Church faced much persecution."

Reference:

www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/the-early-church

78. ECCLESIOLOGY

Ecclesiology examines the Christian church to know what it is and its purpose, etc..

Example sentence: "To understand the church's current status and direction, we must examine ecclesiology."

Reference:

www.gotquestions.org/Ecclesiology.html

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79. ECUMENISM

Ecumenism is the movement towards worldwide unity and/or cooperation of Christian churches.

Example sentence: "Some churches seek ecumenism."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/ecumenism.

80. EISEGESIS

Eisegeis brings external ideas/biases to some Bible text, not being concerned with the text's original historal contextual aspect.

Example sentence: "Eisegesis contrasts with exegesis."

Reference: www.dictionary.com/browse/eisegesis.

81. EMPIRICISM

Theological empiricism assesses belief based on something seen or inferred, along with the idea that physical evidence and logic substantiate theological belief.

Example sentence: "We depend on empiricism for the foundation of our beliefs."

Reference:

www.jeffgeerling.com/articles/philosophy/god-and-empiricism

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82. ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

Also known as "Christian perfectionism", or also sometimes as "sinless perfection", this asserts that a Christian can become so holy that they stop sinning.

Example sentence: "Who would not want entire sanctification?"

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/entire-sanctification.html.

83. EPISTEMOLOGY

Epistemology considers what we know and how we know it, along with what we assume and actually know.

**Example sentence:
"Their epistemology is based on faulty assumptions."**

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/epistemology

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84. EPISTLE

In the Bible 21/27 of the books of the New Testament are epistles: "instructional letters".

Example sentence: "The epistles are a key part of the New Testament."

Reference: www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/what-is-the-meaning-and-purpose-of-the-epistles-in-the-bible.html.

85. ESCHATOLOGICAL

Eschatological refers to the end-time death, judgement and destiny of humans.

Example sentence: "It is a key eschatological consideration."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/eschatology.

86. ESCHATOLOGICAL VERIFICATION

John Hick's concept from his 1966 book Faith And Knowledge, for something that could be proved after death, or at the end of time.

Example sentence:

"Eschatological verification was a reponse to logical positivism."

Reference: www.philosophyalevel.com/aqa-philosophy-revision-notes/religious-language.

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87. ESOTERIC CHRISTIANITY

The false belief that there is a secret version of Christianity, that can only be comprehended or undertaken by a select group with special knowledge.

Example sentence: "Esoteric Christianity is not Biblical."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Esoteric-Christianity.html.

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88. FREE WILL DEFENCE

The belief that the second person of the Godhead has always existed as the Son of God.

Example sentence: "Eternal Sonship is more than a title, saying that the relationship has always been like a son."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/eternal-Sonship.html.

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89. EUCHARIST

Also known as the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, it involves the consumption of unleavened bread, grape juice or wine.

Example sentence: "The Eucharist is an important sacrament."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Eucharist.

90. EUDAIMONIA

From Aristoteleian ethics "human flourishing", or "living well", eudaimonia is the chief human good and as an end in itself.

Example sentence:

"Aristotle covered this topic in 'Nichomachean Ethics' and 'Eudemian Ethics'."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/eudaimonia.

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91. EUTHYPHRO DILEMMA

From Plato's Euthyphro, where Socrates asks Euthyphro if something is good because gods says it is good, or do gods say something is good, because it is good?

Example sentence: "The Euthyphro dilemma examines the origin of good and bad."

Reference:: www.gotquestions.org/Euthyphro-Dilemma.html.

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92. EVANGELICAL CHURCH

They can be described as classical Protestant churches (or offshoots), especially since the late 20th century, that stress preaching the gospel of Jesus, personal conversion and sola scriptura for faith.

"The evangelical church stresses the importance of actively evangelising."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Evangelical-church-Protestantism.

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93. EVIDENTIAL APOLOGETICS

Evidential apologetics utilises evidence from archaeology, messianic prophecies and miracles, etc., to show that God exists.

Example sentence:

"Evidential apologetics tries to convince through various types of evidence."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/evidential-apologetics.html.

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94. EVANGELISM

This can be defined as spreading the Christian gospel by preaching, or personal witnessing.

"Evangelism is crucial for church growth."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-is-evangelism.html.

95. EX NIHILO



Ex nihilo means "out of nothing", referring to how God created everything.

Example sentence: "The universe was created ex nihilo."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-does-ex-nihilo-mean.html.

96. EXCLUSIVISM

Salvation can not be achieved by non-Christian religious belief (also know as "restrictivism").

"Exclusivism is a belief shared by a large amount of Christians."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/inclusivism-exclusivism.html.

97. EXEGESIS

Exegesis refers to the critical interpretation of scripture in order to comprehend the meaning intended.

Example sentence: "They are undertaking exegesis on this text."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/exegesis.

98. EXISTENTIALISM

**Self-determining
meaningful / authentic
decisions in a purposeless /
irrational universe.**

**Example sentence:
"Existentialism makes
oneself the final arbiter of
moral decisions."**

Reference:

[www.plato.stanford.edu/entries/existentialism.](http://www.plato.stanford.edu/entries/existentialism)

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99. FEDERAL HEADSHIP

Similar to Adam's sin imputed on his descendants, Jesus's righteousness is imputed to gospel believers.

Example sentence: "Federal headship theory is a counter to Adam's sin."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/federal-headship.html.

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100. FIDEISM



This theory asserts that faith is the key criterion for religious truth, minimising reason's power.

Example sentence: "Fideism relies on faith, rather than reason."

Reference: www.plato.stanford.edu/entries/fideism.

101. FILIOQUE

Added to a clause in the Nicene Creed in the 6th century, it clarifies that Jesus the Son is equal in origin/influence as the Father. Considered one of the main reasons for the schism between the Eastern and Western churches.

Example sentence: "The Filioque denies modalism."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Filioque.

102. FIRST GREAT AWAKENING

The First Great Awakening refers to a series of revivals in the British American colonies from 1720 and the 1740s, approximately.

Example sentence: "John Wesley led the First Great Awakening in England."

Reference: www.britannica.com/event/Great-Awakening.

103. FIVE SOLAS

The five solas of the Reformation are: sola gratia, sola fide, solus Christus, sola scriptura and sola Deo gloria

Example sentence: "These five solas have been identified with the Reformation."

Reference: www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-five-solas.

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104. FORM CRITICISM

Classifying written text regarding its preliterary type, for instance hymn or parable.

Example sentence: "Form criticism analyses preliterary types."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/form-criticism.

105. FREE WILL

The concept that people can make decisions or do actions, that are independent of a previous event or state within the universe.

Example sentence: "Free will is important for moral choice."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/free-will.

106. FREE WILL DEFENCE

This theodicy asserts that God created humans with free will (and angels) and that evil is due to our bad choices.

Example sentence: "The free will defence takes into account our ability to choose."

Reference:

www.encyclopedia.com/education/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/free-will-defense

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107. FUNDAMENTALISM

Fundamentalism can mean that every word of the Bible is divinely inspired (particularly amongst Protestants) and also a literal belief in the Creation week.

Example sentence: "Bible fundamentalism can be construed as extremely sincere."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Christian-fundamentalism.

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108. GENERAL REVELATION

General revelation can be defined as knowledge elicited via experience of creation.

Example sentence: "General revelation can be appreciated when studying nature."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/general-special-revelation.html.

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109. GLOSSOLALIA

Speaking in an unknown language, often during worship, especially undertaken by Pentecostals and charismatic Christians.

**Example sentence:
"Glossolalia is generally rejected by some Christian groups."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/glossolalia.

110. GREAT COMMISSION

The Great Commission from Matthew 18:19-20 calls on Christians to preach the Gospel message globally.

Example sentence: "The Great Commission is a mandate upon Christendom."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/great-commission.html.

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111. GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

The apparent failure of Jesus to return to earth in 1844.

Example sentence: "William Miller and his Millerite movement were stunned by the Great Disappointment."

Reference:

www.christianitytoday.com/history/issues/issue-61/american-adventism-great-disappointment.html

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112. HAMARTIOLOGY

This is the study of sin.

Example sentence:

"Hamartiology examines where sin came from, how it affects humans and will effect it will have."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Hamartiology.html.

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113. HEAVENLY SANCTUARY

**The heavenly sanctuary
is an actual
representation of the
previous earthly
tabernacle.**

**Example sentence: "Jesus
has been ministering in
the heavenly sanctuary."**

**Reference: [www.adventist.org/christs-ministry-
in-the-heavenly-sanctuary](http://www.adventist.org/christs-ministry-in-the-heavenly-sanctuary).**

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114. HERESY

This is a religious belief or opinion, that is opposed to the mainstream church authority position.

Example sentence: "So-called heresy may be a correct minority position."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/heresy.

115. HERMENEUTICS

Hermeneutics can be defined as studying about the key principles of interpreting the Bible.

Example sentence: "We consider hermeneutics to understand how we interpret scripture."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/hermeneutics-principles-of-biblical-interpretation.

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116. HETERODOXY

Heterodoxy refers to moving away from accepted/orthodox views.

Example sentence: "Some denominations practise heterodoxy in their beliefs."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/heterodoxy-heterodox.html.

117. HYPOSTATIC UNION

The union of Jesus' humanity and divinity.

Example sentence: "The hypostatic union is a mystery."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/hypostatic-union.html.

118. IMAGO DEI

The term imago dei refers to the concept of humanity being representative of God morally, spiritually and intellectually, in as much as we accurately follow Him.

Example sentence:

"Remember imago dei - we are not simply animals."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/bible/image-of-god-meaning-imago-dei-in-the-bible.html.

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119. IMMANENCE

Referring to God being knowable and perceivable.

Example sentence: "God has both immanence and transcendence."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/immanence-divine-attribute.

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120. IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

Human souls existing after death for heaven / purgatory / hell, depending on belief, with also possibly annihilationism being a minority belief.

Example sentence:

"Immortality of the soul is conditional."

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/Christianity/The-immortality-of-the-soul

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121. IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

Imputed righteousness refers to the belief that a sinner is perceived as righteous, by grace through faith in Jesus.

Example sentence: "As Christians we receive the imputed righteousness of Jesus."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-is-imputed-righteousness.html.

122. INCARNATION



God took on human form, by becoming Jesus in the flesh.

Example sentence: "The incarnation proves that Jesus was no ordinary man."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Incarnation-Jesus-Christ.

123. INDULGENCES

Indulgences was a false system of forgiveness by the Catholic Church, heavily criticised by the reformer Martin Luther and others, that could involve buying forgiveness monetarily.

Example sentence: "Buying an indulgence cannot free someone from their sin."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/indulgence.

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124. INERRANCY

Inerrancy refers to a lack of errors in the Bible.

Example sentence:

"Fundamentalist Christians believe in Bible inerrancy."

Reference: www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/what-does-inerrancy-mean.

125. INFINITE REGRESS

An infinite regress is when a reason to believe something, must be supported by another reason, ad infinitum.

Example sentence: "Atheists' basis for truth is predicated on an infinite regress."

Reference:

www.informationphilosopher.com/knowledge/infinite_regress.html#:~:text=An%20infinite%20regress%20arises%20when,the%20Skeptics%20in%20ancient%20philosophy.

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126. INTELLIGENT DESIGN

A theory regarding how irreducible complexity and other technical aspects of the universe, indicate that random evolution is unsubstantiated.

Example sentence: "DNA is proof of intelligent design."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/intelligent-design.

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127. INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A background image showing several people in a church setting, some with their hands clasped in prayer, looking down or towards the front. The scene is brightly lit, likely from a window in the background.

Intercessory prayer is praying to God on behalf of someone else's welfare.

Example sentence: "They made intercessory prayer for the unwell church member."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/what-is-intercessory-prayer.html.

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128. INTERDENOMINATIONAL

Interdenominational refers to sharing by different Christian groups.

Example sentence: "This is an interdenominational church."

Reference:

www.compellingtruth.org/interdenominational.html

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129. INVESTIGATIVE JUDGEMENT

A Seventh-day Adventist doctrine that asserts that Jesus started investigating the eternal judgement of all people, after He moved to the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary in 1844.

Example sentence: "The Investigative Judgement is key."

Reference: www.encyclopedia.adventist.org/article?id=7FOL.

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130. INVINCIBLE IGNORANCE

A theory that through not having specifically learned the moral law, someone is not culpable.

Example sentence: "Does invincible ignorance facilitate sin?"

Reference:

www.oxfordreference.com/display/10.1093/acref/9780192802903.001.0001/acref-9780192802903-e-3557;jsessionid=3B9150A15C58FC02454734FCDFAEBC09

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131. JEWISH DIASPORA

Jewish dispersion, starting from the Babylonian Exile of 586 B.C., including with religious connotations.

Example sentence: "The Jewish Diaspora has seen Jewish communities throughout the world."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Diaspora-Judaism.

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132. JUSTIFICATION

The concept of justification is whereby a Christian is justified as righteous, through repentance and forgiveness of sins.

Example sentence: "Do you accept Jesus as the justification for your righteousness?"

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/justification-Christianity.

133. KOINONIA

This refers to having communion with God, or more often with fellow Christian believers.

Example sentence: "Koinonia is essential to Christians."

Reference: www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/what-does-koinonia-mean.

134. LAITY

The dictionary definition of "laity" is those classified who are involved with a church, although are not "priests" / "do not hold official religious positions".

Example sentence: "The laity support this outreach programme."

Reference:

[www.dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/laity.](http://www.dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/laity)

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135. LIBERATION THEOLOGY

From the late 20th century in Roman Catholicism, focussed on Latin America, aiming to apply faith by helping the poor and persecyted through political and civil affairs involvement.

Example sentence: "Liberation theology could be too political."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/liberation-theology.

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136. LITERARY CRITICISM

Literary criticism focuses on literary genres found within text, in order to determine composition date, authorship and function of the writing.

Example sentence: "Scripture can have literary criticism."

Reference: www.britannica.com/art/literary-criticism.

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137. LITURGY

Liturgy is the prescribed format of ritual worship, such as for baptism.

Example sentence: "The church leader took part in the church's liturgy."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-is-liturgy-meaning-of-liturgical-worship.html.

138. LOGOS

"Logos" means "the Word of God" and is another name for Jesus.

Example sentence: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1, KJV)

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/logos-in-the-bible-definition-and-significance.html.

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139. MAIEUTICS

The Socratic method of eliciting ideas by probing questions and answers.

Example sentence: "The etymology of maieutics is from the Greek word referring to 'giving birth'."

Reference: www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/maieutic.

140. MARIOLOGY

Mariology is the Catholic exultation of Mary and association with doctrines of grace, intercession and redemption.

**Example sentence:
"Praying to Mary to intercede is not Biblical."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Mariology.



141. MESSIAH

Messiah is a Hebrew word that means "anointed one" and refers to Jesus.

Example sentence: "Jesus was the promised Messiah."

Reference:

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zxnpjty/revision/4#:~: text=The%20term%20Messiah%20is%20Hebrew,by%20 God%20to%20save%20humanity.](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zxnpjty/revision/4#:~:text=The%20term%20Messiah%20is%20Hebrew,by%20God%20to%20save%20humanity.)

142. MESSIANIC SECRET

The Messianic secret motif in the Book of Mark, refers to how Jesus kept His Messiahship secret until after His crucifixion.

Example sentence: "Jesus's Messianic secret prevented Him being made king."

Reference: www.evidenceunseen.com/bible-difficulties-2/nt-difficulties/matthew/marks-messianic-secret-why-did-jesus-silence-those-who-confessed-him.

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143. METANARRATIVE

A metanarrative can be defined as a sweeping theme/plot that covers all the Bible books in one grand narrative.

Example sentence: "A metanarrative of the Bible is redeeming humanity."

Reference: www.knowingthebible.net/topical-studies/the-metanarratives-of-the-bible.

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144. METAPHYSICS

Metaphysics can be defined as attempting to broadly conceptualise and detail reality. Its studies explain inherent / universal elements of reality, not discovered / experienced easily within everyday life.

Example sentence:

"Metaphysics is complex."

Reference:

www.pbs.org/faithandreason/gengloss/metaph-body.html#:~:text=Derived%20from%20the%20Greek%20meta,outside%20of%20human%20sense%20perception.

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145. MILLENNIALISM

Also known as "millenarianism" or "chiliasm", this belief asserts that Jesus will establish a 1,000 year reign on earth of the saints.

**Example sentence:
"Millennialism is believed by many."**

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/millennialism.html.

146. MILLERISM

A very significant global religious movement initiated by William Miller in America, that encouraged the belief that Jesus was going to return in 1843/1844.

Example sentence: "The Seventh-day Adventist Church started after Millerism faltered."

Reference: www.britannica.com/biography/William-Miller#ref236240.

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147. MISSIOLOGY

Missiology is the practice of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Example sentence:
"Missiology is key to the Christian religion."**

Reference:

www.gotquestions.org/missiology.html

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148. MODALISM

Modalism defines God as one person and that the Father, Son and Spirit are simply different modes of the divine being.

Example sentence: "The false doctrine 'modalism' is reported to have begun in the second and third centuries."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Modalistic-Monarchianism.html.

149. MONASTICISM

Institutionalised religious practices, where those part of it strive to live by rules above regular laity and spiritual leaders.

**Example sentence:
"Monasticism used to be more popular."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/monasticism.

150. MONOPHYSITISM

This is the belief that Jesus possessed a single or united divine nature, where His human nature was absorbed by divinity, without having full humanity.

Example sentence:

"Monophysitism contradicts regular Christian belief."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/monotheism.

151. MONOTHEISM

This is the belief that there is only one God.

Example sentence:

"Monotheism is a key belief in Christianity."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/monotheism.

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152. MORTIFICATION

Mortification can be defined as purifying, such as by self-denial and may range from fasting to erroneously hitting oneself.

Example sentence: "Hitting oneself for mortification to get to Heaven, is not taught in the Bible."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/mortification.html.

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153. MOSAIC COVENANT

Given at Mt. Sinai, it centred around giving the Ten Commandments and God's blessings were linked to obedience to them.

Example sentence: "The Mosaic Covenant was conditional."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Mosaic-covenant.html.

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154. NATURAL LAW

This theory asserts that people have an intrinsic sense of right and wrong governing their behaviour.

Example sentence: "It is a natural law that this is wrong."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/natural-law.

155. NEW COVENANT

The New Covenant is the agreement that God makes with Christians, to forgive and restore fellowship with them through the mediation of Jesus.

Example sentence: "I am a New Covenant Christian believer."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/new-covenant.html.

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156. NEW EARTH

The new earth will restore the current one, free from sin / evil / sickness / suffering / death.

Example sentence: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:" (Revelation 21:1, KJV).

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/new-heavens-earth.html.

157. NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed is the key belief statement for mainstream Christianity.

Example sentence: "We believe in the Nicene Creed."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Nicene-Creed.

158. NIHILISM

Nihilism proposes that life is meaningless, without any certain knowledge, or binding religious or moral guidelines.

Example sentence: "Nihilism is a scourge of our society."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/nihilism.

159. NOETIC EFFECTS OF SIN

Due to sins' effect on our intellects, we have an impaired capacity, creating doubts, being sceptical and with unbelief regarding God.

Example sentence: "The noetic effects of sin might seem probable."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/noetic-effects-of-sin.html.

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160. NON-LORDSHIP SALVATION

Another term is "easy-believism", which refers to the belief that for salvation one only has to believe, without a life of Christian discipleship, which contrasts with "Lordship salvation".

Example sentence: "Is non-Lordship salvation false?"

Reference: www.theopedia.com/Non-lordship_salvation.

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161. NOUMENAL REALM

Human knowledge is limited to the phenomenal world as it appears, whilst God operates in the noumenal world, that we can assume, although not experience.

Example sentence: "The noumenal realm is beyond our comprehension."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/noumenon.

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162. OBJECTIVISM

Objectivism's definition can include that logic and reality are independent of one's perception and that certain statements regarding good and evil are universal.

Example sentence:

"Objectivism means that places exist even if one has not been to them."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/objectivism.html.

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163. OCCAM'S RAZOR



Explanations that are simpler in nature are to be preferred.

Example sentence: "Occam's razor is a widely popular theory."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Occams-razor.

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164. OMNISCIENT

Omniscient refers to God's capacity to know everything.

Example sentence: "God is omniscient by definition."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/god/all-knowing-god.html.

165. ONTOLOGY



Ontology is a theory about the nature of being, that seeks to classify and explain in terms of entities.

**Example sentence:
"Theologians examine ontology for understanding how we see the world."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/ontology-metaphysics.

166. ORIGINAL SIN

Original sin is the belief that humans have a tendency to sin inherited from Adam, as a consequence of the Fall.

Example sentence: "Does the world not reflect original sin?"

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/original-sin.

167. ORTHODOXY

Orthodoxy refers to the concept of a considered right opinion.

Example sentence: "This was the prevailing orthodoxy."

Reference: www.britannica.com/dictionary/orthodoxy.

168. PAEDOBAPTISM

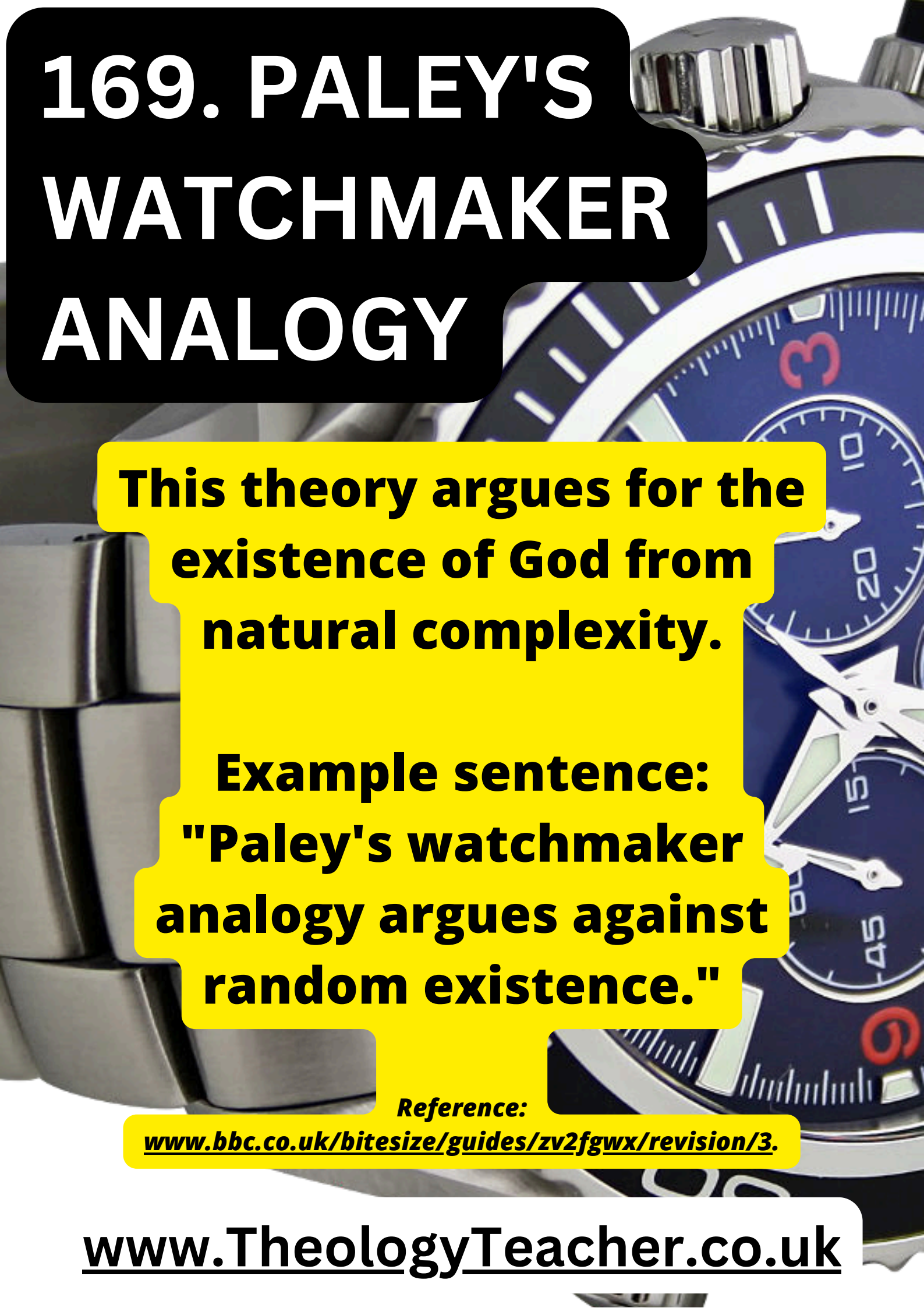
The incorrect belief that children can get baptised.

Example sentence:

"Paedobaptism is not possible without children being able to make an informed decision."

Reference: www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/paedobaptism.

169. PALEY'S WATCHMAKER ANALOGY



This theory argues for the existence of God from natural complexity.

**Example sentence:
"Paley's watchmaker analogy argues against random existence."**

Reference:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zv2fgwx/revision/3

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170. PANPSYCHISM

The incorrect view that everything has a mind or mind-like quality.

Example sentence:

"Panpsychism is from the word pan (all) and psyche (soul/mind)."

Ref:

www.plato.stanford.edu/entries/panpsychism/erence

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171. PANTHEISM

Pantheism is the false belief that the whole universe is God and that God is thus everywhere and in everything.

**Example sentence:
"Pantheism is a false doctrine, not supported by the Bible."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/pantheism.

172. PAROUSIA

Parousia refers to Jesus' return in judgement.

Example sentence: "Jesus's parousia will see him return in judgement."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/parousia.html.

173. PASCHAL

This Hebrew word meaning "Passover" (Old Testament event), can also refer to Easter.

Example sentence: "They made a paschal candle."

Reference:

www.dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/paschal.

174. PASSIVE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST



**Jesus' passive acceptance of
the punishment for sinners
breaking the law.**

**Example sentence: "The
passive obedience of Christ
is a lesson in humility."**

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/active-passive-obedience.html.

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175. PELAGIANISM

Also called the Pelagian heresy, the belief that original sin did not affect human nature and that by spiritual grace we can become perfect.

Example sentence: "Does Pelagianism tally with the world's events?"

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Pelagianism.

176. PENTATEUCH

The Pentateuch refers to the Bible's first five books, which are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Example sentence: "The Pentateuch is from Genesis to Deuteronomy."

Reference:

www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780195393361/obo-9780195393361-0092.xml#:~:text=The%20Pentateuch%20includes%20the%20first,books%20together%20as%20the%20Torah.

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177. PENTECOSTALISM

Pentecostalism supports a religious experience type of Christianity, such as by glossolalia.

"Pentecostalism is majoring in the minors, by focussing too much on outward displays of religiosity."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Pentecostalism.

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178. PERSPICUITY OF SCRIPTURE

The belief that the main message of the Bible is clearly understandable and that the Bible can be reasonably interpreted in a regular and literal fashion.

"The perspicuity of Scripture has been a key Protestant belief."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/perspicuity-of-Scripture.html.

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179. PHARISAISM

Pharisaism refers to being overly self-righteous, or hypocritical in behaviour.

Example sentence: "Their behaviour displayed Pharisaism."

Reference:

[www.wordreference.com/definition/Pharisaism.](http://www.wordreference.com/definition/Pharisaism)

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180. PHILOLOGICAL CRITICISM

Studying Biblical languages in order to get vocabulary, grammar, and style of the period knowledge accuracy.

Example sentence: "Some say that the King James Bible does not need any philological criticism."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/philological-criticism.

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181. PLURALISM

This can refer to accepting diverse religions within a society, or inclusivism whereby other faiths are deemed to hold valid mutual or independent truths.

**Example sentence:
"Accepting the belief in pluralism proscribes exclusivism."**

Reference: www.plato.stanford.edu/entries/religious-pluralism.

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182. PNEUMATOLOGY

Pneumatology is the area of Christianity concerned with studying about the Holy Spirit.

Example sentence: "They are studying about pneumatology for their university course."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Pneumatology.html.

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183. POLEMICS

Polemics is the argumentative attack or defence of a theological position.

Example sentence: "They prefer apologetics, rather than polemics."

Reference: www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/polemic.

184. POLYTHEISM



Polytheism is the worship of multiple gods.

Example sentence: "Their religion follows polytheism."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/polytheism.

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185. POST-REFORMATION

Post-Reformation refers to the period after the Reformation.

Example sentence: "We are currently in a post-Reformation period."

Reference: www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/post-Reformation#:~:text=%3A%20occurring%20or%20existing%20after%20the%20Reformation.

186. POSTMODERNISM

This missiology challenge, is a reaction against the ideas/values of modernism (from the early twentieth century had sought superior experience and values).

Example sentence:

"Postmodernism is a challenge for Christian outreach."

Reference: www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/p/postmodernism#:~:text=Postmodernism%20can%20be%20seen%20as,decades%20of%20the%20twentieth%20century.

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187. POSTPOSITIVISM

Postpositivism can be described as, that the ideas and even identity of researchers, influences their conclusions.

Example sentence:

"Postpositivism influences research conclusions."

Reference: www.e-ir.info/2021/09/25/positivism-post-positivism-and-interpretivism/#:~:text=Postpositivists%20argue%20that%20the%20ideas,and%20knowledge%20that%20theorists%20develop.

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188. PRE-ADVENT JUDGEMENT

This is position held by denominations such as the Seventh-day Adventist Church, that the judgement of eternal destinies takes place before Jesus' return.

Example sentence: "The pre-Advent judgement is now."

Reference:

[www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/1981/12/the-pre-advent-judgment.](http://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/1981/12/the-pre-advent-judgment)

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189. PREDESTINATION

Predestination teaches that all events have been orchestrated by God, in particular with reference to the eternal destinies of people.

Example sentence:

"Predestination also must take into account free will."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-is-predestination.html.

190. PRESENT TRUTH

"Present truth" (2 Peter 1:12, KJV), refers to previously unknown truths being made cognisant in our current times.

Example sentence: "'Present truth' is shown though the 'Heavenly Sanctuary' doctrine."

Reference:

www.andrews.edu/~damsteeg/nl.html#:~:text=Historically%2C%20Adventists%20have%20understood%20that,led%20his%20people%20to%20discover.

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191. PRESUPPOSITIONAL APOLOGETICS

Presuppositional apologetics can demonstrate that only Christianity has logical truth claims, as God's existence validates reality.

Example sentence:

"Presuppositional apologetics proved that atheists cannot really make truth claims."

Reference: www.truthstory.org/blog/what-is-presuppositional-apologetics.

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192. PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS



Also known as the "universal priesthood", this asserts that there is no need for a mediator between believers and God.

Example sentence: "The priesthood of believers is key in Protestantism."

Reference:

www.texasbaptists.org/about/beliefs/priesthood-of-believers#:~:text=The%20doctrine%20of%20the%20priesthood,men%2C%20the%20man%20Christ%20Jesus.

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193. PRIMA SCRIPTURA

Prima scriptura refers to the concept of the Bible being primary, or above all other forms of revelation.

Example sentence: "We consider prima scriptura, rather than the traditions of people."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/prima-scriptura.html.

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194. PRINCIPLE OF SUFFICIENT REASON

Every fact and proposition must have a sufficient reason why it is so.

Example sentence: "A bicycle chain falling off demonstrates the principle of sufficient reason."

Reference:

www.1000wordphilosophy.com/2018/03/27/leibniz-principle-of-sufficient-reason

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195. PRINCIPLE OF DOUBLE EFFECT

This principle is when there is a moral intended effect and also a predicted, but not intended effect.

Example sentence: "The principle of double effect is seen when an abortion is carried out to save a mother's life."

Reference: www.plato.stanford.edu/entries/double-effect.

196. PROSPERITY GOSPEL

**The belief that through faith,
one can have better health,
wealth and happiness.**

**Example sentence: "Jesus
did not seek financial
wealth."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/prosperity-gospel.

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197. PSYCHOPANNYCHISM

This is the belief that when people die their souls sleep until the resurrection.

**Example sentence:
"Psychopannychism is a distinct doctrine."**

Reference:

www.pulterproject.northwestern.edu/curations/c37-christian-mortalism.html

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198. PUNISHMENT THEODICY

**Suffering arises as a result
of God justly punishing
sinners.**

**Example sentence: "Many
may say that punishment
theodicy is warranted."**

Reference: www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-problem-of-evil.

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199. PURGATORY

The incorrect Catholic belief that there is an intermediary place before heaven, where sins are purged.

**Example sentence:
"Purgatory is not a Bible doctrine."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/purgatory-Roman-Catholicism/Development-of-the-tradition.

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200. QUALIA

Qualia can refer to the nature / content of subjective experiences.

Example sentence:

"Information from hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting and touching are our qualia."

Reference:

[www.bcp.psych.ualberta.ca/~mike/Pearl Street/Dictionary/contents/Q/qualia.html#:~:text=Qualia%20\(singular%3A%20quale\)%20is,or%20smell%20are%20our%20qualia.](http://www.bcp.psych.ualberta.ca/~mike/Pearl_Street/Dictionary/contents/Q/qualia.html#:~:text=Qualia%20(singular%3A%20quale)%20is,or%20smell%20are%20our%20qualia.)

201. QUIETISM

Annihilation of one's will and a passive absorption contemplating God and divine concepts.

Example sentence:

"Quietism was considered a heresy by the Catholic Church."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/quietism.html.

202. RAPTURE

The belief that there will either be a false secret rapture, or the living and dead saved will ascend into heaven when Jesus returns triumphantly.

Example sentence: "The secret rapture is not Biblical."

Reference: www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/what-does-bible-teach-about-secret-rapture.

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203. REFORMATION

The Reformation was the beginning of Protestantism and its separation from the Catholic Church.

Example sentence: "Martin Luther's 95 Theses helped begin the Reformation."

Reference: www.britannica.com/event/Reformation.

204. RELATIVISM

Relativism asserts that there is no fundamental truth, only what someone (or a culture) chooses to think.

**Example sentence:
"Relativism asserts that nothing can be know for sure."**

Reference:

www.britannica.com/dictionary/relativism#:~:text=Britannica%20Dictionary%20definition%20of%20RELATIVISM,moral%2Fcultural%20relativism.

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205. REMNANT

Remnant theologically refers to the small minority of those who will remain faithful towards God and His teachings and finally be saved.

Example sentence: "The remnant concept is of great importance in Adventist teaching."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Bible-remnant.html.

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206. SACRAMENT

A sacrament is a religious rite that is considered especially important, such as baptism.

Example sentence: "The sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion are of key importance."

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/sacrament/Theology-and-practice-of-sacraments-in-Christianity

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207. SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification can be thought of as the process of making holy, and also being set aside for the use of God.

Example sentence: "The process of personal sanctification is an ongoing process."

Reference: www.christianity.com/jesus/following-jesus/repentance-faith-and-salvation/what-does-sanctification-mean.html.

208. SANCTITY OF LIFE

Sanctity of life refers to the belief that human life is sacred / holy / valuable.

Example sentence: "Sanctity of life can derive from Genesis 1:26, KJV: 'Let us make man in our image,'."

Reference: www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/what-is-the-biblical-meaning-of-the-phrase-sanctity-of-life.html

209. SECOND GREAT AWAKENING

An American Protestant religious revival from about 1795 to 1835, that also sparked social reforms, such as abolitionism and temperance.

Example sentence: "The Second Great Awakening was highly influential."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Second-Great-Awakening.

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210. SHUT DOOR DOCTRINE

The shut door doctrine was held by Millerites, that for those who the warnings of Jesus' return were unheeded, that they were lost from salvation.

Example sentence: "There is no current shut door for unbelievers."

Reference: www.m.egwwritings.org/en/book/711.6.

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211. SKEPTICAL THEISM

This theodicy notes that we should be cautious of our capacity to know God's reasons for acting or not in relation to evil.

Example sentence:

"Skeptical theism is a strong argument."

Reference: www.plato.stanford.edu/entries/skeptical-theism/#:~:text=Skeptical%20theism%20is%20one%20family,for%20permitting%20suffering%20and%20evil

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212. SOLA FIDE

Sola fide refers to the concept of being saved by faith alone.

Example sentence: "Our church believes that we are saved by faith alone: sola fide."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/sola-fide.html.

213. SOLA GRATIA

Sola gratia means receiving salvation by grace alone.

Example sentence:

"We believe in salvation by grace: sola gratia."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/sola-gratia.html.

214. SOLA SCRIPTURA

Sola scriptura means that the Bible by itself is sufficient for faith and the action of Christians.

Example sentence: "We do not follow the traditions of people, only sola scriptura."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/sola-scriptura.html.

215. SOTERIOLOGY

Soteriology is the doctrine of salvation.

Example sentence: "Through understanding Christianity's soteriology, we can define the tenets of its beliefs."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/soteriology.

216. SPECIAL REVELATION

How God reveals Himself through miraculous methods.

Example sentence: "The burning bush in the desert to Moses was a special revelation."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/general-special-revelation.html.

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217. SPIRITUAL GIFT

A spiritual gift is initiated by God and can include the ability to be a pastor.

Example Sentence: "They have many spiritual gifts."

Reference:

www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/giftsspiritual.html

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218. STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is the responsibility to effectively use financial means and talents, as well as take care of the world around us.

Example sentence: "The Stewardship Department offers free financial training."

Reference: www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/stewards-in-the-bible-meaning-of-stewardship.html.

219. SUBJECTIVISM

Subjectivism teaches that our mental thinking is the only true thing and that moral decisions are variable.

Example sentence: "A belief in subjectivism means that moral rules can possibly change in certain situations."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/subjectivism.html.

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220. SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

These are Matthew, Mark and Luke - they include a lot of stories that are the same and also are sequenced often similarly, or identically.

Example sentence: "The synoptic gospels are the first three books of the N.T."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/Synoptic-Gospels.html.

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221. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Systematic theology seeks to organise religious truths into a comprehensive structure.

**Example sentence:
"Systematic theology helps to systematise different doctrines."**

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/systematic-theology.html.

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222. TABERNACLE

The tabernacle was an Israelite portable sanctuary, with inner and outer areas.

**Example sentence:
"The tabernacle was highly valued by the Israelites."**

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/Tabernacle

223. TELEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

The teleological argument states that natural complexity indicates a designer.

Sentence structure: "A clear teleological argument can be made from analysing DNA."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/teleological-argument.html.

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224. TETRAGRAMMATON

The Tetragrammaton is a four letter word: "theonym", that is transliterated as: YHWH or Yahweh.

Example sentence: "The Tetragrammaton is a revered word in Judaism."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Yahweh.

225. TEXTUAL CRITICISM

**Textual criticism
attempts to discover
what the Bible's original
manuscripts said.**

**Example sentence: "Some
believe that textual
criticism is unnecessary."**

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/textual-criticism.html.

226. THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

The division of the Jewish nation into the northern kingdom of ten tribes and the southern of Judah and Benjamin.

Example sentence: "The divided kingdom happened during the reign of King Rehoboam."

Reference: www.jewishhistory.org/the-divided-kingdom.

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227. THE GREAT SCHISM

The division between Roman Catholicism and the Eastern Orthodox churches, also called the 'East-West Schism'.

Example sentence: "The Great Schism in 1054 A.D. was of significant importance in Christian history."

Reference:

www.education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/great-schism.

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228. THEISM

Theism refers to the belief that there is one (or more) deity/supreme reality in existence.

Example Sentence: "Christians believe in theism and the existence of God."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/theism.

229. THEISTIC EVOLUTION

Theistic evolution seeks to claim that God created the earth through evolutionist mechanisms, rather than creating Adam and Eve.

Example sentence: "Theistic evolution is not compatible with the literal six day creation."

Reference: www.answersingenesis.org/theistic-evolution.

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230. THEODICY

A theodicy justifies God in the face of the existence of evil.

Example sentence:

"Skeptical theism is a theodicy defence, stating that there may be mitigating reasons for evil that we are not aware of."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/theodicy-theology.

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231. THEOLOGY

This term refers to God's nature and religious belief.

Example sentence: "This is a key consideration in theology."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/theology.

232. THEOPHANY

This term can be described as the appearance of God, such as in a burning bush in the Old Testament.

Example sentence: "The Bible has multiple theophanies."

Reference:

[www.britannica.com/topic/theophany.](http://www.britannica.com/topic/theophany)

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233. THNETOPSYCHISM

The soul dies with the body, for both to be resurrected on the Day of Judgement.

Example sentence: "The British poet John Milton believed in thnetopsychism."

Reference:

www.pulterproject.northwestern.edu/curations/c37-christian-mortalism.html

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234. THOMISM

Philosophy deriving from Thomas Aquinas, articulating Catholic intellectual content: central/enduring questions about reality/knowledge/value, it provides relevant answers in an integrated system.

Example sentence: "Thomism has been highly influential."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Thomism.

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235. THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES



The Three Angels' Message refers to the message of warning and repentance.

Example sentence: "The Three Angels' Message brings hope to the saved and fear to the lost."

Reference: www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/three-angels-messages.

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236. TORAH

This can refer to the first five books of the Old Testament, or also the whole of the Hebrew Bible.

Example sentence: "The Torah is of great importance in Judaism."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/Torah.

237. TOTAL DEPRAVITY

Total depravity is the doctrine summarising fallen humanity's sinful spiritual condition.

Example sentence: "No one needs to be convinced of the total depravity of humankind."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/total-depravity.html.

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238. TRADITION CRITICISM

This aims to record the oral traditions' development, which predated the written texts.

**Example sentence:
"Tradition criticism may take much investigation."**

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/biblical-criticism.

239. TRANSCENDENT

Transcendent means that God is above human's ability to experience, perceive or grasp.

Example sentence: "In various ways God is transcendent from our experience."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/God-transcendent.html.

240. TRANSCENDENTAL ARGUMENT

This argument states that logic, morality and scientific insight presuppose God to substantiate their existence.

Example sentence: "The transcendental argument shows that absolute morality could not exist, without God equally."

Reference: www.britannica.com/topic/transcendental-argument.

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241. TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus's Transfiguration was when Peter, James and John went up a mountain, meeting Moses and Elijah and Jesus' face and clothes became dazzlingly bright.

Example sentence: "Jesus' Transfiguration was a pivotal moment."

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/Transfiguration-Christianity

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242. TRANSUBSTANTIATION

This is the false Catholic belief that the bread and wine used during the Eucharist literally become Jesus' flesh and blood.

Example sentence: "The great reformer Martin Luther rejected transubstantiation."

Reference:

[www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/does-transubstantiation-really-happen.](http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/does-transubstantiation-really-happen)

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243. TRINITARIANISM

The belief that God is one person, with three equal and eternal Persons.

Example sentence:

"Trinitarianism is clearly identified in the Bible."

Reference:

www.gotquestions.org/trinitarianism.html

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244. TRIPARTITE DIVISION OF THE LAW

This is the categorisation of the law into moral, ceremonial and judicial aspects.

Example sentence: "It is important to differentiate the different aspects of the tripartite law."

Reference: www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/on-the-tripartite-division-of-the-law.

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245. TYPOLOGY

A Bible typology is a mention of something that will happen in the future ("prophetically").

Example sentence: "Joseph indicated typology for Jesus."

Reference: www.gotquestions.org/typology-Biblical.html.

246. UNIVERSALISM

Universalism can be described as the belief that ultimately all humans will be saved for eternal life.

**Example sentence:
"Universalism directly contradicts the Bible's doctrines."**

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/Universalism

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247. UTILITARIANISM

An ethical choice which seeks the greatest good for the greatest number as its prerequisite.

**Example sentence:
"Utilitarianism was first systematically developed by Jeremy Bentham."**

Reference:

www.britannica.com/topic/utilitarianism-philosophy

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248. WORLDVIEW

A worldview describes how attitudes and expectations, etc., control the way that we interact with the world.

**Example sentence:
"Their worldview led them to become a Christian."**

Reference:

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6735033/#:~:text=A%20worldview%20is%20a%20col
[lection,on%20\(Sire%2C%202004\).](#)

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249. XENOGLLOSSIA

Xenoglossia is the ability to speak in an earthly language, that one has never learned.

Example sentence:

"Xenoglossia is different to glossolalia."

Reference: www.simplybible.com/f466-mirac-speaking-in-tongues.htm.

250. YOUNG EARTH CREATIONISM

The theory that the earth and its lifeforms were created in a short space of time, at the time of Adam and Eve.

Example sentence: "Young earth creationism is believed by some Christian churches."

Reference:

www.answersingenesis.org/creationism/young-earth/young-earth-creationist-view-summarized-and-defended

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