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Communicable and Incommunicable Attributes

1. Compare the difference between communicable and incommunicable attributes.

Communicable Attributes	Incommunicable Attributes

2. What limitations are there in distinguishing between two categories of divine attributes? (Communicable and Incommunicable)

When referring to God's attributes we must remember that "an attribute is not that of which God is composed." You and I are composed of many attributes, but not God. "God is not 'made' of parts. If God the Father Almighty had been composed, somebody greater than God would have had to be out there to 'make' God. God exists in simple unity" (Tozer 16-17)

3. Why is it importance to study the attributes of God?

4. What is anthropomorphic language? Give an example.

Independence, Self-Existence, Aseity

5. What is meant by God's independence, self-existence, or aseity? (Look up what aseity means.)

6. Where is aseity taught in the Bible?

7. What are the implications of God's independence for your life? (I Timothy 6:13-16)

8. Did God make Adam and Eve because he was 'lonely'', and he wanted humans to give him some company? Explain your answer.

9. "Within the Godhead Himself there is a never-ending Niagara of perfect, overjoyed love overflowing between the Father and the Son through the Spirit. Unlike you and me, God needs no one outside Himself in order to love and be loved. He is, in Himself, both the great Lover and the great Beloved. This is why the Bible says, "God is love." He doesn't need anyone or anything—apart from Himself—in order to love or to exist" (Barry Cooper). If God does not need anything or anyone, then is it the case that we mean nothing to Him? Is there no importance in our existence? Explain.

10. Look up the following verses and record what it states about God's independence and contrast this with your dependence in this area.

	God's Independence	My Dependence
John		
5:26		
Isaiah		
40:13-14		
Lab		
Job 41:11		
41.11		
Colossians		
1:16–17		