



## Introduction to Classical Theism

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*Welcome to this introductory course on Exploring the Nature of God and Attributes through Classical Theism. This course is designed to introduce you to the fundamental concepts of classical theism, exploring the nature and attributes of God. By the end of this course, you will be able to define and explain key terms related to classical theism, analyze the attributes of God, and evaluate the significance of these concepts in your everyday life.*

## Activity 1: Matching Game

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Match the following terms with their definitions:

- Classical Theism
- Omniscience
- Omnipotence
- Benevolence

Definitions:

- The attribute of God that refers to His all-knowing and all-seeing nature
- A philosophical and theological framework that posits the existence of a personal, omnipotent, and benevolent God
- The attribute of God that refers to His unlimited power and ability to accomplish His will
- The attribute of God that refers to His loving and merciful nature

## Lesson 2: The Attributes of God

*The attributes of God are the characteristics or qualities that define God's nature and being. These attributes include omniscience, omnipotence, benevolence, and immutability, among others.*

### Activity 2: Attribute Analysis

Analyze the following attributes of God and explain their significance:

1. Omniscience
2. Omnipotence
3. Benevolence

## Lesson 3: The Relationship between God and Humanity

*The relationship between God and humanity is a central theme in classical theism. This relationship is understood as one of creation, providence, and salvation.*

### Activity 3: Case Study

Read the following case study and answer the questions:

"A natural disaster strikes a community, causing widespread destruction and loss of life. How would a classical theist understand this event in relation to God's nature and attributes?"

1. How does the concept of God's sovereignty relate to this event?
2. How does the concept of God's benevolence relate to this event?
3. What implications does this event have for our understanding of God's nature and attributes?

## Conclusion

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*In conclusion, exploring the nature of God and attributes through classical theism offers a rich and rewarding learning experience. By examining the fundamental concepts and principles of classical theism, you can gain a deeper understanding of the subject, develop your critical thinking and analytical skills, and cultivate a more nuanced and informed perspective on the world around you.*

### Reflection Questions

1. What strategies were most effective in engaging you and promoting your understanding of classical theism?
2. How did you respond to the concept of classical theism, and what misconceptions or areas of confusion emerged during the lesson?
3. What opportunities were provided for you to apply your understanding of classical theism to real-life scenarios, and how can these opportunities be expanded in future lessons?

## Next Steps

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*The following lessons will build on the foundation established in this introductory lesson:*

1. Lesson 2: The Existence of God - Arguments and Evidence
2. Lesson 3: The Attributes of God - Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Benevolence
3. Lesson 4: The Relationship between God and Humanity - Creation, Providence, and Salvation

