

Exploring Core Theological Concepts

Theology · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In many religions, the creation story describes the world being made by a powerful being. What is a common term for this supreme being or creator?

- A) Prophet
- B) Angel
- C) Deity**
- D) Disciple

2. Holy books are important texts in religions. What is the name of the collection of sacred writings central to Judaism and Christianity?

- A) The Quran
- B) The Vedas
- C) The Bible**
- D) The Tripitaka

3. The idea of living a good life and following moral rules is important in many faiths. What is the general term for these moral rules or teachings?

- A) Ceremony
- B) Sacrament
- C) Doctrine
- D) Commandment**

4. Some religions believe in messengers who receive and deliver messages from the divine. What are these individuals often called?

- A) Saints
- B) Apostles
- C) Prophets**
- D) Priests

5. The concept of what happens after death is a significant part of theology. Which term describes the belief in a life or existence after earthly death?

- A) Reincarnation
- B) Ascension
- C) Salvation
- D) Afterlife**

6. In some theological traditions, certain symbolic actions or rituals are believed to impart divine grace or blessings. What are these often called?

- A) Meditations
- B) Pilgrimages
- C) Sacraments**
- D) Hymns

7. The study of God or the divine is known as theology. What is the term for the belief in the existence of only one God?

- A) Polytheism
- B) Atheism
- C) Monotheism**
- D) Pantheism

8. Many religions have stories that explain fundamental truths about the world, humanity, and the divine. What are these narrative accounts often called?

- A) Parables
- B) Myths**
- C) Prophecies
- D) Sermons

9. The idea of overcoming sin or error to achieve a state of favour with the divine is a central theme. What is this concept generally referred to as?

- A) Expiation
- B) Redemption**
- C) Adoration
- D) Atonement

10. In Christianity, the three main figures often described as one God are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. What is this doctrine called?

- A) Incarnation
- B) Transubstantiation
- C) Trinity**
- D) Resurrection

11. The teachings and beliefs of a religious community form its understanding of faith. What is the collective term for these established beliefs?

- A) Rituals
- B) Heresy
- C) Dogma**
- D) Ethics

12. The journey to holy places for religious reasons is common in many faiths. What is this practice called?

- A) Devotion
- B) Veneration
- C) Pilgrimage**
- D) Asceticism

13. What term refers to the study of the end times or the ultimate destiny of humanity and the world, often found in religious texts?

- A) Eschatology**
- B) Apologetics
- C) Bibliology
- D) Soteriology

14. In some theological views, the human tendency to stray from divine will or to commit wrong is referred to by what term?

- A) Virtue
- B) Sacrifice
- C) Mercy
- D) Sin**

15. What is the term for the practice of observing religious ceremonies and rituals as a way to show respect and love for the divine?

- A) Meditation
- B) Worship**
- C) Contemplation
- D) Fasting