

Theological History and Figures

Theology · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. In what year did the Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical council, begin?

- A) 325 AD**
- B) 313 AD
- C) 381 AD
- D) 451 AD

2. How many 'Theses' did Martin Luther famously write in 1517?

- A) 12
- B) 45
- C) 95**
- D) 100

3. Thomas Aquinas, author of the Summa Theologica, died in which year?

- A) 1225
- B) 1274**
- C) 1300
- D) 1325

4. The Great Schism, which divided the Church into Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox, officially occurred in which year?

- A) 1054**
- B) 1095
- C) 1150
- D) 1204

5. How many articles of faith are commonly identified in the Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)?

- A) 25
- B) 33**
- C) 39
- D) 42

6. John Calvin was born in which year?

- A) 1483
- B) 1509**
- C) 1517
- D) 1536

7. The Council of Trent, which addressed the issues of the Protestant Reformation, lasted from 1545 until which year?

A) 1550

B) 1563

C) 1575

D) 1580

8. How many volumes comprise the standard edition of Karl Barth's 'Church Dogmatics'?

A) 5

B) 10

C) 13

D) 20

9. Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, is traditionally said to have lived during which century?

A) 8th century BCE

B) 6th century BCE

C) 4th century BCE

D) 2nd century BCE

10. The Edict of Milan, which established religious toleration in the Roman Empire, was issued in which year?

A) 306 AD

B) 313 AD

C) 325 AD

D) 330 AD

11. Augustine of Hippo, author of 'Confessions', died in which year?

A) 354 AD

B) 410 AD

C) 430 AD

D) 476 AD

12. The 'Five Pillars of Islam' represent the core beliefs and practices of the faith; how many main categories are there?

A) 3

B) 5

C) 7

D) 10

13. In 1870, the First Vatican Council defined the dogma of papal infallibility under which Pope?

- A) Pius IX**
- B) Leo XIII
- C) Pius X
- D) Benedict XV

14. The Bhagavad Gita is a core religious text containing how many verses?

- A) 500
- B) 700**
- C) 950
- D) 1200

15. The Synod of Dort, which produced the Five Points of Calvinism, concluded in which year?

- A) 1610
- B) 1619**
- C) 1625
- D) 1648

16. Ulrich Zwingli, a leader of the Swiss Reformation, was killed in battle in which year?

- A) 1525
- B) 1531**
- C) 1540
- D) 1555

17. How many books are contained in the standard Protestant canon of the Old Testament?

- A) 39**
- B) 46
- C) 66
- D) 73

18. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian executed by the Nazis, died in which year?

- A) 1942
- B) 1943
- C) 1944
- D) 1945**

19. The 'Apocrypha' (or Deuterocanonical books) added to the Catholic Bible at the Council of Trent were formally canonized in which year?

A) 1546

B) 1563

C) 1580

D) 1600

20. The Second Vatican Council, which modernized many Catholic practices, ran from 1962 to which year?

A) 1965

B) 1967

C) 1970

D) 1975