Advanced Theological Foundations

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1. Which ancient Mesopotamian epic contains a flood narrative that predates the biblical account of Noah's Ark?

A) The Enuma Elish
B) The Epic of Gilgamesh
C) The Atra-Hasis Epic
D) The Descent of Inanna

2. In Islamic theology, what is the specific term for the 'oneness' or absolute monotheism of God?

A) Shirk
B) Tawhid
C) Ibadah
D) Sunnah

3. Which Christian theologian authored the 'Summa Theologica', a foundational text for Scholasticism?

A) St. Augustine of Hippo
B) St. Thomas Aquinas
C) John Calvin
D) Martin Luther

4. In Hinduism, what is the term for the cycle of birth, death, and rebirth?

A) Dharma
B) Karma
C) Samsara
D) Moksha

5. Which book of the Hebrew Bible is traditionally attributed to King Solomon and is a collection of poetic wisdom literature?

A) Proverbs
B) Leviticus
C) Numbers
D) Ezra

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6. In Buddhism, what is the state of liberation from suffering and the cycle of rebirth called?

A) Anatta
B) Nirvana
C) Dukkha
D) Sangha

7. Which early Christian council in 325 AD addressed the nature of the divinity of Christ and produced a foundational creed?

A) Council of Ephesus
B) Council of Chalcedon
C) Council of Nicaea
D) Council of Trent

8. What are the first five books of the Hebrew Bible collectively known as?

A) Nevi'im
B) Ketuvim
C) Torah
D) Talmud

9. In the Sikh tradition, what is the name of the central religious scripture considered the eternal living Guru?

A) Adi Granth
B) Janam Sakhis
C) Dasam Granth
D) Rehit Maryada

10. What is the term for the 'Five Pillars' of Islam that outline the core acts of worship?

A) Iman
B) Usul al-Fiqh
C) Arkan al-Islam
D) Ihsan

11. In Jainism, what is the principle of non-violence toward all living beings called?

A) Aparigraha
B) Ahimsa
C) Asteya
D) Brahmacharya

12. Which influential 16th-century work laid out the foundational theology of the Protestant Reformation?

A) The 95 Theses
B) Institutes of the Christian Religion
C) The Book of Common Prayer
D) The Augsburg Confession

13. What is the name of the collection of writings that form the secondary authority in Rabbinic Judaism, explaining the Torah?

A) The Zohar
B) The Midrash
C) The Talmud
D) The Septuagint

14. Which Shinto concept refers to the divine spirits or deities that inhabit natural objects and phenomena?

A) Kannagara
B) Kami
C) Misogi
D) Harai

15. In Christian theology, what does the term 'Kenosis' refer to?

A) The resurrection of the dead
B) The self-emptying of Christ's divinity
C) The process of baptism
D) The doctrine of original sin

16. Which branch of Buddhism emphasizes the goal of becoming a Bodhisattva to help all sentient beings achieve enlightenment?

A) Theravada
B) Vajrayana
C) Mahayana
D) Zen

17. The concept of 'Wu Wei' in Taoism translates most accurately to which of the following?

A) Active struggle
B) Effortless action
C) Rigid discipline
D) Divine judgment

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18. Which ancient Greek philosopher's work heavily influenced the theology of St. Augustine?

A) Aristotle
B) Plato
C) Epicurus
D) Stoicism

19. In the context of the Protestant Reformation, what does 'Sola Scriptura' mean?

A) Faith alone
B) Grace alone
C) Scripture alone
D) Christ alone

20. What are the three jewels (Triratna) of Buddhism?

A) Buddha, Dharma, Sangha
B) Truth, Compassion, Forbearance
C) Heaven, Earth, Humanity
D) Faith, Hope, Charity

21. Which Zoroastrian deity is considered the supreme god of light and truth?

A) Angra Mainyu
B) Ahura Mazda
C) Mithra
D) Asha

22. In Confucianism, what is the term for 'humaneness' or 'benevolence'?

A) Li
B) Ren
C) Xiao
D) Yi

23. The 'Eucharist' in Christian tradition finds its theological roots in which event?

A) The Baptism of Jesus
B) The Last Supper
C) The Transfiguration
D) The Sermon on the Mount

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24. Which term describes the study of the 'end times' or the ultimate destiny of humanity?

A) Soteriology
B) Eschatology
C) Ecclesiology
D) Christology

25. In Baha'i faith, who is the central figure regarded as the founder?

A) The Bab
B) Baha'u'llah
C) Abdu'l-Baha
D) Shoghi Effendi

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