

## Benchmark Definition of God

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- **Unique** - There is only one God and all other objects or ideas given that name are figments of misled imagination.
- **Personal** - God is not a 'thing' or 'power', influence or energy, but that he lives, thinks, feels and acts.
- **Plural** - There are distinguishable persons within a single Godhead.
- **Spiritual** - God has no physical attributes or dimensions, that he does not have a body, or any characteristics that can be defined in terms of size or shape.
- **Eternally Self-Existent** – God has always had the power of being within himself and has neither beginning nor end.
- **Transcendent** - God is over and above all things, outside of time and space, completely distinct from the universe, and not to be confused with it in any way.
- **Immanent** - While remaining separate from it in being and essence, God permeates the entire universe.
- **Omniscient** - God knows everything, including the past, the present and the future.
- **Immutable** - God is unchangeable in every aspect of his being.
- **Holy** - God is utterly without blemish or deficiency in his being, essence or actions.
- **Loving** - God cares for all of creation and that in a very special way he demonstrates his love to humanity and communicates this to individuals.
- **Creator** - God by his own choice and power brought into being all reality other than himself.
- **Ruler** - God is in sole and sovereign control of everything that exists or happens, and that nothing can prevent him doing as he pleases.
- **Judge Of All Mankind** - God alone determines the eternal destiny of every member of the human race.