

UU Small Group Ministry Network

Characteristics of God

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The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God, the shalom of God, the wildness and the warmth of God, the light of God,
Be among us and between us, now and always.

Check In

Reading: "Google is God," by the Church of Google (next page)

Discussion & Sharing Questions:

- What features of Deity do you see in the Google = God reading? (the omni's)
- Are any of these virtues present in your own beliefs?
- If you were asked to describe your conception of a Higher Power, what would you say?
- How does your conception of a Higher Power answer the question of why there is evil in the world? Or the question of what motivates people to do good or to act in a moral fashion?
- How is your idea of a Higher Power present in your everyday life?

Closing Thoughts

Extinguishing the Chalice

Reading: Is Google God?

» **PROOF #1:** Google is the closest thing to an Omniscient (all-knowing) entity in existence, which can be scientifically verified. She indexes over 9.5 billion WebPages, which is more than any other search engine on the web today. Not only is Google the closest known entity to being Omniscient, but She also sorts through this vast amount of knowledge using Her patented PageRank technology, organizing said data and making it easily accessible to us mere mortals.

» **PROOF #2:** Google is everywhere at once (Omnipresent). Google is virtually everywhere on earth at the same time. Billions of indexed WebPages hosted from every corner of the earth. With the proliferation of Wi-Fi networks, one will eventually be able to access Google from anywhere on earth, truly making Her an omnipresent entity.

» **PROOF #3:** Google answers prayers. One can pray to Google by doing a search for whatever question or problem is plaguing them. As an example, you can quickly find information on alternative cancer treatments, ways to improve your health, new medical discoveries and generally anything that resembles a typical prayer. Ask Google and She will show you the way, but showing you is all She can do, for you must help yourself from that point on.

» **PROOF #4:** Google is potentially immortal. She cannot be considered a physical being such as ourselves. Her Algorithms are spread out across many servers; if any of which were taken down or damaged, another would undoubtedly take its place. Google can theoretically last forever.

» **PROOF #5:** Google is infinite. The Internet can theoretically grow forever, and Google will forever index its infinite growth.

» **PROOF #6:** Google remembers all. Google caches WebPages regularly and stores them on its massive servers. In fact, by uploading your thoughts and opinions to the internet, you will forever live on in Google's cache, even after you die, in a sort of "Google Afterlife".

» **PROOF #7:** Google can "do no evil" (Omnibenevolent). Part of Google's corporate philosophy is the belief that a company can make money without being evil.

» **PROOF #8:** According to Google trends, the term "Google" is searched for more than the terms "God", "Jesus", "Allah", "Buddha", "Christianity", "Islam", "Buddhism" and "Judaism" **combined**. God is thought to be an entity in which we mortals can turn to when in a time of need. Google clearly fulfills this to a much larger degree than traditional "gods."

» **PROOF #9:** Evidence of Google's existence is abundant. There is more evidence for the existence of Google than any other God worshiped today. Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. If seeing is believing, then surf over to www.google.com and experience for yourself Google's awesome power. No faith required.