

## God: The Precondition of Intelligibility

*Without the biblical God one can find no source and foundation for the most important things in life. Attempts at replacing the Triune God with a false god or other model of reality always collapse under the weight of internal contradiction.*

When the Christian sets forth his outlook he will stress the kind of God to whom he is committed, the nature of the world in relation to God, and the nature of man as God's creature. The Christian God is totally self-sufficient, and in Him there is an equal ultimacy of unity and diversity (being Triune). Everything outside of Him derives its existence, character, meaning, and purpose in light of Him and His sovereign counsel.

- Greg L. Bahnsen, *Presuppositional Apologetics: Stated and Defended*, 16.

Logic/Reason	<b>precondition</b>	God who is immaterial perfect rationality
Morality	<b>precondition</b>	God who is righteous
Truth	<b>precondition</b>	God who is unchanging Truth
Uniformity	<b>precondition</b>	God who upholds regularity (providence) via oath
Order	<b>precondition</b>	God who imprints His order on creation (triads)
Subject-Object Relation	<b>precondition</b>	God creates us (body/soul), the world for us
Love	<b>precondition</b>	God who is Love, commands & demonstrates love
Beauty	<b>precondition</b>	God who is artistic & gives us aesthetic abilities
Language	<b>precondition</b>	God who speaks
Good	<b>precondition</b>	God who is perfectly Good
Evil	<b>precondition</b>	God who permits declension from Himself
Atheism/False Religions	<b>precondition</b>	God who (for now) allows rebellion
Personality	<b>precondition</b>	God who is Personal
Relationship	<b>precondition</b>	God who is social
One & Many	<b>precondition</b>	God who is both One and Many (Trinitarian)
Science	<b>precondition</b>	God who gives skills and conditions for analysis
History	<b>precondition</b>	God who created & guides with a <i>telos</i> in view
Number	<b>precondition</b>	God who is Triune and infinite
Environmentalism	<b>precondition</b>	God who gives us oversight of what He has made

<b>Salvation</b>	<b>precondition</b>	<b>God who reconciles a fallen humanity in His Son</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>precondition</b>	<b>God who evokes praise &amp; gratitude in the saints</b>
<b>Hope</b>	<b>precondition</b>	<b>God who raises Christ from the dead</b>
<b>Meaning</b>	<b>precondition</b>	<b>God who made us in His image</b>

For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen. -  
Romans 11:36