

A cosmic background featuring a large spiral galaxy in the center, a smaller galaxy to the right, and several bright stars with diffraction patterns. The overall color palette is dark with highlights of blue, white, and orange.

GOD

**Nature &
perfections**

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GOD'S

IMMUTABILITY

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A. Introduction



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PERFECTIONS

- **All His qualities are perfect**
- **Not a part of God but what God is**
- **He is more than sum of perfections**
- **Known only thru revelation**
- **Describe Father, Son, & HS**

MISCONCEPTIONS

- 1. God changes plan as needed**
- 2. After Fall salvation initiated**
- 3. Immutability = immobility**
- 4. Open Theism**

OPEN THEISM

- **Stresses man's & angel's freedom**
- **Decisions contingent on man**
- **God's love takes risk of rejection**
- **Knows only some of future**
- **Responsive to man**
- **Changes as man changes**
- **Prayer changes God's direction**

PROBLEMS

- 1. Diminished God's Perfections**
- 2. Makes God dependent on creatures**
- 3. Elevates man's actions over God's**
- 4. Elevates creatures' will above God's**
- 5. Diminishes God's decrees & plan**
- 6. Undermines Bible prophecy**
- 7. Elevates God's love as main purpose of creation**

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B. Concept



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**Does God revise
His plan?**

**How does prayer
affect God?**

**GOD DOES
NOT...**

Andromeda

**Change in His
Essence &
Purposes**

IMMUTABILITY

1. Unchanging in His Essence

**“All that God is He has
always been, and all that He
has been and is He will ever be.
... To say that God is
immutable is to say that He
never differs from Himself”**

Tozer

“As an infinite and absolute Being, self-existent and absolutely independent, God is exalted above all causes of and even above the possibility of change.”

Hodge

Ps 102:26-27 “Even they will perish,
but Thou dost **endure**; And all of
them will wear out like a garment;
Like clothing Thou wilt change
them, and they will be changed.
“But Thou art the **same**, And Thy
years will not come to an end.

Mal 3:6 “For I, the Lord, **do not
change**; therefore you, O sons of
Jacob, are not consumed.

IMMUTABILITY

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Perfections**

Ps 104:31 Let the **glory** of the
LORD endure **forever**; ...

Jas 1:17 ... the Father of lights,
with whom there is **no**
variation, or shifting
shadow.

IMMUTABILITY

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- 2. Unchanging in His Perfections**
- 3. Unchanging in His Decrees**

Ps 33:11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

Prov 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, But the counsel of the Lord, it will stand.

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**Ps 110:4 The Lord has sworn and
will not change His mind, ...**

**Heb 6:17... the unchangeableness
of His purpose, ...**

IMMUTABILITY

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Perfections**
- 3. Unchanging in His Decrees**
- 4. Unchanging in His Purposes**
- 5. Never inconsistent**
- 6. Never growing**

**Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday and today,
yes and forever.**

ALL OTHERS

➤ Heavens

➤ Earth

➤ Sinners

➤ Angels

➤ Believers

All is unstable

Only God is Stable

Jupiter &
Ganymede

