

Many people wonder, "Who Is God?" He is often thought of as a spirit being and independent of the material creation, while pantheism holds that he is the universe itself. Many believe "there are many such gods" (1 Corinthians 8:5 REB).

This article does not claim to be all-inclusive, but these are some of the primary things we are told in the scriptures about the Almighty, such as who and what he is, but also about what he is not.

"He, Shaddai (Almighty), is far beyond our reach. Supreme in power, in equity, excelling in saving justice, yet no oppressor"—Job 37:23 NJB

"But these are only hints of his power, only the whispers that we have heard. Who can know how truly great God is?"—Job 26:14 GNB

We cannot fully understand him, yet we do know that his power, equity and justice are supreme.

He is "eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God"—1 Timothy 1:17 NIV

"God is a spirit" (John 4:24 GWT). "God is not human" (Numbers 23:19 NIV), but he is only referred to in the male gender, such as "Father" (Matthew 6:9), "he", "him" (Mark 12:33,34).

"God is only one" (Galatians 3:20 NASB). He is not more than one person, such as a Trinity.

"I am Yahweh, that is my name! I shall not yield my glory to another"—Isaiah 42:8 NJB

"Declares Yahweh . . . my people will know my name"—Isaiah 52:5,6 NJB

"He does not lie"—Titus 1:2 NJB

"Yahweh, God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in faithful love and constancy, maintaining his faithful love"—Exodus 34:6,7 NJB

"His work is perfect"—Deuteronomy 32:4 NJB

His is the only "one who has perfect knowledge" (Job 36:4 NIV)

"The Lord God Almighty . . . created all things"—Revelation 4:8,11 NIV

"Jesus Christ" is "the Son of God" (Mark 1:1 NRSV), but is not Almighty.

This scriptural summary is not all encompassing, but gives us an overall picture about the Almighty.