

**Theology A**  
**Mr. Doyle**

**Reading Assignment 1: Chs 3-4**  
**Score: \_\_\_\_\_/10 pts possible**

**Circle one of the underlined amounts (3pts possible)**

1. I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapters 3-4 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (1 pt per question, 7pts possible)**

1. According to Erickson, what does the term general revelation refer to?
2. According to Erickson, general revelation is “general” in what two aspects?
3. According to Erickson, the three traditional modes of general revelation are?
4. Of the 6 implications of general revelation Erickson lists, which one is most compelling to you and why?
5. According to Erickson, what is meant by the term “special revelation?”
6. According to Erickson, what are 3 modes of special revelation?
7. According to Erickson, in what sense is special revelation “progressive?”

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**Reading Assignment 2: Chs 5-7**  
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2. I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapters 5-7 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (7pts possible)**

1. According to Erickson, what is meant by the term “inspiration?” 1pt
2. List 2 *and explain* 2 of the 5 theories of inspiration mentioned in Erickson. 2pts
3. List *and explain* 2 more of the 5 theories of inspiration mentioned in Erickson. 2pts
4. According to Erickson, what are 3 reasons why inerrancy is important? 1pt
5. What is Erickson’s definition of “inerrancy?” 1pt

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**Reading Assignment 3: Ch 8**  
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**Circle one of the underlined amounts: (3pts possible)**

3. I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapter 8 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (7pts possible)**

1. What does Erickson mean by the term “immanence?” 1pt
2. What does Erickson mean by the term “transcendence?” 1pt
3. List and explain 1 of Erickson’s implications of God’s immanence. 1pt
4. List and explain 2 of Erickson’s implications of God’s transcendence. 2pts
5. What does Erickson mean by the phrase “the attributes of God?” 1pt
6. In classifying God’s attributes, Erickson chooses to group them according to the terms “moral attributes” and “natural attributes” what distinction is Erickson drawing between them? 1pt

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**Reading Assignment 4: Ch 9-10**  
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4. I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapters 9-10 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (7pts possible)**

1. What does Erickson mean when he says one of God's attributes is "spirituality?"  
1pt.
  
2. According to Erickson, how ought one to interpret the cases when God takes on physical form in the Old Testament and when he is said to have physical features such as hands or feet? 1pt
  
3. How does Erickson explain personality? 1pt
  
4. What is one way Erickson suggest that we can reconcile passage that speak of God changing his mind / repenting with the fact of God's constancy? 1pt
  
5. Within God's moral purity, how does Erickson differentiate between God's holiness, righteousness and justice? 2pts
  
6. How does Erickson reconcile the often proposed tension between God's attributes, specifically the tension between God's love and God's justice? 1pt

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Reading Assignment 5: Ch 11  
Score: \_\_\_\_\_/10 pts possible

**Circle one of the underlined amounts: (3pts possible)**

- I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapter 11 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (7pts possible)**

1. Explain the “Economic View of the Trinity. 1pt

2. Explain “Dynamic Monarchianism” 1pt

3. Explain “Modalistic Monarchianism” 1pt

4. Explain what Erickson means by the “Orthodox Formulation” of the Trinity 1pt

5. List and explain 3 of Erickson’s essential elements of a doctrine of the Trinity 3 pts

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**Reading Assignment 6: Ch 12**  
**Score: \_\_\_\_\_/10 pts possible**

**Circle one of the underlined amounts: (3pts possible)**

6. I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapter 12 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (1 pt each 7pts possible)**

1. What is meant by the phrase “the plan of God” or “God’s decree?”
2. How does Erickson define “predestination?”
3. How does Erickson define “foreordain?”
4. How does Erickson define “election?”
5. How does Erickson define “reprobation?”
6. What does Erickson suggest as the ultimate or primary purpose of God’s plan (even if there are subordinate or secondary purposes?)
7. How does Erickson describe the difference between Calvinists and Arminians on the subject of whether God’s plan or human action is logically prior?

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**Reading Assignment 7: Ch 13**  
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**Circle one of the underlined amounts: (3pts possible)**

7. I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapter 13 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (1 pt each 7pts possible)**

1. Explain what is meant by the phrase “creation ex nihilo.”
2. Explain what Erickson means by the “all inclusive nature” of creation.
3. What is Erickson’s succinct explanation of how creation is the work of the Triune God (hint it is at the end of that section)?
4. According to Erickson how does inanimate creation, animate creation and humankind all achieve God’s glory as the purpose of God’s creative efforts?
5. What is meant by the term “Fiat Creationist?”
6. What is meant by the term “Theistic Evolutionist?”
7. What is meant by the term “Progressive Creationist?”

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**Reading Assignment 8: Ch 14-15**  
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8. I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapters 14-15 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (7pts possible)**

1. What does Erickson mean by the term “preservation” as it relates to God’s providence?  
1pt
  
2. What does Erickson mean by the term “government” as it relates to God’s providence?  
1pt
  
3. Given that “scripture teaches that God’s plan is definite and fixed” and that “we are commanded to pray and taught that prayer has value” how does Erickson reconcile the apparent tension between God’s providence and believer’s prayers? 1pt
  
4. Of Erickson’s three views regarding the relationship between miracles and natural laws, explain which one you find most compelling and why. 1pt
  
5. Erickson list 6 themes for dealing with the problem of evil, explain the ***three*** that you find most compelling and why you find them so? 3pts



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**Reading Assignment 9: Ch 16**  
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**Circle one of the underlined amounts: (3pts possible)**

9. I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapter 16 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (7pts possible)**

1. What does Erickson mean by the term “angels?”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Essentially what function to the “good angels” perform?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Why should we be weary of the idea of a person having a “guardian angel?”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. According to Erickson, what are demons?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Did the biblical writers attribute all illness to demon possession? How should that answer affect your pastoral practice?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Erickson hypothesizes why there has been a flare up of interest in demon possession in recent church history, what is his theory?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Of the five roles of the doctrine of angels that Erickson concludes with which one is most compelling to you and why?

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**Reading Assignment 10: Ch 1-2**  
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10. I have read 1/3 2/3 or all of Erickson chapters 1-2 before the start of class as demanded by the instructors syllabus. 3 pts possible

**Short answer: (7pts possible)**

8. What are the five characteristics Erickson lists that help us understand the nature of doing theology? (1pt)

9. What are the four starting points for the study of Christian doctrine. Which one does Erickson advocate for and do you agree or disagree (2pts).

10. How long did the following theological systems remain dominant: Aquinas' Catholic system, Calvin's Reformed system, Schleirmacher's Liberalism, Barth's version of Neo-Orthodoxy and Butlman's demytholization? (2pts)

11. List and explain the five criteria for permanence of a doctrine Erickson suggests (2 pts)