

Tier 2 Exam

Neoplatonism and the Church

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1. What does it mean for Christ to be begotten of the Father and give me the primary texts?
- 2-5. What two primary directions will Christians go in when presented with the Biblical Arian doctrine of the Son's generation and how are these two positions refuted?
6. What are the different versions of the Trinity doctrine?
7. What contradictions exist in the ecumenical councils regarding the Trinity?
8. What is the nature-person distinction?
9. What is the hypostatic union and cite the pertinent sections of the 7 Ecumenical Councils and Thomas Aquinas?
10. What text refutes the nature-person distinction and the hypostatic union and why?
11. Give me the pertinent citations to prove the Arian ambassador/representative view of Christology.
12. How is the hypostatic union related to modern day gender perversions?
13. What is the EO view of how Christ redeems humanity?
14. What is the Biblical doctrine of immortality and how is it contrasted to the EO?
15. How do EO escape the accusation of being universalist?
16. On what primary basis is the doctrine of eternal conscious torment in hell defended by Christians?
17. How are their defenses refuted?
18. Define and distinguish generic and numeric nature.
19. What three kinds of numeric identity are there?
20. Why is Christianity technically an atheist ideology?
21. What is divine simplicity in the EO scheme?
22. What citation from ancient Neoplatonism connects the Christian concept of a hypostasis and the Trinity?

23. What does transcendence mean?
24. How is Christianity pantheistic?
25. What is natural law?
26. What is a miracle?
- 27-28. Describe the EO Essence and energies distinction and refute it.
29. What do the Christians really mean by hypostasis if they are honest?
30. What is the Christian basis for free will?
31. How is Augustine's theology inherently materialistic genetic determinism and a contradiction to the soul doctrine?
- 32-33. What is Van Til's Creator Creation distinction and how is it refuted?
34. How does the Trinity and Hypostatic union contradict private judgment?
35. What fundamental aspects of the Trinity do Christians admit they do not and can not understand?
36. Christians believe that modern degeneracy is caused by an abandonment of metaphysics and an adoption of materialism. What are some examples of how modern secular education and society is totally based on metaphysics and is not a result of materialist atheism?
37. What two Platonic/Neoplatonic doctrines are keeping modern people from recognizing creation in the field of biology?
38. Why is universalism worse than relativism?
39. Cite the biblical verses that show justification to be legally forensic and not metaphysical.
40. How does metaphysics relate to Common law?
41. What is Nominalism and is it confined to the middle ages?
42. Give me three basic refutations of empiricism.
43. What is a paradigm neutral observation and what modern philosopher published the first work on the issue?
- 44-53. What five primary refutations have I given of the deity of Christ and cite the pertinent passages?
- 54-55. What do Christians do with the word *monogenes* and how are they refuted?
56. What early church fathers believed earth was flat?

57. Cite Primary biblical passages that teach monotheism.
58. Cite the primary passages where Jesus speaks of the father as the one God.
59. Cite the primary passages where the father is the cause of all things.
60. Cite the passages where glory ultimately redounds to the father.
61. Cite the passages where the Father is the only person we are commanded in scripture to pray to.
62. Cite the passages that show Christ's subordination.
63. Cite the passage where Christ says the father performed his miraculous works.
64. Cite where the doctrine of Penal Substitutionary atonement was specifically acknowledge and formally condemned as a rejection of the Trinity by early Church Fathers.
65. Explain John 1:1.
66. Explain John 11:30
67. Explain Acts 13:33
68. Explain Mat. 28:19
- 69-70. What is the Granville Sharp Rule and how is it refuted?
71. Explain Rev. 1:17-18
72. Explain Acts 7:59
73. Explain Acts 17:28
74. Explain Phil 2:6
75. Explain Isa. 45:5
76. Explain Rom. 8:26-27
77. What is the filioque and how is it refuted?
78. Prove that the Holy Spirit is clearly denoted in scripture as being a power and not a person.
79. Cite the passages where spirit simply means mental disposition.
80. Explain John 14:23.
81. Cite the passage where Jesus refers to knowledge of the future judgment but leaves out the hol spirit.
82. What is the grammatical argument for the Spirit's personality and how is it refuted?

83. What is the similarity between the Hypostatic Union and Docetism?
- 84-85. What is the doctrine of Limbus partum and how is it refuted?
86. What is the contradiction between the EO view of free will and their view of immortality.
87. Prove the doctrine of original sin.
88. Prove the doctrine of hereditary identity.
89. Prove God's Revealed Will(Precept) and Secret Will(Decree) Distinction
90. Prove that God's decrees are unconditional and irresistible.
91. Does God determine our evil deeds?
92. What is the Pelagian explanation of Romans 9 and refute it.
93. What are three of the best proofs of God's foreknowledge?
94. How does God's foreknowledge refute Pelagianism?
95. Is God responsible for sin?
96. Cite best passages for creation ex nihilo.
97. Prove that man is in bondage to sin.
98. Prove man's inability.
99. Prove unconditional election and predestination.
100. Prove limited atonement.
101. What are the Pelagian arguments against perseverance of the saints?
102. How is Pelagianism inherently Baptist?
103. How is Perseverance of the saints defended against these accusations?
104. What Jesuit influences are behind modern Pelagian movements such as Arminianism and open theism?
105. Give me the Old testament origin of New testament Baptism.
106. What is the old testament then new testament basis for the household federal principle?
107. Cite the New testament passages for household baptism.
108. What is the basis for pouring and sprinkling?
109. Does Baptism wash away our sins?

110. What passage parallels circumcision and Baptism.
111. How do we know that gentile and jewish believers are in the same program of salvation?
112. What proof is there that unbelieving Israelites received circumcision improperly and circumcision was therefore not a mere outward political sign?
113. Show how small children are in the kingdom of God.
114. Do infants dying in infancy go to heaven as a rule?
115. What NT proof is there that the infant child of a believer is sanctified in the covenant?
116. Explain signs and seals.
117. How many kinds of people are there in the world covenantally and how does this relate to baptism and the covenant of grace?
118. What is the covenant of grace?
119. What is the covenant of works?
120. Was the Sinai covenant with Israel either one of these covenants?
121. Cite passages that show the spiritual nature of circumcision and how it relates to the way the new covenant explains prophecy and fulfillment.