

we should have to make creation a correlative of the being of God; we would have to posit it creation.

The best solution is to think of these rel. attr. come to expression in God's relation to His creation. They are the ways in wh. His essential and immanent attr. are operative in connection with His handiwork in creation & providence. Although God is eternal & immanent in His being & perfectness, He is not immanent in His relationship w/ creation. The rel. attr. are the relatives wh. arise from His own inherent & nec. perf. A rel. attr. points always to an attr. wh. is inher. & has meaning quite apart from creation. For instance the distinction immensity & omnipresence. Immensity is that wh. is immanent & essential to God's being. Omnipres. is the effect of this immensity upon creation. Similarly re power & omnipotence; knowledge & omniscience. It is for this reason that the words true absolute & relative are not entirely satisfactory. All attr. are absolute, in that they are essential, eternal, immanent, necessary. It is probably more accurate to dist between attrib. and predicates. Creation is not inherently nec. to God. Conseq. neither is prov, red, redempt. These are all the effects of the sov. council of His will, Eph. 1:11. In like manner when we think of attr. in terms of God's relationship to the cr. order, they can be ~~conceived~~ regarded as pred. rather than attr. Conseq. the attr. are those qualities inseparable from God's being. This ques. is bound up w/ God's eternity in relation to time.

b. The attr. may also be classified according to the method by which we come to know wh. the attributes are.

- i. via negatives - to deny to God all imperfections
- ii. via eminential - to ascribe to God a preeminent degree all the virtues of men.
- iii. via causalitas - to ascribe to God those qualities wh. are indep to the causation of all things.

All this requires a great deal of presupposition. There would be a tendency to anthropomorphize God.

c. Classification according to communicability. Comm. & incomm. attr. There are incomm. attr. but it is incorrect to speak of comm. attr. God does have His imprint on creation