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(Isaiah 40:13,14; 27, 28)
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"God is the only One who never, ever learned anything."

II. God knows all things <u>previously</u> (Isaiah 41:4; 42:9; 46:10; 48:5, 6)
(God knows all things in <u>advance</u>)

III. God knows all things <u>permanently</u> (Psalm 10:11)
(The continuity of God's knowledge)

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A. The omniscience of God is a reality that should cause all of us to take <u>CAUTION</u>!

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2. _____ to God (Acts 5:1-11 - Ananias and Sapphira)

Because God knows all, we should:

a. Be _____, not a hypocrite
(I Th. 2:4)
(God knows the real you)

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3. <u>Offer</u>_____ to God -

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God sees the unseen; He observes the unobservable.

I Sam. 16:7 - "The Lord looketh on the heart."

I Chron. 28:9 - "And thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake

Him, He will cast thee off for ever."

"No thought can be withholden from Thee."
(Job 42:2).

"He knoweth the secrets of the heart"
(Psalm 44:21).

"I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them" (Ezekiel 11:5).

God knoweth your hearts" (Lk. 16:15).

2. God knows the <u>actions</u> of all people

Job testified: "He knoweth the way that I take" (Job 23:10)

David said: "All my ways are before thee" (Ps. 119:168).

Solomon declared: For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings" (Prov. 5:21).

Prov. 15:3 - "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

God knows <u>about</u> evil (sin, etc.), but never has experienced it like Adam and Eve did when they were deceived by the serpent (Gen. 3:5).

Man is foolish to boast of his intelligence, because it is nothing in comparison to the infinite God's knowledge.

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The question is asked: "Shall any teach God knowledge?" (Job 21:22).

Man knows because man discovers. God has never discovered anything.

The reason God knows all is because He:

1. Made all - Ps. 94:9-11; 103;14; SEE Is. 29:15

2. Sees all - II Chron. 16:9 - "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars."

Jer. 23:24. Job. 28:10, 24; 34:21, 22

Sin abounds when men are deceived into thinking that God does not see.

3. Hears all - Num. 14:27

4. Planned all -

a. The course of history - History is "His story" (Acts 15:18)

(past, present, future)

b. The crucifixion of His Son - Acts 2:23

God knows the future as accurately as He knows the past.

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(God knows all things in advance)

Election (God's choosing of those He would save) is basaed upon the foreknowledge of God.

Romans 8:29; I Peter 1:2

The question is: What did God foreknow? Did He foreknow that you would choose Him? Or that He would choose you?
BOTH!

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CONCLUSION:

Note: Jesus Christ is omniscient.

--Christ knows the Father as infinitely as the Father knows the Son (Jn. 10:15) because of His <u>oneness</u> with the Father (10:30)

--Christ knows all men (jn. 2:24-25)

--Christ knows the se4crets of men (Jn. 1:48) and will one day judge the secrets of men (Rom. 2:16)

--Christ knows the thoughts of men (Lk. 5:22, 6:8, 11:17, 24:38).

--Christ knows all things (Jn. 21:17)

Question: If Christ knows everything, why did He say that He didn't know when He was returning (only the Father did)? (Mark. 13:32; acts 1:7)

While living on earth, Christ surrendered the independent use of His omniscience. He emptied Himself of it (Phil. 2), and had to learn whatever the Father revealed to Him (Jn. 5:19, 30; 8:28).

Though God knows all men, He knows those who are related to Him in a special sense. (I Cor.

8:3) (an infinite relational knowledge -) SEE Gal. 4:9

"My sheep hear my voice and I know them" (Jn. 10:29)

II Tim. 2:19 -

Contrast: Unbelievers: "I never knew you; depart from Me" (Mt. 7:23)

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--Tell the truth

--Keep your word
God remembers your wedding vows. . . do you?

--Don't steal

3. Offer excuses to God -

He knows the real reason why you did what you did.

Ps. 90:8 - "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance."

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He knows us completely.