

## Quotes and Citations

### Week 1

"If my idea of God were really mine, if it were one which I had evolved out of my own inner consciousness, I should attribute very little importance to it myself, and should certainly expect even less importance to be attributed to it by others. If God is merely a fact of human experience, if theology is merely a branch of psychology, then I for my part shall cease to be interested in the subject at all. The only God about whom I can feel concerned is one who has objective existence, an existence independent of man. But if there be such a really and independently existent Being, it seems extremely unlikely that there can be any knowledge of Him unless He chooses to reveal Himself; a divine Being that could be discovered apart from revelation would be either a mere name for an aspect of man's nature - the feeling of reverence or loyalty or the like - or else, if possessing objective existence, a mere passive thing that would submit to human investigation like the substances that are analyzed in the laboratory. An in either case it would seem absurd to apply to such a Being the name of 'God'. A really existent God, then, if He be more than merely passive, if He be a living God, can be known only through His revelation of Himself."  
Machen, "My Idea of God"

"Idolatry, taken in its broadest sense, is born of the human need for a God who is near." Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*, Vol. 1

"the religion of the Bible presents itself as distinctively a revealed religion. Or rather, to speak more exactly, the only revealed religion; and sets itself as such over against all other religions, which are represented as all products, in a sense in which it is not, of the art and device of man."  
Warfield, "The Idea of Biblical Revelation"