

William Ames

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In contentment and joy are found the height and perfection of all love towards our neighbor.

~William Ames

The attributes of God tell us what He is and who He is.

~William Ames

The will of God is eternal because He does not begin to will what He did not will before, nor cease to will what He willed before.

~William Ames

Faith is the virtue by which, clinging-to the faithfulness of God, we lean upon him, so that we may obtain what he gives to us.

~William Ames

From faith, hope, and love, the virtues of religion referring to God, there arises a double act which bears on the spiritual communion exercised between God and us; the hearing of the word and prayer.

~William Ames

Sanctification is the real change in man from the sordidness of sin to the purity of God's image.

~William Ames

The virtue of contentment is the acquiescence of the mind in the lot God has given

~William Ames

The will of God is single and totally one in Him.

~William Ames

The good pleasure of God is an act of the divine will freely and effectively determining all things.

~William Ames

The starting point of sanctification is the filthiness, corruption, or stain of sin.

~William Ames

Hearing the word is the devout receiving of the will of God.

~William Ames

Nothing exists from eternity but God, and God is not the matter or a part of any creature, but only the maker.

~William Ames

Hence the end of the world should be awaited with all longing by all believers.

~William Ames

In the exercise of God's efficiency, the decree of God comes first. This manner of working is the most perfect of all and notably agrees with the divine nature.

~William Ames

Everyone who understands the nature of God rightly necessarily knows that God is to be believed and hoped in, that he is to be loved and called upon, and to be heard in all things.

~William Ames

This subsistence, or manner of being of God is his one essence so far as it has personal properties.

~William Ames

Participation in the blessings of the union with Christ comes when the faithful have all the things needed to live well and blessedly to God.

~William Ames

The efficiency of God may be understood as either creation or

providence.

~William Ames

Theology is the doctrine or teaching of living to God.

~William Ames

The inward offer is a kind of spiritual enlightenment, whereby the promises are presented to the hearts of men, as it were, by an inward word.

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The first act of religion, therefore, concerns those things which are communicated to us from God. The other concerns those things which we yield to God.

~William Ames

The relative property of the Son is to be begotten, that is, so to proceed from the Father as to be a participant of the same essence and perfectly carry on the Father's nature.

~William Ames

An idea in man is first impressed upon him and afterwards expressed in things, but in God it is only expressed, not impressed, because it does not come from anywhere else.

~William Ames

The goodness of a thing created is the perfection of its fitness for the use which it serves. Now that use is either particular or universal.

~William Ames

The passive receiving of Christ is the process by which a spiritual principle of grace is generated in the will of man.

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