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## FAITH



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Words to know:

Aristotelian (*relating to Aristotle or his philosophy*), indemonstrable (*unable to be proved or demonstrated*)

The virtues of faith, hope, and charity are called \_\_\_\_\_ because, as the very \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian life, they also have God as their immediate source and end.

### The Object of the Theological Virtues:

Faith, hope, and charity \_\_\_\_\_ our intellect and will.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of these virtues reach \_\_\_\_\_.

#### OBJECT OF FAITH

**Material Object:** Faith ends and rests in

\_\_\_\_\_  
The True God

**Formal Object:** Faith attains to God as

\_\_\_\_\_, revealing  
Himself to the world.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

#### THREEFOLD DYNAMIC OF FAITH

- Believing \_\_\_\_\_ (*Credere Deum*)
- Believing \_\_\_\_\_ (*Credere Deo*)
- Believing \_\_\_\_\_ (*Credere in Deum*)

#### SUBJECT OF FAITH

As faith has as its object God as first truth, then faith is infused in and perfects that human power concerned with truth: the \_\_\_\_\_.

Infused as a supernatural perfection of intellect, faith elevates and perfects the functionings of \_\_\_\_\_ so that the human agent can apprehend and understand the articles of faith.

#### ACT OF FAITH

The act that is proper to faith is an act of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Response to a proposition when we cannot see or demonstrate its truth:**

	Suspicion	Opinion	
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\_\_\_\_\_ is the strongest of these acts for it holds confidently and firmly to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the proposition, certain of its truth, not because we can see its truth, but due to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Faith elevates the natural act of \_\_\_\_\_ by allowing the believer to hold confidently to an unseen and indemonstrable \_\_\_\_\_.

Faith makes this act of belief based on the testimony that \_\_\_\_\_ gives to His \_\_\_\_\_.

By believing God and what He says, the believer shares intimately in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Seeing is not believing; but \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Faith marks the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_ in us.

	It's Act	Sins Against It
Interior Act of Faith		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>• Heresy</li><li>•</li></ul>
Exterior Act of Faith		

Gift of the Holy Spirit that Perfects Faith	Bears Fruit in the Beatitude

DEFINITION OF FAITH	
St. Paul	St. Thomas
"The _____ of things hoped for, the _____ of things not seen." —Hebrew 11:1	"Faith is a _____ of mind, whereby eternal life is begun in us, making the _____ assent to what is not apparent." —St. Thomas Aquinas

**Comprehension question:** How could you respond to someone who said that it was unintelligent to believe in God? Explain the relationship between faith and the intellect.

