**Key Terms**

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**alternate dependency account** A theistic account that attempts to avoid the objections against traditional divine command theory by basing morality on God’s nature rather than God’s commands or willing.

**applying the account** A practicability worry for the alternate dependency account since it requires learning something of God’s character.

**autonomy thesis** Maintains that morality exists on its own, independent of any deity.

**choosing a religion** A completeness worry for the alternate dependency account since it requires determining what religion it must be supplemented by.

**dependency thesis** Asserts that morality originates in or somehow depends upon God.

**divine command theory** An ethical theory that maintains that the moral standard depends directly upon God’s commands or will: morally right acts are commanded or willed by God; wrong acts are forbidden by God.

**equality in diversity** An ideal of treating diverse people as moral equals.

**equality in uniformity** Chirac’s goal of promoting equality by enforcing French people’s similarities.

**greatest being possible** The concept of God as a being greater than any other being that does or could exist.