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Add the following to discussion of Maimonides on Free Will and Determinism.

Maimonides distinguishes between actional attributes, which may be positive, and essential attributes which are all negative -- such as: existence.

Not only with regard to scriptural attributes, but even the four intellectually conceived attributes (life, power, knowledge, will) are actional. Hence, all of them must be accepted as homonyms, and their use is strictly equivocal. Therefore, when we speak of knowledge as applied to God and as applied to man, they are of different orders of meaning, and having nothing in common but the word itself.