

That Hartshorne is really of two minds about "omnipotence" is revealed by the way he can exclude "(unsurpassable) power" from some of his inventories of God's attributes, or necessary properties, only to include it in others—in some cases, only pages apart.

Cf., e.g., the following two passages:

"As necessary properties, God has such attributes as unsurpassable wisdom and goodness. God must, by religious definition, be worshipful; and an ignoramus or one who deals with others maliciously is not worshipful."

"God is essentially worshipful, exalted above possible rivals, in knowledge, power, goodness. [God] could not fail to be all-knowing and unsurpassable in creative power, the only God" ("Religious Aspects of Necessity and Contingency": 150, 152).

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