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LOGIC 6 Introduction

What good is logic? Logic is a powerful *tool* that helps man reach Total Truth, Whole Truth, and can take him beyond the partial truths of life (e.g., bits and pieces of boring, bland data). It is when one enters the realm of this Truth that one enters the realm of true beauty, wondrous beauty, transcendent beauty. Total Truth always has a beauty of its own that is captivating, electrifying, and inspiring.

It is modern man's fragmented views of reality that has destroyed much of his capacity to see the beauty of God, creation, and life all around him. It is no wonder that modern man lives such a boring, gray life void of wonder and excitement—such is the price of materialism.

One reason that modern Christians have lost a sense of wonderment, joy, and love for life is because they have ceased their pursuit of Whole Truth. Most have moved into some sort of self-centered pragmatism. As a result, they live fragmented lives complete with fragmented views of reality. To be sure, they did not start out this way. For when they believed in Jesus Christ, they moved into the beautiful reality of the most beautiful love story of all time: God's love for man expressed in His grace through the giving up of His Son for all of their sins (John 3:16).

Total Truth always brings its own splendor. It is the fragmented world of naturalism and irrationality that conceals the splendid beauty that encompasses us all. It is the bane world of materialism that blinds the world and the believer to the glory of God. It was Judas' materialism that destroyed capacity for his eyes to see and enjoy the beauty of the Lord, the most beautiful Person who ever walked this planet.

Logic itself is not the goal; it is but a tool. The Lord and His glory is always the goal. However, apart from certain tools it is impossible for the believer to see, relish, be enthralled, and live in the beauty/glory of God, His Grace, and His love. We noted in the last Bible class, that even Hell is a manifestation of God's love. If we are limited by our emotions, we simply cannot *see* how this could be. It is logic that enables us to see God's perfect love and wisdom in creating Hell for those who do not want to be with Him. It makes perfect sense, it is perfectly logical. This cannot be seen or appreciated with our emotions. But then again, our emotions cannot really see the true nature of the love of God either; all they can do is project our human, emotional, irrational, and fickle love on God

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I have decided to take us through an entire logic course (in summary form). If you would like to get more out of this logic course than my summaries I recommend purchasing *Socratic Logic: A Logic Text Using Socratic Method, Platonic Questions, and Aristotelian Principles* (Ed. 3.1), by Peter Kreeft. This is the text book I will be summarizing throughout these notes. One need not master all of the information; there is great *spiritual* benefit in gaining even some of the logical principles. After all, God designed us to be rational human beings equipped to use His rational Word.

1. There are two types of logic: mathematical/propositional logic and intentional/Aristotelian logic. The former makes no claims about reality as such therefore is not much use about discovering reality as such. It only deals with propositions, not with existential realities in the propositions. Intentional logic, on the other hand, deals with reality as it begins with terms/concepts/reality. It is called intentional because it is about something in the real world. If my mind can grasp reality out there, then it is dealing with something out there. Neither propositional logic nor materialism is about something else. How can the thoughts in materialism be about something out there in reality? They can only be about their own natural workings.
2. In intentional logic there are three acts of the mind.
 - a. #1, Simple Apprehension: produces concepts.
 - b. #2, Judgment: produces judgments.
 - c. #3, Reasoning: produces arguments.
3. Mental entities in logic.
 - a. #1, Concepts give rise to terms.
 - b. #2, Judgments give rise to propositions.
 - c. #3, Arguments (mental relations between judgments) give rise to Arguments (logical relations between propositions).

4. Logic expressed in language.

- a. #1, Terms expressed as Words.
- b. #2, Propositions expressed as Declarative Sentences.
- c. #3, Arguments expressed as Paragraphs

5. Examples:

- a. #1, “Man” (concept from simple apprehension used as a term and expressed as a word).
- b. #2, “Socrates is a man” (judgment about a particular man, put into a proposition and expressed as a paragraph relating propositions).
- c. #3, “All men are mortal, and Socrates is a man, Therefore Socrates is mortal.”
(argument from relating judgments expressed as a paragraph relating propositions).

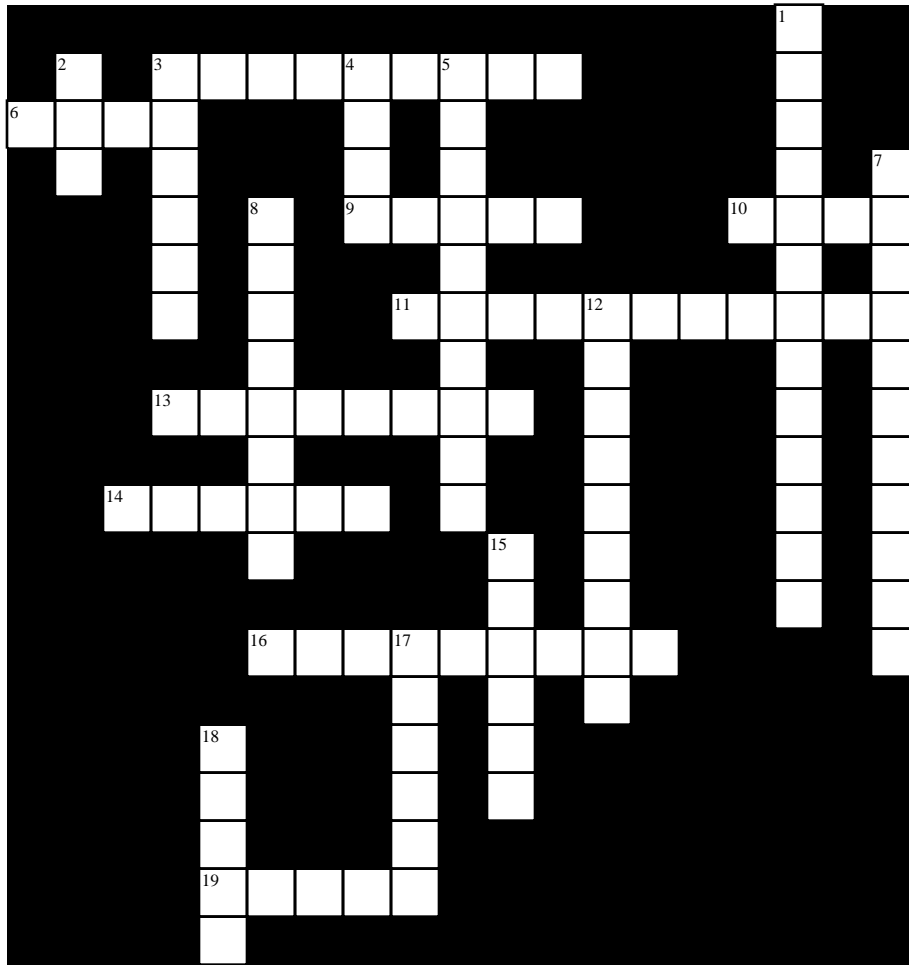
“Come now, and let us reason together,” God (Isa. 1:18)

“All our lives we are giving and accepting reasons. Reasons are the coin we pay for the beliefs we hold,” Edit Watson Schipper.

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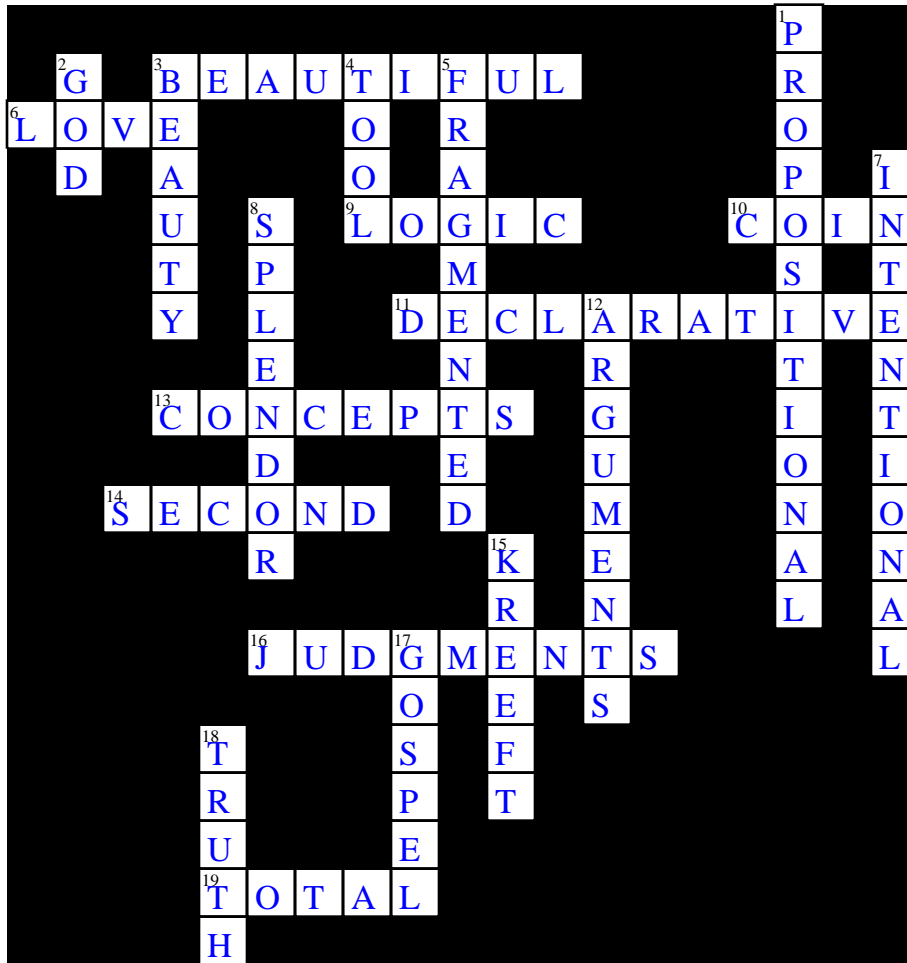
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