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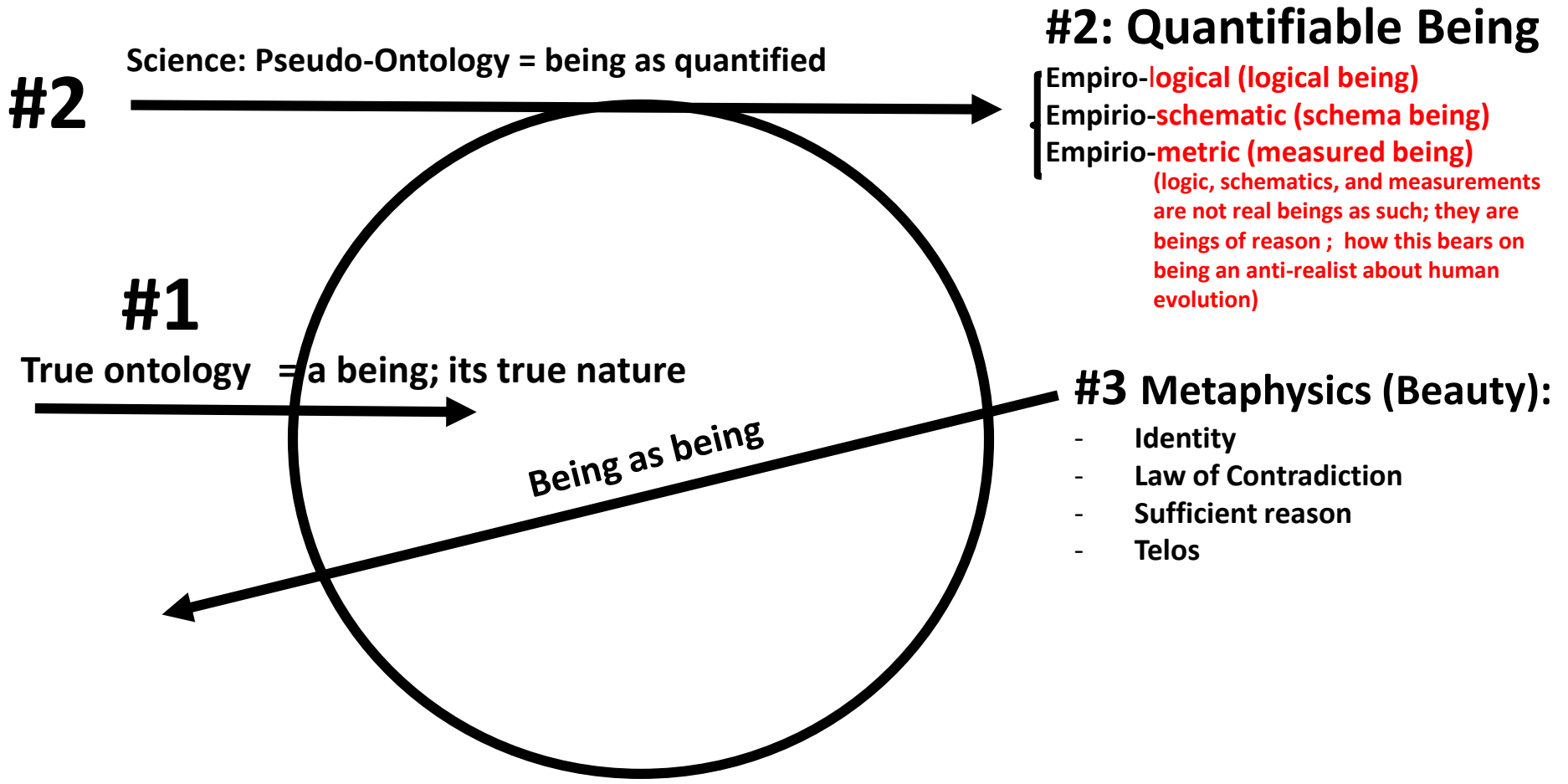
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INTRODUCTION

Greeting: 1 Thess. 1:1-3.

1. Alive to the beauty/glory of God: Matt. 22:37-40; Acts 13:22; Jn 4:22-24; Psa. 19:1-3; Rom. 1:20-23; 1 Cor. 2:8-10; Jn 1:14, 16-18; John 3:16-21; Heb. 1:1-3; Rom 2:4-10; 3:21-26; 5:1-8; Rev. 5:9-10; Psa. 73:24.
2. Alive to the glory/beauty of the Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians- Galatians 4.
3. Alive to the beauty/glory of realistic hermeneutics (PR). The merits and demerits of Martin Heidegger's Dasein and its bearing on Bible-believers
4. Alive to the beauty/glory of scientific knowledge, Psa. 19; Rom. 1:20.
5. Alive to the glory/beauty of faith-knowledge: 1) God's glorious/beautiful light that brings absolute certainty of faith-knowledge, 2) the beautiful experience of faith-knowledge, 3) the beauty of the objective form of faith-knowledge, 4) the beauty of Christ as the central form of faith-knowledge, 5) the beauty of the mediation of the form of faith-knowledge, and 6) the beauty of divine attestation to faith-knowledge.



1. Apologetics is all about evidence without the benefit of the divine lights of faith.
2. There are two major Christian camps.
 - a. Classical/metaphysical, Acts 13:8; Col 1:18; Heb. 1:2 (Bible, Thomism).
 - b. Quantitative/mechanical (Bible, Hugh Ross, ID movement, William Lane Craig).
3. Examples of the wonders/beauty of creation.

There are 6 dimensions of biblical faith-knowledge

- 1. The beautiful/glorious inner light from God that brings about absolute, undefeatable conviction of faith-knowledge, 2 Cor. 4:6; Matt. 16:17; John 1:18; 14:1, 7, 9.**
- 2. The beautiful/glorifying experience of faith-knowledge, 2 Cor. 4:16-5:11; Gal. 4:6; 1 Thessalonians with Heb. 5:8; 1 Pet. 1:6-8; Gal. 2:20; 4:19; Rom. 8:16; Philip 1:19-25; 3:3-21; John 1:39; 1 John 1:1; Rom. 12:1-2.**
- 3. The beauty/glory of objective form of faith-knowledge, 2 Cor. 3:18-4:6; 1 John 1:1-3, 18;**

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- 4. The beauty/glory of the centrality of the form of faith-knowledge: the Son of God, Gal. 3; Heb 1:1-3; Col. 1:18; John 1:14-18; 1 John 1:1-3, 18; 2 Cor. 3:18-4:6; John 1:14-18; John 3:13; 1 Cor. 1:30.**
- 5. The beauty/glory of the mediation of faith-knowledge, Luke 24:44-48; 1 Cor 2:10-3:4; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Cor 12:7-10; 1 Cor. 2.**
- 6. The beautiful/glorious attestation (testimony) to faith-knowledge.**
 - a. God the Father, Matt. 3:17; John 5:37; 8:18, 47**
 - b. The Word of God, John 5:39.**
 - c. The works of Christ, John 10:25**
 - d. The Holy Spirit, John 16:7-15.**
 - e. The Universe, Ex. 3:14; Col 1:16.**

The beautiful/glorious dimensions of faith-knowledge illustrated.

1. **Mary beheld the beauty/glory of God in faith-knowledge, Luke 1:32-33, 1:43-55.**
2. **Joseph beheld the beauty/glory of God in faith-knowledge, Matt. 1:20-21.**
3. **The shepherds beheld the beauty/glory of God in faith-knowledge, Luke 2:8-20.**
4. **Simeon beheld the beauty/glory of God in faith-knowledge, Lk 2:29-30.**
5. **Anna beheld the beauty/glory of God in faith-knowledge, Lk 2:36-38.**
6. **John and Andrew beheld the beauty/glory of God in faith-knowledge, Jn 1:37-39.**
7. **Simon Peter beheld the beauty/glory of God in faith-knowledge, Jn 1:40-42.**
8. **Philip beheld the beauty/glory of God in faith-knowledge, Jn. 1:43.**
9. **Nathanael beheld the beauty/glory of God in faith-knowledge, Jn 1:45-51.**