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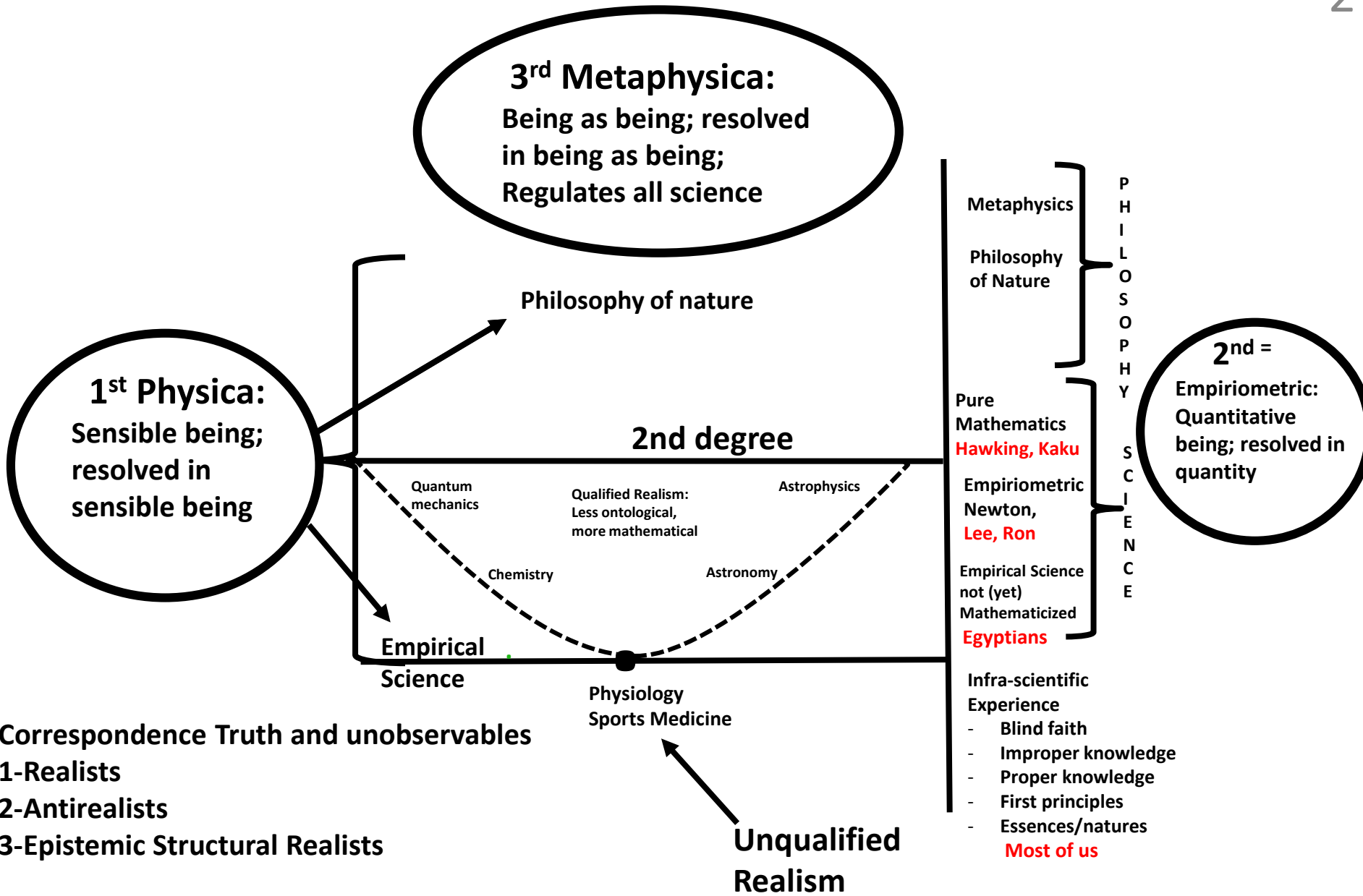
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INTRODUCTION

The glory (beauty) of grace greetings: 1 Thess. 1:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:1-5; Gal. 1:1-5.

1. The glory (beauty) of proper knowledge and proper love of God: Matt. 22:37-40; Lk 7:36-50; Heb. 1:1-3; John 1:1-9, 14; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor 2:15-16; Matt. 5:8; Psa 73:24-28.
2. The glory (beauty) of the Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians-Galatians 6.
3. The glory (beauty) of the hermeneutics of realism: objectivity.
4. The glory (beauty) of the realism of science and reality as such.
5. The glory (beauty) of faith and hope.



SUPREME BEAUTY: SUPERNATURALLY SEEING THE GLORY/EFFULGENCE OF CHRIST IN FAITH-KNOWLEDGE

A. Review of the 7 elements of faith-knowledge.

1. The light, Jn 1:4-9; John 3:19-31; Gal. 3:1.
2. The conviction, I Thess. 1:3.
3. The experience, John 1:37-49; Gal 2:20; 4:6; 1 Jn 4:13.
4. The objectivity, John 1:1-4; Luke 1:1-4.
5. The centrality Christ form, John 1; 14:9; Gal 2:20; Heb. 1:1-3; Philip. 2:5-11.
6. Mediation, John 16:8-11;
7. 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

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B. Problems of and solutions to blindness to the dazzling glory/beauty of God.

1. The spiritual death problem and resolution, 1 Cor 2:8-16; 2 Cor. 4:4-6; Rom 1:18-20.
2. The spiritual immature problem and resolution, 1 Cor 3:1-3.
3. The value problem and resolution, Mat. 6:19-24; Rev. 3:15-20; Psa 16:8.
4. The time problem and resolution, Psa. 46:10.
5. The Word of God problem and resolution, Matt 13:13.
6. The hardness problem and resolution, Jer. 7:24.

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C. From faith-knowledge to hope.

1. Overview of the biblical data: 1 Thess. 1:3, 9-10, Rom 5:1-5; Col. 1:3-5; 1 John 3:2-3; 1 Pet 1:13, 20-21; 3:15.
2. The supranatural life has three main currents and are only possible by grace.
 - a. Faith-knowledge of the mysteries of God, which surpasses all natural knowledge (suprarational)
 - b. Hope, the confident and eager expectation of life in the presence of God. It is a type of love that desires to be with God.
 - c. Love, the affective connection with God as the Highest Good

3. These supernatural virtues grow or diminish according to one's relationship with God. As far as loss of these virtues, the order is that love goes first, then faith, and then hope.
4. Hope, like faith, should never be confused with or reduced to the natural realm and common sentiments such as "wishful" or "hope-so thinking."
5. The only hope that is a virtue is biblical hope.
6. The transcendent nature of biblical hope, Heb 11-12:2.

7. Hope vs. no hope, 1 Thess 4:13.
8. The only living source of A living suprahope is life in supranature of God, 2 Pet. 1:4
9. The suprarational and supra-affective nature of suprahope.
10. Christ is not only the foundation and centerpiece of faith-knowledge, He is also the foundation and centerpiece of hope, Col. 1:27; 1 Tim. 1:1; Titus 2:13; Heb. 6:19-20.