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**Life in God by proper knowledge and proper love; Bible: Eph 4:17-32;
Hermeneutics: Realism vs. Idealism (3-4-18)**

Opening: 2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-21; Psalm 73:23-26.

- A. The Spiritual Life:** Believers live and thrive in God by proper knowledge and proper love (Matt 22:37-40; 1 Jn 4:10; Rom. 5:8, 5; 1 Cor. 13:3; Eph 3:14-19; 2 Cor. 5:14; Jn 13:31-35).
- B. Through the Word of God: Eph. 4:17-32.**
 - 1. Hermeneutics (36): Objective interpretation based on form/matter.
 - 2. Eph 4:17-32.
- C. Bible Doctrine: Apprehending our Incomprehensible God-4.**
 - 1. The Bible teaches that the LORD and His ways are incomprehensible (Exod. 3:13-14; Psa 139:6; 145:3; Job 5:9; 9:10; 11:7; 36:26; Isa. 40:28; Rom. 11:33-12:2).
 - 2. 6 Principles on God-talk.
- D. Philosophical Foundations/Reality: Natural Law 42 (4 principles).**
 - 1. The 2nd Person of the Trinity is the Source of Natural Law.
 - 2. 4 Principles on Natural Law.

Figure 1: Idealism. In modernity, beginning with Descartes, we start with the mind, not reality as such.

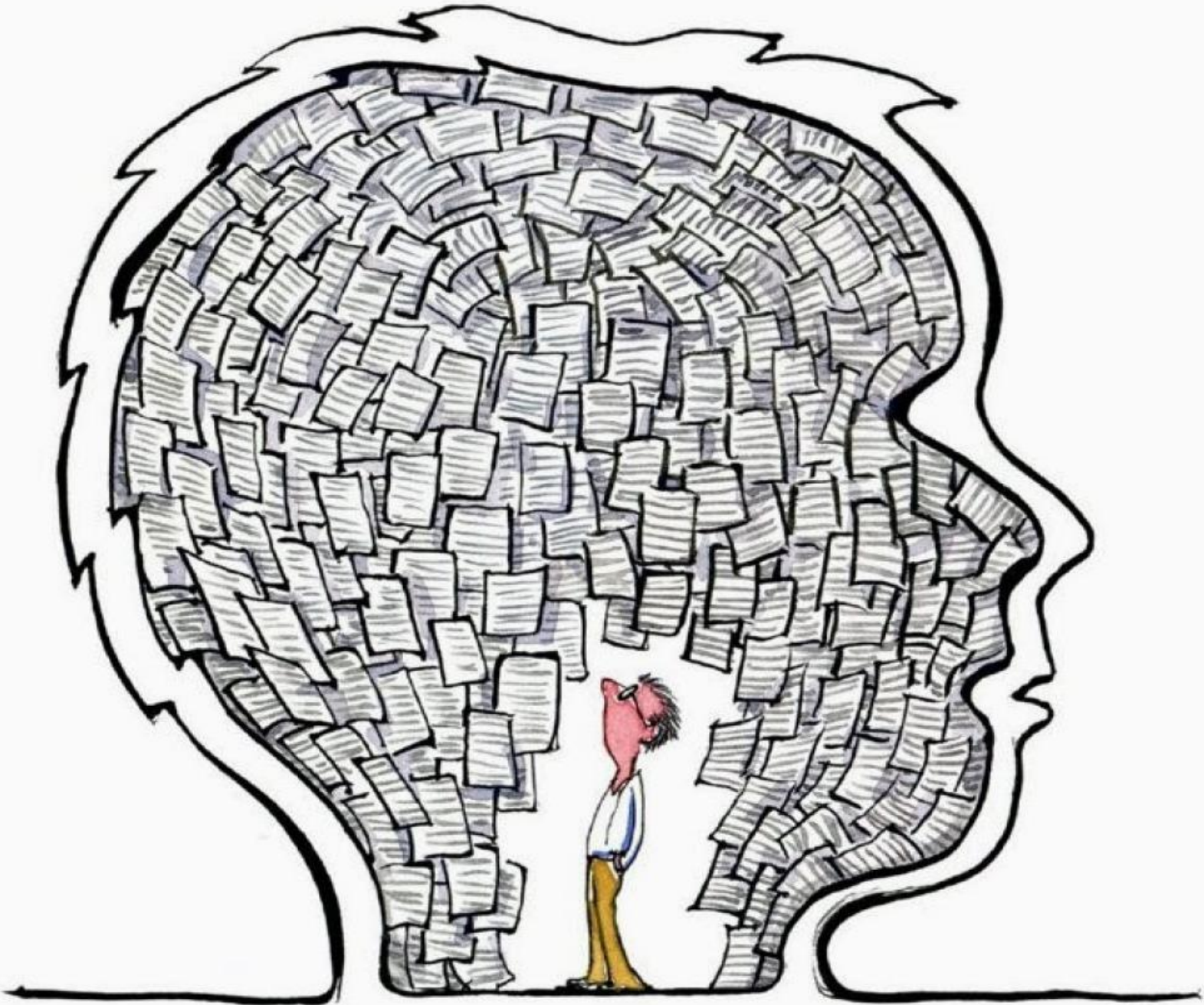


Figure 2: Meaning and Language based on minds. The Linguistic turn.

Rejection of classical metaphysics was followed by epistemology, which moved thinking away from the world and to the mind and thus various forms of Idealism where thoughts are clothed with beings rather than being clothed with words (cf., Cratyleanism, Hermogenianism, Platonic, Cartesian, Saussurean, structuralism, post-structuralism, deconstruction, Linguistic Turn, et. al).



Figure 3: Cratylean Triangle of Reference

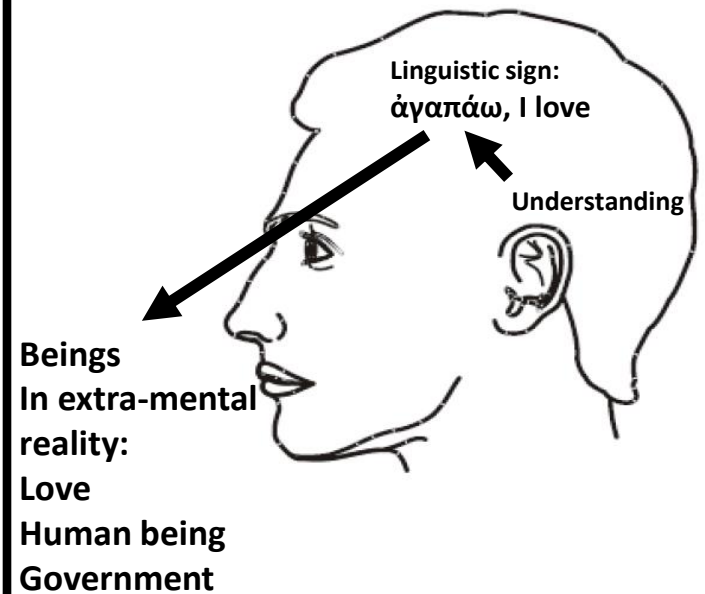
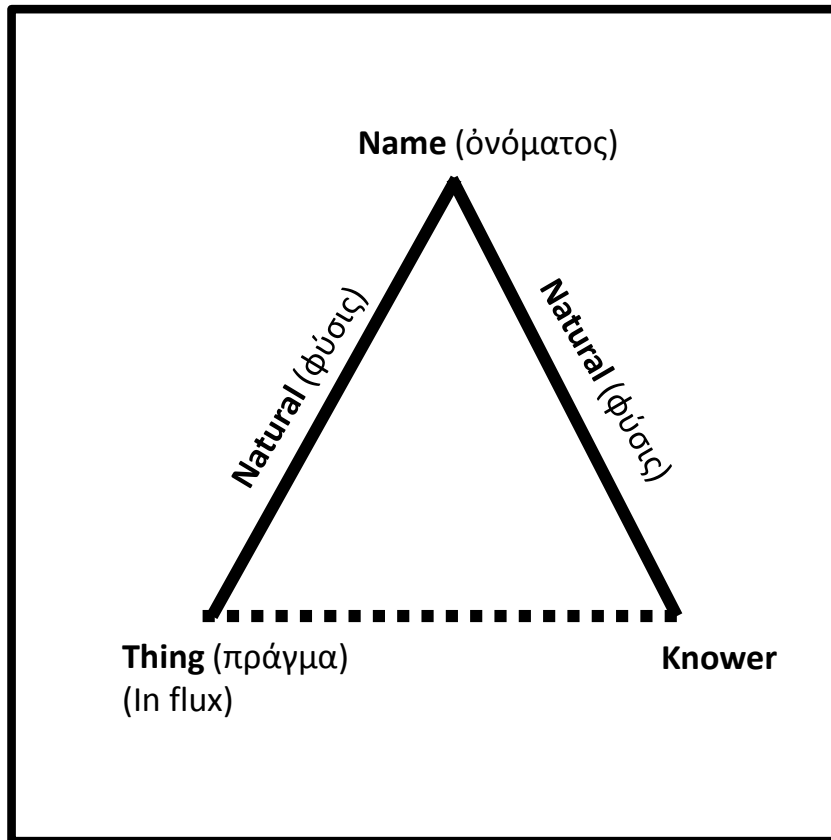


Figure 4: Socratic View of Language and Reality

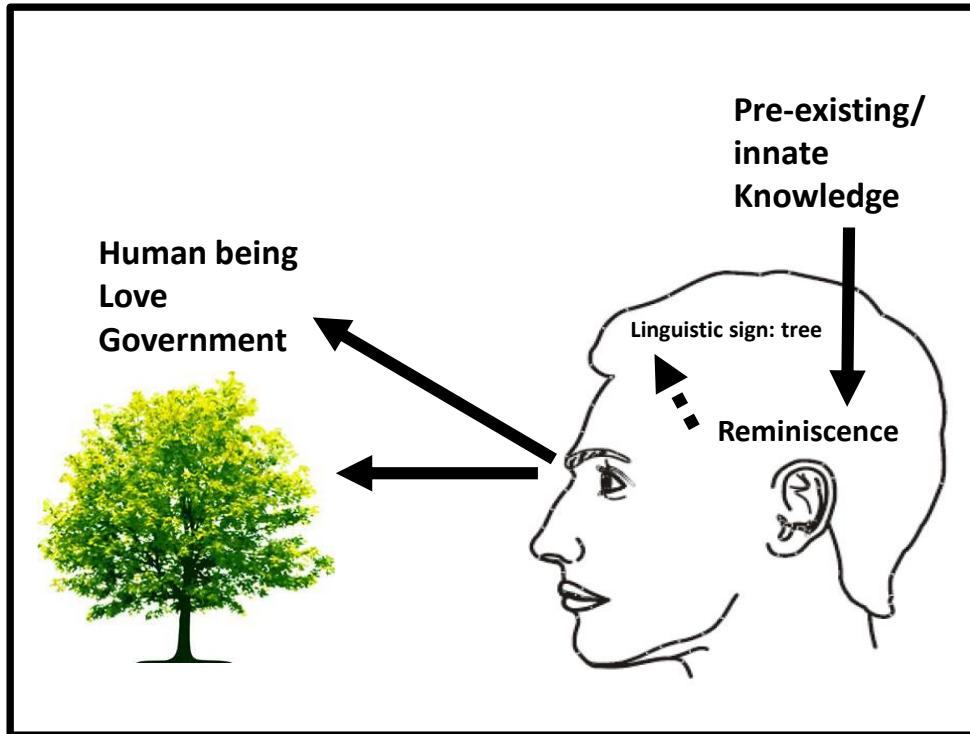


Figure 5: Saussure's View of Language and Reality

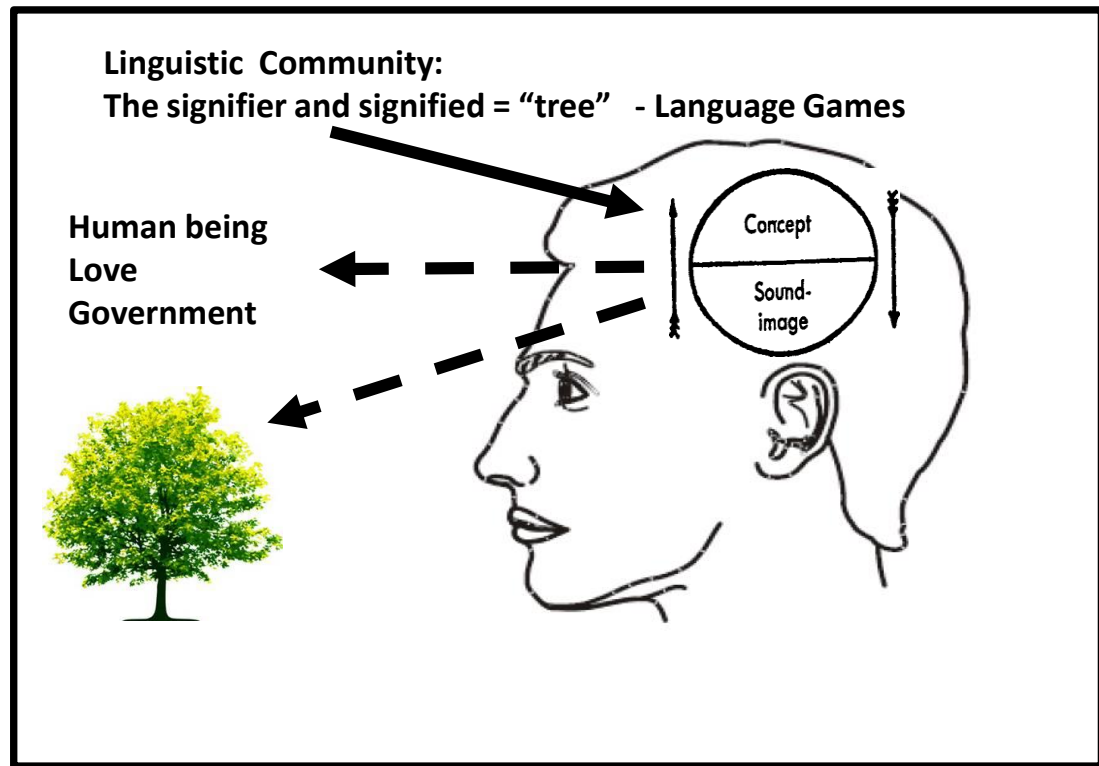


Figure 6: Saussure's Triangle of Reference

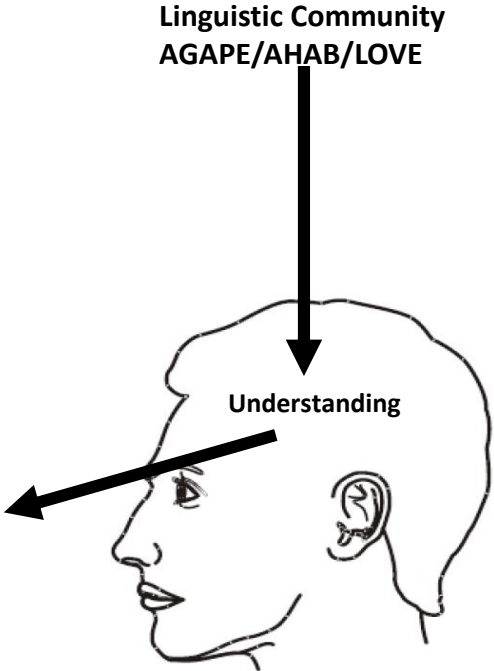
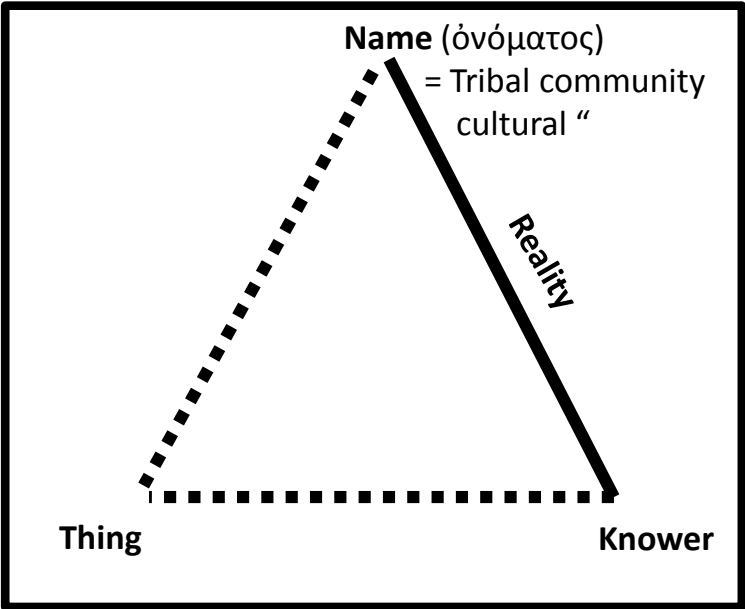


Figure 7: Aristotelian/Aquinas Triangle of Reference

