

The Beauty/Splendor/Glory of God.41

John 1:47: “In whom there is no deceit (ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστιν)”
Philosophy of Human Nature-8: Man’s Intellectual-Emotional Soul

John 1 : 14

And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten
of the Father full of grace and truth.

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Philosophical/Theological/Doctrinal/Spiritual Mental Framework

Bible Doctrines (The True-Good-Beautiful!)

Eschatology
 Thanatology
 Ecclesiology
 Israelology
 Dispensationalism
 Doxology
 Hodology
 Soteriology
 Hamartiology
 Natural Law
 Anthropology
 Angelology
 Pneumatology
 Christology
 Paterology
 Trinitarianism
 Cosmology
 Theology Proper
 Bibliology

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- Hermeneutics
- Linguistics
- Epistemology
- Metaphysics -11
(Trans. 43)
- Reality –Logic 32,
Truth 32

Any questions?

What the Bible says about the end-times

1. Massive apostasy in Christianity, 2 Thess. 2:3, *Let no one in any way deceive you, it [day of the Lord] will not come unless the apostasy (ἀποστασία) comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.*
2. Massive revolt of pagans/unbelievers against Truth/God, 2 Thess. 2:10-12, . . . *those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved . . . that they might be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.*

In light of the predicted coming apostasy, consider the importance of a systematic understanding of the doctrines on the left.

It really is all about truth. Logic is a powerful tool in checking truth statements. Consider what it would be like if Christians knew enough logic to formulate and check all syllogisms.

Stage 3

Stage 2

Stage 1

Stage 3 – Christian metaphysician = life of glory!

- The believer who becomes a Christian metaphysician has a totally new mindset with regard to the nature of 'Ehyeh/Esse and the transcendentals.
- Only in metaphysics can a believer really understand Bible, the attributes and glory of God

Holy Spirit  Bible Doctrine

Stage 2 – Christian doctrinal believer = life of doctrine!

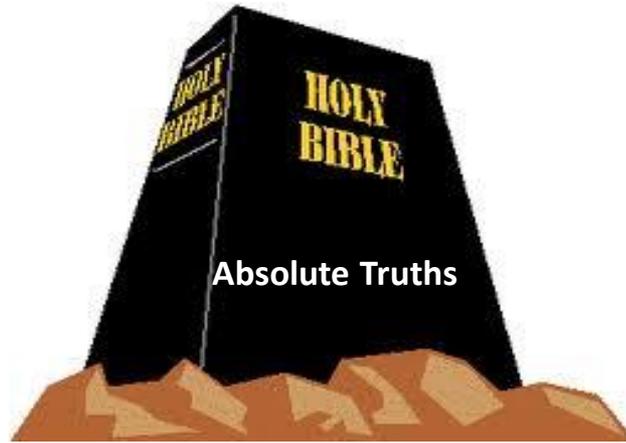
- Through BD, this believer has gained a great deal of divine viewpoint in his soul regarding God and the spiritual life.
- However, he continues to have some pagan views about God's *nature* due to lack of metaphysical development.
- He is stable, but still very dependent on others for confidence in metaphysical truths.

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Stage 1 – Christian baby = life of ups and downs.

- All baby believers have a great deal of pagan views of God due to the problem of pagan horizon of meaning.
- All baby believers are tossed here and there by the kosmos, Eph 4:14.
- For baby believers it is all about pragmatism or personal encounter with truth. If it works or feels good, they think it must be true.

The Bible presupposes Philosophical Realism



5- Hermeneutics – how do we understand that which is?

4- Linguistics – how is that which is communicated?

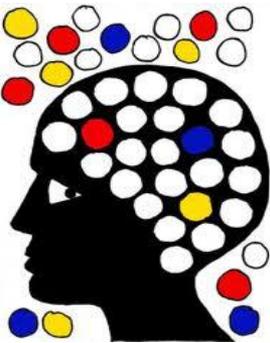
3- Epistemology –how do I know that which is?

2- Metaphysics – what is that which is? Being as being.
(11-Transcendentals.43)

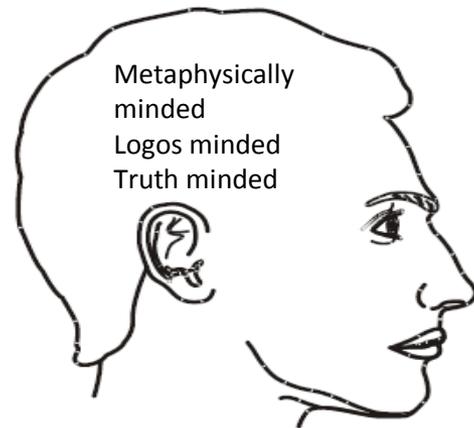
1- Reality – that which is (Logic 32, Truth 32)

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Foundations: Metaphysics



A double minded man is unstable in all his ways,
James 1:8

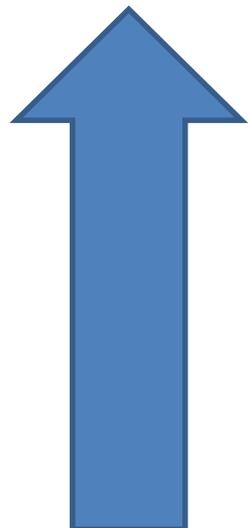


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Classical Christian:
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'Ehyeh asher 'Ehyeh



11—The Transcendentals.43

- 8-10 Being-Becoming
- 7-Satan's attack on metaphysics
- 6-Integration of 4 causes
- 5-Act of existence = "to be"
- 4-Act and Potency/potential
- 3- Four causes
- 2-Being *qua* being
- 1-Introduction

Science of Metaphysics 11

The Transcendentals-43

(The Existence of Beauty: Poetry)

Consider the devastating results of nominalism in our culture. Apart from metaphysical development one will default into nominalism. In nominalism there is no objective beauty, then no objective good, and then no objective truth.

- ✓ Beauty in music (Ex. 15; Rev. 5). It was Pythagoras and Plato who noted that it is in music where a person first experiences contact with formal mathematical structures. This points to music's objectivity.
- ✓ Beauty in paintings—cf., Jesus's appreciation of the beauty of nature.
- ✓ Beauty in dancing —Ecc. 3:4; Plato and the form and structure gymnastics.
- **Beauty in poetry and literature —cf. Psalms, SOS, Proverbs, Gospels.**
- Beauty and utility in architecture—cf. Rev 21-22.
- Beauty in statuary/artifacts—cf., the tabernacle.
- Beauty of the theatre—cf., drama in Song of Solomon.

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(The Existence of Beauty: Poetry)

We have noted the beauty of literature in Proverbs in synonymous distichs (doctrine given and repeated), antithetical distichs (positive and negative statements of doctrine), synthetic distichs (1st doctrine then 2nd doctrine), integral distichs (doctrine begun and completed), parabolic distichs (illustration and analogy of doctrine), and comparative distichs (doctrine's value, "better than").

- Synonymous Tetrastich in Proverbs 24:3-4,

By wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
And by knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.

The Beauty (Glory) of God-41 : The Road to understanding God's Beauty

Introduction of glory in creation, Christ, and God: Genesis 1-2; 3:6; 6:2; 12:11; Exod. 2:2; 25:8, 22; 29:43-46; 33:18-22; 40:34-38; Rev. 21:1-22:5; Psa. 19:1-2; Isa 5:20-21; 6:1-8; 42:18-20; Jer. 7:24-26; 13:13-14; Gal. 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; ; Matt. 5:8; 11:25-30; Rom. 1:18-32; Heb. 1:1-3; Philip. 2:5-11; 1 John 1:1-4; Prov. 6; 1 Peter. 3:1-5.

Effulgence of God's beauty/glory manifested in the incarnation: John 1;
2:11, 16; 3:13, 16-17; 4:6, 10, 14-18, 31-34; 5:17-27, 30, 36-37, 44; 6:33-48; 7:18, 28-30, 37-38; 8:12-14, 28, 31-42, 50, 58-59; 10:7-11, 14-18, 28-30, 38, 12:27-28, 32-50; 13:1-34; 14:6-31; 15:1-6, 8-19, 24-26; 16:7-15; 17:6, 24; 19:23-30; 20:28-31; 21:19.

Old Testament Glory: Job 38-42; creation, Garden, Abel, Abraham, Moses, David, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and the throne of Glory, lost glory (Psa 27:4; 32:1-11; 34:8; 145:8-17; Prov. 4:5-9; 2 Chron. 26; Isa. 3:18 48:4; 64:6; 53; Jer 6:22-23; 15:12-14; 27:36).

New Testament Glory: Luke 1-2; 4:6-13; 21:5; Acts 3:2; 17:26-27; 20:28; Rom 3:9-19, 21-26; 5:1-2, 6-11; 10:15; 1 Cor 1:18, 23-31; 2:8-9; 2 Cor 3:6-4:6; 8:9; Gal 3:13-14; 4:4-5; Eph. 1:6; 2:10; 5:25-32; Col. 2:9, 13-14; 3:10-14; 3:13-14; 4:4-8; Titus 3:4-6; 1 Pet. 1:8; 2:21-25; 2 Pet. 3:16; Heb 2:11-18; 5:5; James 1:11, 17; 1 John; 2:1-2; 3:2-3, 16; 4:9-10, 20; Rev. 5:9-14; 12:3, 7, 9.

Conclusion: the beatific vision: Rev. 21:1-22:5.

Philosophical psychology: the intellectual and emotional aspects of man

1. Jesus Christ as the perfect man experienced the full range of human emotions. For the first time, God actually felt pain, suffering, and distress through His human soul acquired at the incarnation. The orthodox doctrine of the hypostatic union has always been that what is predicated of either nature is predicated of the whole Person. All other views are considered heretical.

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2. Christ's emotions, like the emotions of all human beings, are inextricably connected to both the sense and intellectual levels of the *soul*.
 - ✓ Jesus's intellectual emotions included anger at religion, frustration with believers, love and compassion for the sick and helpless, sorrow at unbelieving Jews, and joy at the prospect of future glorification, Heb. 12:1-2.
 - ✓ Jesus's sense emotions included hunger (Mt 4:2); thirst (John 19:20); weariness (John 4:6, κεκοπιακῶς), and physical suffering (1 Pet 2:21-23).

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3. Every believer can take comfort in the fact that Jesus Christ knows exactly what it feels like to live in the frailties of being human with all of its corresponding modes of suffering and emotions. No matter what you might be going through, He knows the feeling and is there to help.

Hebrews 2:14 Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin

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4. It is imperative that we *use* the pains and disappointments of life as opportunities to move closer to Him, to become more occupied with and appreciative of our Lord Jesus Christ. Failure to do so will only harden you and make you more bitter (carnality) rather than better (spirituality). It is important to identify and understand that the test you face in life is not an accident: it is divinely designed for your blessedness.

Acts 16:19-31.

Philip 4:4-13.

2 Cor. 12:7-10

James 1:2-4.

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5. The Bible is explicit that it is only through man's intellectual abilities (enlightened by the HS) that he can advance in the spiritual life. It is through his *intellective abilities* that man can understand, love, control his emotions, develop true virtue, receive transformation, and move into the supergrace life (cf. Psa. 119:9; Prov. 1:2-7; 2:1-20; 6:25; Rom. 7:15-8:8; 12:1-2; Matt. 11:28-30; 22:34-40; John 8:31-32; Eph. 4:17-32; Philip. 2:13-16 ; 4:4-9 Col. 3:12-14; 1 Thess. 4:1-8 ; 5:16-18; 2 Tim. 2:14-15; 22; 4:15; James 1:8; 4:8 ; 1 Pet. 3:13-17; 2 Pet. 1:2-11; 1 John 2:15-16).

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6. Due to the influences of naturalism and Cartesianism (dualistic and reductionistic) most believers are in the dark about the intellectual and emotional makeups of their souls --from nature love to the necessity of emotions. At best their views are ambiguous, at worst their views have been formed by modern empirical psychology. We live in a time when the Christian faith has been psychologized on a massive scale.

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7. When the faith of a Christian has been psychologized, the Christian loses his passion for truth as such. He is only interested in a psychological “pursuit of truth.” He is only interested in what God can do for him. He loses love for and wonder of truth as such. He ends up living a senseless and superstitious life on the sense level of the soul.

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8. It is imperative that every believer be grounded in philosophical psychology, the philosophy of human nature, the philosophy of human *being* as such. Only philosophical psychology deals with being as being and dianoetic knowledge rather than perinoetic knowledge. Perinoetic knowledge only deals with accidents (accidens). This is why there are so many holes in our modern foundations.

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9. All sentient beings have emotions. All sentient beings share in base emotion of like/love (movement to a good) and dislike/hate (movement away from an evil/bad). However, due to man's intellective soul, he has far more emotions than animals (about 120).

10. Emotions cannot be separated from thinking/perception. We are always thinking about something. What we think about will always have a simultaneous corresponding emotion/feeling.

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11. Emotions are what drive us to or away from some sensible or intellectual object, towards the acquisition of a perceived good object or distancing ourselves from a perceived evil/harmful object.
12. Emotions are formally psychic and materially organic. It is tempting to think that emotions are just physiological responses as per Cartesianism and empirical psychology.

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13. Emotion is a soulish/psychic movement toward a sensible good or away from a sensible evil elicited by sense knowledge with an organic change simultaneously preparing the being for some kind of action.
14. Emotion is accompanied by organic change, which materialist identify with the organic change. This is only because they not looking at the being.

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15. Without emotions/passions, a human being would not be a human. He would be a mere clod, lacking the dynamic quality that is requisite for the attainment of human maturity, cf. Heb. 5:8. Emotions are indispensable aids of the good life.

Hebrews 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

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16. A growing believer, the virtuous believer, is the man who knows how to utilize and control his emotions and desires.
- The key is found in the intellectual powers of the soul made possible by the Holy Spirit. The emotions must be subordinated to the intellect—right reason, divine viewpoint! Bible doctrine!
 - There is to be a hierarchy in our being between the intellect and emotional makeup.
 - The problem is that most people possess only a drop of reason in a sea of emotions.”
 - The key is to grow that reason.

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17. Emotions are not just physiological responses. There is always a lurking Cartesianism in our modern mindset. The intellect is not separate from any sensible reaction.
18. The emotions are primarily the movement of the sensitive psychic/soulful faculty of the soul. Only in a secondary way does it entail the physiological responses, which we tend to take as being the whole emotional response.