



The Problem of Evil and Suffering In the Presence of an All-knowing, All-good, All-loving, and All-powerful God (31):

Mary of Bethany-3 (John 11; 12:1-8; Luke 7:36-50):

From the fragmentation of guilt and shame to the honor and glory of God

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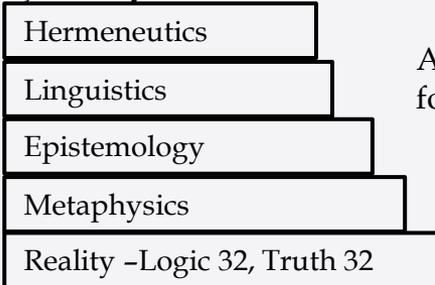
Philosophical/Theological/Doctrinal & Spiritual Edification

Bible Doctrines

- Eschatology
- Thanatology
- Ecclesiology
- Israelology
- Dispensationalism
- Doxology
- Hodology
- Soteriology
- Hamartiology
- Natural Law
- Anthropology
- Angelology
- Pneumatology
- Christology
- Paterology
- Trinitarianism
- Cosmology
- Theology Proper
- Bibliology
- Prolegomena for objectivity - 8

The doctrinal map for your life. Illustrations of the three levels of understanding the Word of God :

- **Worldview**
- **Volition**
- **God**
- **Love**
- **Sin**



Ability to think for yourself.

Broad and deep understanding of BD

1 Corinthians 2:9 but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him.

Mature Believer - Level 3- Metaphysical Maturity

- High abstract metaphysical understanding of BD; Esse, HU, Trinity, Evil, Good,
- Enormous capacity for synthesis of BD and grasping of spiritual realities.
- Required to understand Trinity, free will, evil, good, the human soul, the hypostatic union, substances and properties, philosophy of mind.

Enough BD to be overcomer

1 John 2:14, "you are strong, and the word of God abides in you"

Young adult - Level 2- Doctrinal conceptualization

- Things in terms of Bible doctrine that is undergirded by biblical passages

Lacks BD, DV

Eph 4:14, children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming

Baby & meaning of life

- Limited to isolated Bible verses
- Does not apply doctrine or divine viewpoint to all the issues of life
- Fragmented understanding of truth.

Carnal believer lacks integration with God and Truth due to human viewpoint background

PHILOSOPHICAL REALISM FOR OBJECTIVITY IN BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION AND BIBLE DOCTRINE-8

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| Meaning and understanding | <h2 style="margin: 0;">HERMENEUTICS</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">How do we understand what is communicated?</p> | The meaning is in the Text— not the author’s mind |
| Elements of Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrumental sign • Conventional sign • Formal sign | <h2 style="margin: 0;">LINGUISTICS</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">How do we communicate what we know?</p> | External vs. Internal Word From Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek to English |
| Sense cognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External senses • Internal senses | <h2 style="margin: 0;">EPISTEMOLOGY</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">How do we know that which is?</p> | Intellectual cognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illumination • Abstraction • The thought |
| Something’s essence Something’s identity | <h2 style="margin: 0;">METAPHYSICS</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">What is that which is? The nature of existence: form & matter</p> | Reality of substance Every being is either a substance or accident |
| Correspondence Total Truth (32) Functional, coherence, pragmatic, | <h2 style="margin: 0;">REALITY = BEING</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">That which is Identity All essences have one thing in common: they exist</p> | Logic = laws of reality Laws of logic are principles of existence 3 Undeniable laws of Logic (32) Irrationality |

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1. Our society (including many believers) has become pathological in thinking. Society's noetic pathology is manifested in post-modernism. Believers' pathological thinking infects their views of Truth and Bible doctrine.
2. The two dominant characteristics of pathology regarding believers is in the area of irrationality (thus the need for logic) and pragmatic view of truth (thus the need for correspondence view of truth). Irrationality and functionalism has no place in Christianity or with any believer who is serious about Truth.

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3. Philosophy of Faith Bible Church: I.C.E. and PRICE. Apart from PR (Philosophical realism) the believer will have gapping holes in grasping key concepts such as volition, love, Esse, esse, the Trinity, the God-man, the attributes of God, apologetics, or understanding the CWL. He will have no choice but to take the pastor's word for this crucial concepts. With PR the believer is able to understand defend the ICE doctrines for himself.
4. Only through philosophical realism it is possible to understand and navigate through the difficult waters of subjectivity and objectivity. It is PR that enables the believer to sail between the Scylla and Charybdis.

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5. Evangelical thinkers earnestly desire objectivity, but they have all but given up on how to get there—given everyone’s different presuppositions, even among the lexicographers and exegetes (as noted by Daniel Wallace on his discussion of the Aktionsart of a Greek verb).
6. Philosophical realism enables the believer to gain transcendental presuppositions (like rules of logic) that are anchored in reality. The most powerful believer in the world is a doctrinal believer who is anchored into philosophical realism. Consider the difference between a believer who is swayed by passions, self-serving pragmatism, wishful thinking, pastors, the Zeitgeist, and guidance of his own desires and conveniences, versus a believer who is anchored into the reality/truth as provided by philosophical realism. Vast difference between perspectivalism and philosophical realism.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Galatians 5:16-17 But I say, in the Spirit be walking, and you will not (οὐ μὴ) bring to completion the desire of the flesh (ἐπιθυμίαν σαρκὸς). 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition (ἀντίκειται) to one another, so that you may not do (1st order volition) the things that you please (2nd order desire).

- ✓ No one has a true 2nd order *spiritual* desire prior to salvation due to spiritual death. There is no true freedom unless the 2nd order desire line up with 1st order volition. When there is a division, the person is divided within himself—i.e. internally disintegrated, lacks wholeheartedness.
- ✓ There is also a distinction between decisions and choices. Decisions are what you do in/to yourself, whereas choices are what you do externally.
- ✓ The power of the Holy Spirit is more powerful than the OSN. It enables the believer to bring his 2nd order desire to first order volition. This is a good area to check your logic and view of truth (correspondence or coherence?).

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, lasciviousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit (rewards in) the kingdom of God.

- ✓ Every believer starts out more oriented to the power of the OSN than the spiritual life. It is not until the believer reaches the 2nd stage of spiritual maturity does he gain *extended* victory over the OSN.
- ✓ It is crucial to make a distinction between temptation and sin.
- ✓ Every act of sin really is an act of negative volition at V1 that brings further habituation and enslavement.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, 23 meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

- ✓ The single greatest existential breakthrough for the believer is to live in and grow these virtues day by day (and thus keeping the OSN in check). To break the power of the OSN and live consistently in the HS is to enter into fantastic blessing, now!

LUKE 7:36-50 – FROM SIN, SHAME, AND GUILT TO HONOR, GLORY, AND LOVE

1. The Marvelous Matchless Grace of God.
2. The Problem of Sin.
3. The Problem of Guilt.
4. The Problem of Shame.
5. The backward- and forward-looking problems of sin, shame, and guilt, and God's grace solutions.
6. The twofold nature of true love.
7. The love, honor, and glory that Jesus bestows on His people who will respond to His twofold love.

JOHN 11:11-17 – JESUS' GREAT PLAN OF LOVE

1. Jesus's delays of love, 11:1-24.
2. Jesus, the resurrection and the life, 11:25-27.
3. Jesus and Mary, 11:28-32.
4. The anguish of Jesus, 11:33-38.
5. The resurrection of Lazarus, 11:39-44.

JOHN 12:1-8

1. The dinner party, 1-2.
2. Martha's and Mary's love for Jesus, 2.
3. Dastardly Judas & the fatal evil of rejection of God's love, 4-6.
4. Christ's honoring of Mary, 7. The glory and honor of Mary:

Luke 7:50 And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Matthew 26:13 "Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done shall also be spoken of in memory of her."