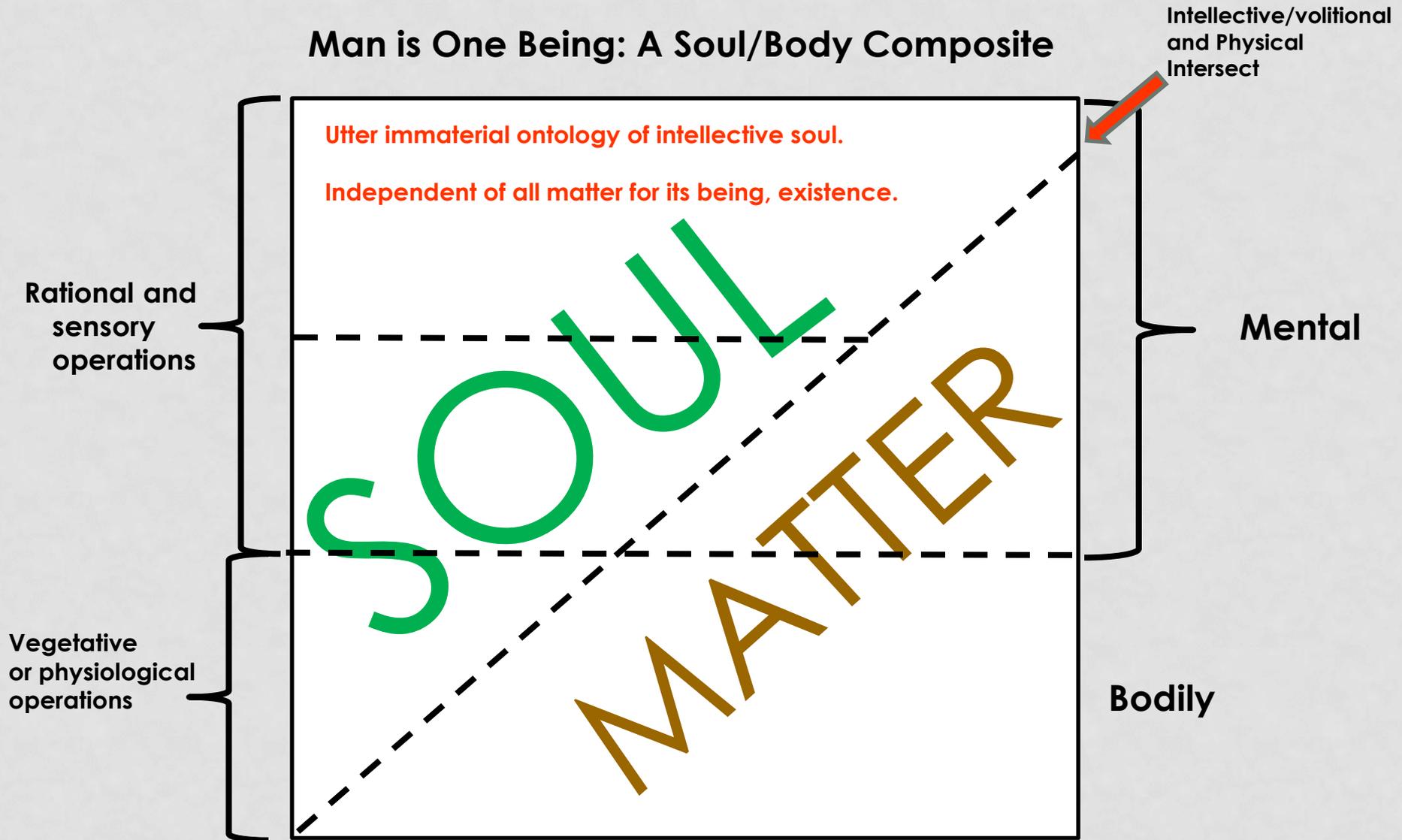


# Biblical-Philosophical Psychology 17: Human Intellection and Emotions 9

## Man is One Being: A Soul/Body Composite



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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

**P.R. - 32**

- Hermeneutics
- Linguistics
- Epistemology
- Metaphysics -11  
(Trans. 50)
- Reality –Logic 32,  
Truth 32

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1. The evil mental framework of most of modern Christianity has reached such a tipping point that even “Back to the Bible movements” could not remove the darkness: it could not correct believers’ false perceptions of God, the Word of God, creation, or man’s intellectual-emotional nature— regardless of how much Bible doctrine or passages one knows or memorizes. Christianity was born in the fulness of time, but we have returned to the pre-Socratic sophisticated times.
2. The modern Dark Ages in Christianity is marked by the illiteracy of rationality. With the loss of rationality, spawns all kinds of superstitions: from methodological naturalism to an array of fideisms. Without development of PR, even the doctrinal believer will degrade to the demonism of the Word of Faith movement—seeing the church as *only* about the spiritual life truths.
3. We have unique opportunities at FBC to leave the darkness of our age and possess the foundation that the Word of God presupposes and which enable us to grasp and live in the realities of its doctrines. It must be about total truth, whole truth, not playing church.

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!

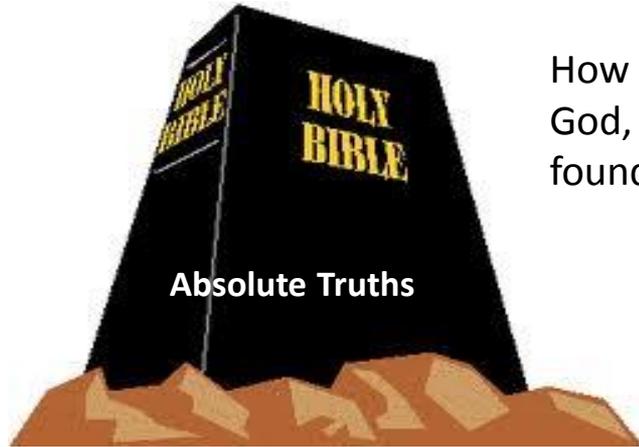
- Through BD, this believer has gained a great deal of divine viewpoint in his soul regarding God and the spiritual life.
- However, he continues to have some pagan views about God’s *nature* due to lack of metaphysical development.
- He is stable, but still very dependent on others for confidence in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

Holy Spirit  Bible Doctrine

### 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.

# Philosophical Foundations for a Christian worldview



How in the world can a believer understand God, the Bible, or himself apart from foundations in the structure of reality?

If the mind is a terrible thing to waste for an unbeliever, what about the Christian mind, what about the Christian mind that has taken the time to learn the doctrines?

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

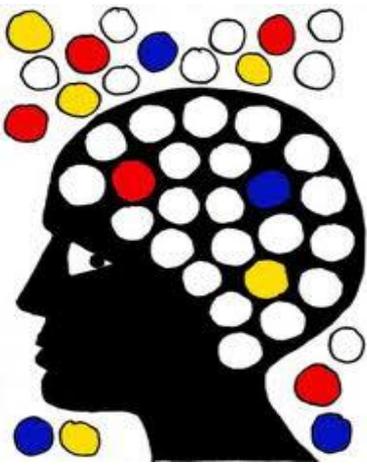
**4- Linguistics – how is that which is communicated?**

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

**2- Metaphysics – what is that which is? Being as being.  
(12-Transcendentals: Participation in Being)**

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

PR 32

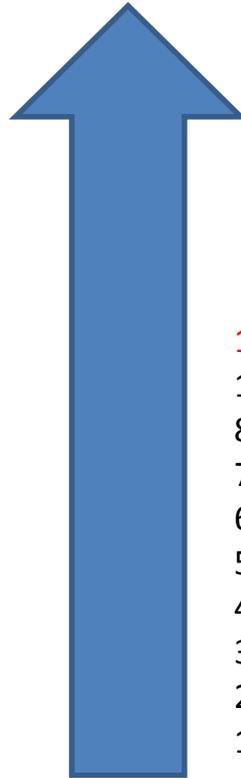


### Modern Christian

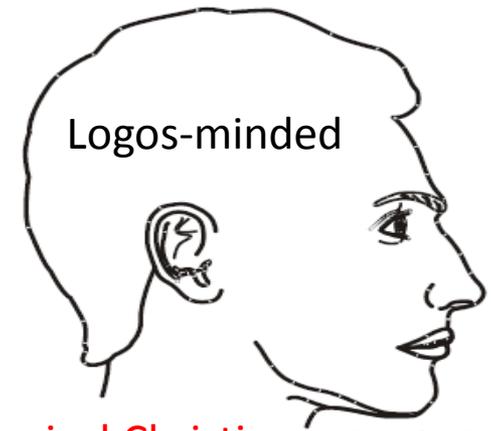
- Anti-intellectual
- Rationally illiterate
- Neo-deistic
- Cartesian-Platonic dualist
- Blind follower of religion
- Sensate, ignorant of God and self

## Foundations: Metaphysics

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'Ehyeh asher 'Ehyeh



### Science of Metaphysics 12



Classical Christian, 1 Pet. 3:15.

- Christ-centered life
- Able to give rational defense of faith/BD.
- Lives the spirit-filled life.
- Worships God with the mind
- Metaphysically minded
- Rationally literate
- Philosophical insight

### 12-Participation in Being

- 11—The Transcendentals.50 – (TGB of Kate's production)
- 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

Kate won 1st place at State!! Congratulations!



The transcendentalists:  
How the trans. changed my life

{ True  
Good > Beautiful

## **Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being**

1. The most basic wonder of life goes beyond who we are and what we are, but that we are at all, or that anything exists at all.
  - Here we are along with all other existing things of the universe, alive and kicking, when we really should not be.
  - It is metaphysics that enables the believer to see the most radical source of wonder, a truly existential wonder, that we or anything else should be at all, that anything should exist at all.

## Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being

2. It is metaphysics that enables the human mind to see the realities that transcend matter. How could atoms in man's head reach out and accurately define the atoms and eternal non-material realities (e.g.,  $a^2+b^2=c^2$ ) throughout the universe through abstraction?
  - If we are going to understand the visible universe you are going to have to go beyond the chemical elements
  - It is the neglect and rejection of metaphysics that has given Christians background proclivity of materialism, which is a Marxist view of reality: that matter just is and that matter just begets matter.

## Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being

3. Unless the Christian can cross over the conceptual threshold of understanding in depth what *esse* means (*to be*; a verb), grasping the essence/existence distinction will be impossible. The believer needs to be able to go from the fact of existence to the act of existence.
  - This changes everything.
  - The difference between naturalism and theism is not simply tacking on God. Everything changes, even talking about atoms, there is a dimension in talking about atoms not going to be handled by simply talking about their physical properties. They have a lawfulness about them. Even Thales knew they were full of God.

## **Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being**

4. Our inner act of existence is not reducible to an essence or mode of being, a what. It cannot be reduced to a mere static state. It is a dynamic act of presence that makes any essence or nature to be real.

## Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being

5. Everything that exists, except God, must be constituted by a real metaphysical composition or inner structure of two things:
  - a) The act of existence, by which it actually exists, is actively present in the universe; and
  - b) A limiting essence, which is the mode or manner in which it exists.

## Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being

6. God alone is the only unlimited act of existence, the “AM.” He is the one intensive act behind all existences. He gives the active existential existence to all things that be.
7. God is pure Subsistent Act of Existence with no limiting essence. He transcends all creatures which are composed of existences and limiting essences.
8. Due to the fact that God actively gives esse to all of creation means that all of creation participate in the one central perfection of God Himself, Esse. All that bes find their source in the Esse of BE, Pure Existence, ‘Ehyeh of Exodus 3:14. BE is the source of all that bes. All things participate in God.

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1. Overview of key biblical passages on the wholeness of man's body/soul composite nature, especially as it relates to intellection, volition, love, and emotion (2 Cor. 10:5; Philip. 3:18-19; Matt. 16:21-23; Gen. 22:2; 27:4; 29:20, 32; Ex. 20:6; 12-17; 21:5; Lev. 19:18, 34; Psa. 84:2; Eph. 5:2, 25; Rom. 5:8; 8:6-7; 2 Cor. 5:14; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; Col. 3:1-2; 12-14; Philip. 4:4-13; 2 Tim. 2:20-23; Titus 3:3; James 1:2-4; 3:1-18; 4:7-10; 1 Pet. 1:22; 3:13-17; 4:8; 2 Pet. 1:2-9).

2. There is a direct correlation between lack of understanding and appreciation for the laws of reason and contemporary Christian ignorance and lack of confidence in vital truths related to God (Esse), creation (esse), and man (hylomorphism). This has ramifications in how we think about intellectual and emotional powers.
- Philosophical realism gives absolute rational certainty regarding the existence of God and the immortality of the soul.
  - Consider what Democritus (in particle physics) and Aristotle (in logic) discovered about reality by philosophy, sound reasoning, alone—with no microscope (cf. Aristotle's revenge). There really is a rational structure to the universe that gets beyond the matter through the intellectual powers given by and in the image of God.
  - The intellectual is truly amazing. It deserves much better than mere pragmatism, cf., ancient Egyptians.