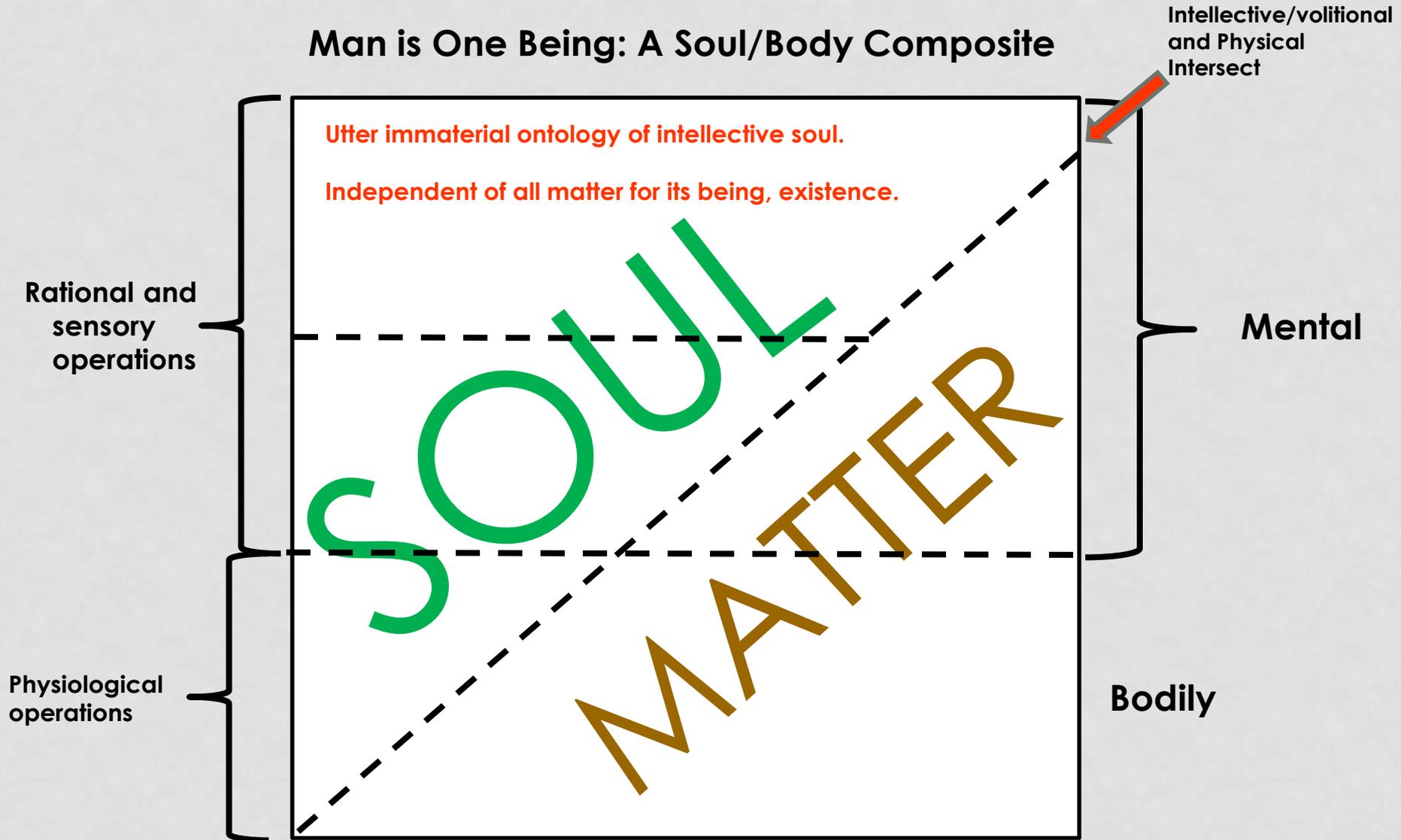


# Biblical-Philosophical Psychology 18: Human Intellection and Emotions 10

## 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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Two major philosophical views presupposed by Bible teachers:

1. Platonic (cf. Tertullian, Augustine, Calvin, Tim Lahaye; Finis Dake; Word of Faith movement). This view is that the only thing we can really know is in the Bible—i.e., there is a radical difference between God’s revelation and man’s thinking/logic. In other words, we are too corrupt to find any certain truth apart from special revelation.
2. Aristotelian (cf. Clement, Aquinas, C.S. Lewis, Mortimer Adler, Sproul, Norman Geisler). While it is thoroughly acknowledged that sin darkens our understanding, we can know many things that Scripture does not develop. We can know things through rational-observation (PR). PR recognizes the two categories of data: natural and supernatural. PR fits perfectly with the real world, sound exegesis, and science (universals).
3. Formerly, I was more Platonic. The need to make a distinction between verbal ideas and ontology in my former studies.
4. Anti-intellection is the greatest curse in the church. Failure to really grow the mind always leads to aberrations.

Stage 3

### 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

### 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.

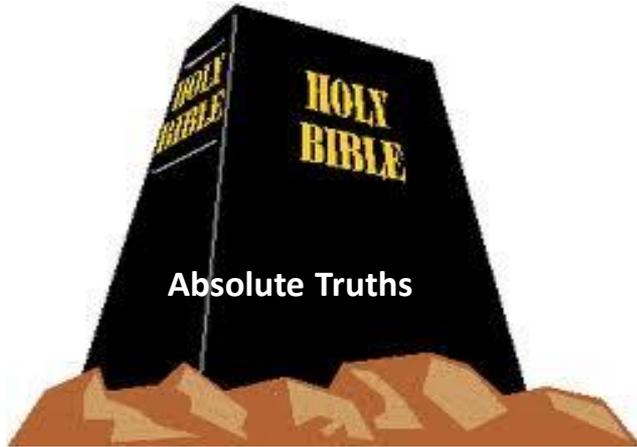
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Stage 1

### 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



We will get back to verse-by-verse studies of books of the Bible, but only after we have established a foundation of realism. What is the point of going word by word if we do not know the metaphysics of God, man, emotions, volition, and intellection? It is not enough to just know what to do!

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

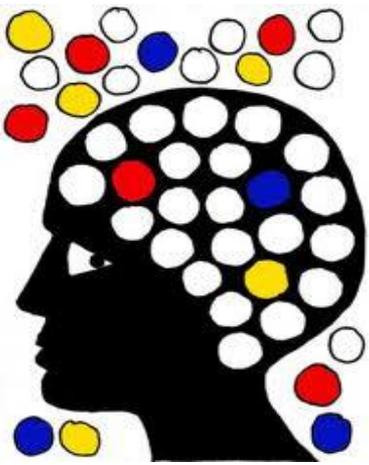
**4- Linguistics – how is that which is communicated?**

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

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

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

PR 32



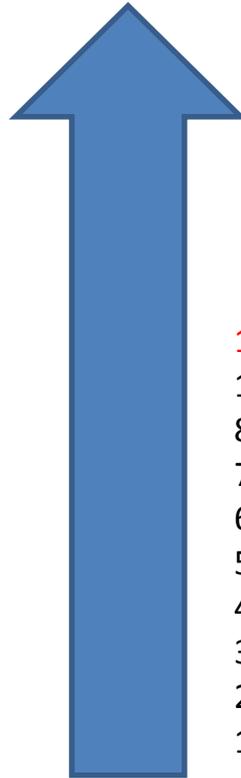
### Modern Christian

- Anti-intellective
- Waste of God-given intellect
- Rationally illiterate
- Neo-deistic
- Cartesian-Platonic dualist
- Always needing a religious fix
- Ignorant of nature God and self

## Foundations: Metaphysics

Exodus 3:14

אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה  
 '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
- Loves all truth!

### 12-Participation in Being-2

- 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

Overview of 6 aspects of  
TGB in regard to Kate.

## Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being-2

- ❖ Every believer must move beyond the conceptual threshold of being able to make a distinction between essence and existence before he can understand the nature of God and all of creation—before he can own it!
  - Essence is what it is, existence is that it is.
  - We all have the power to conceptualizes essences apart from their existing.

## Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being-2

- ❖ 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.
  - Metaphysics enables man to see the existential wonder of it all, that we or anything else should be at all, that anything should exist at all.
  - Metaphysics enables man to transcend the visible world through rational observation (cf. Democritus, Pythagoras, Apostle Paul).
  - Without metaphysics the believer is stuck in a Marxist view of matter.

## Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being-2

- ❖ We have an inner act of existence that 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-2

- ❖ 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-2

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ God is pure Subsistent Act of Existence with no limiting essence. He transcends all creatures which are composed of existences and limiting essences.

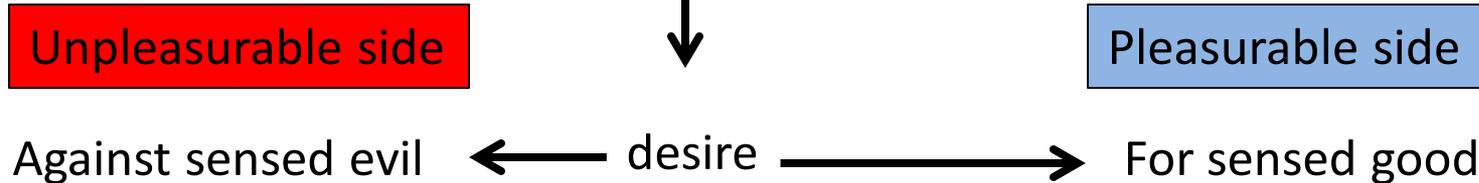
## Foundations: Metaphysics 12: Participation in Being-2

- ❖ 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/BE, Pure Existence, 'Ehyeh of Exodus 3:14. BE is the source of all that bes.

# Biblical-Philosophical Psychology -18: Human Intellection and Emotions-10

Love/Like motivates all emotions  
(Love consists of attraction to object)

Problem of fragmentation and the  
importance of integration of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
order wills.



**Love is the primary emotion.  
Nothing is hated unless it is opposed to  
a sensed good**

How would you know if you are getting pop psychology with Bible passages sprinkled on top without being grounded in biblical-philosophical psychology?

# Basic Classification of Emotions

11 Emotions: Love, desire, pleasure; Hate, aversion, displeasure; hope vs. despair; fear vs. daring; anger.

Emotions are soulish movements towards sensed good or away from sensed evil aroused through sense knowledge and accompanied by organic change that prepares the subject for action.

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Love/Like

Your desires are the key to victory and your SL is the key to your desires.

Presence of sensed evil

Desire against what is not sensed as good

Desire (motus) towards sensed good

Hate/dislike

Difficult to attain sensed good

Difficult to remove evil

Aversion

Attained sensed good:

Hope

Despair

fear

daring

Pleasure

Displeasure

Displeasure

Pleasure

Anger

Delight  
Pleasure

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- ❖ 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 (John 2:13-17; Acts 5:17; 13:45; Rom. 11:14; 13:13; 1 Cor. 3:3; 10:22; 2 Cor. 11:1-2; Gal. 5:20; James 3:16; Ex. 34:14; Gen. 1:26, 30; 2:7, 3:5-6; 9:6; Prov. 14:8, 18; Psa. 84:2; 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).

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