

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

1. Philip. 4:1-13: note the transcendent emotions, the agent intellect, virtue, and the Christ-centered life.
2. In fellowship with God the believer is raised to a new level in his intellect, volition, affections, emotions, love, desires, and delights.
3. In fellowship we actually participate in the divine, the Ultimate Good (1 John 1:7; 2 Pet. 1:4).
4. Through sanctification in truth (Jn. 17:17) the believer continues to grow in spiritual virtue as he is raised above and beyond his badly-ordered (evil) affections and emotions.
5. The irrelevancy and corruption of the modern church. Note how the world no longer asks Christians, philosophers or PTs about reality. My love, desire, and delight is to move FBC back to our heritage in classical Christian theism.
6. Post-modern Christianity is uninformed and unsophisticated in Truth, all the while true Christianity possesses the most sophisticated truths the world has ever known.

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Hermeneutics

Linguistics

Epistemology

Metaphysics -17

Reality -Logic 32,
 Truth 32

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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 *Esse*, *esses*, and human attributes.
- Only in metaphysics can a believer really understand Bible, the attributes of man and 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 perinoetic truth 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 has become more stable, but still very dependent on others for confidence in absolute truths.

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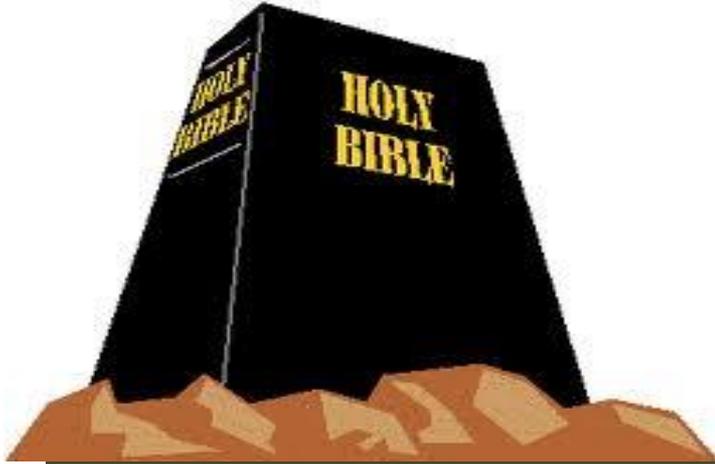
Stage 1

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 *kosmos diabolicus*, Eph 4:14.
- For baby believers it is primarily about pragmatism or personal encounter with truth. If it works or feels good, they think it must be true and enough.
- Most want to quickly learn how to play Chopin without all of the work.

Biblical-Philosophical Psychology 29: Virtue and Emotions

The need for philosophical/theological foundation of philosophical realism



Note how logic has changed our attitude to Truth and even toward those who disagree with us. We now understand truth and 3 acts of the mind.

Note how metaphysics changed our view of God, Esse, esse, TGB, and man (hylomorphism). We no longer view God and reality as we once did.

In epistemology we will note the degrees of knowledge of the world from being a realist (in astronomy, physics, science) and anti-realist (strict Darwinianism). We will note epistemic ranges and degrees of abstraction from the quantum level to the constructivism of strict Darwinism. We will note the incoherency in giving strict Darwinism more epistemic value than morality.

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

4- Linguistics – how is that which is communicated?

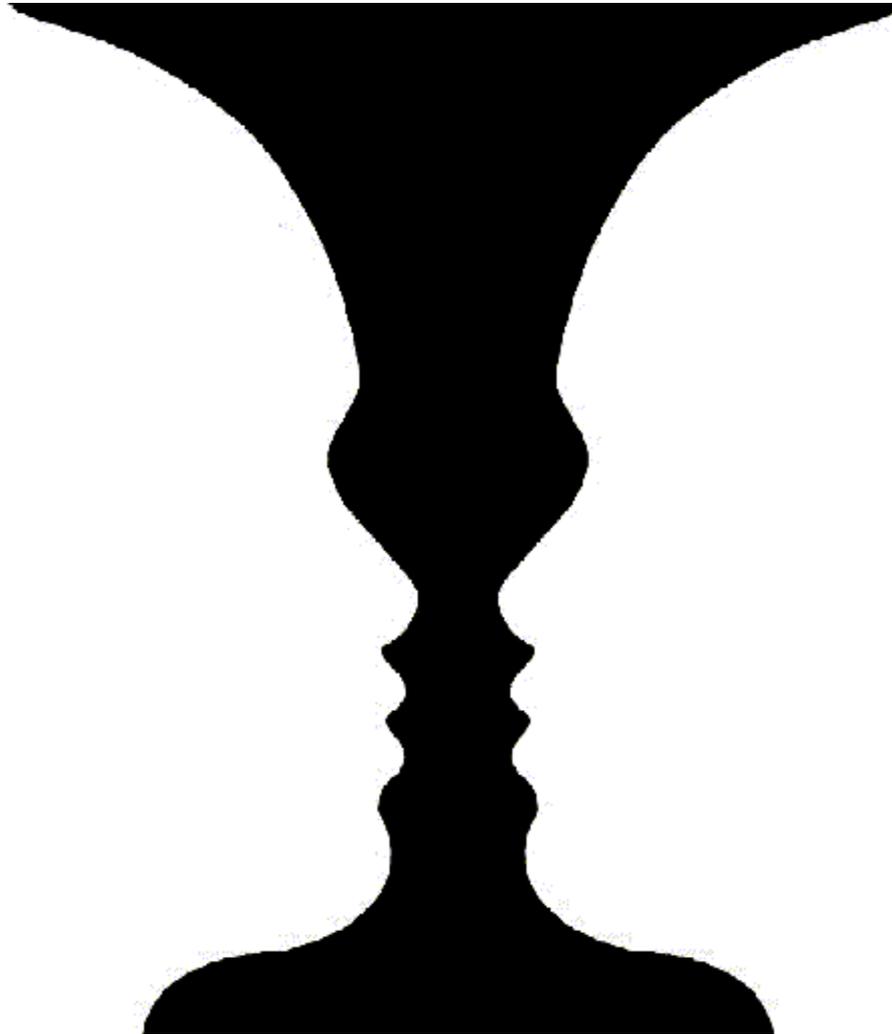
3- Epistemology –how do I know that which is?

**2- Metaphysics – what is that which is? Being as being.
(17-Review of Metaphysics-2)**

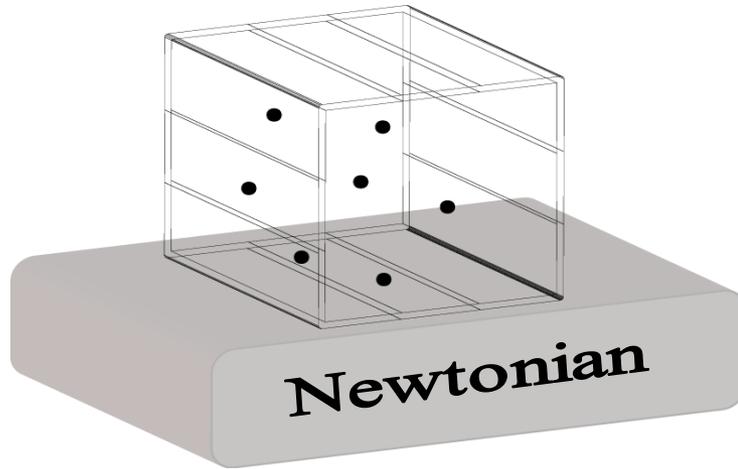
1- Reality – that which is (Logic 32, Truth 32)

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Gestalt Shift

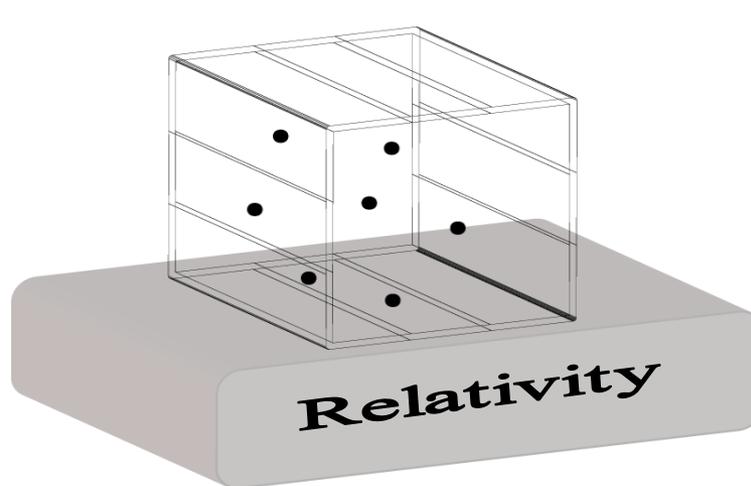


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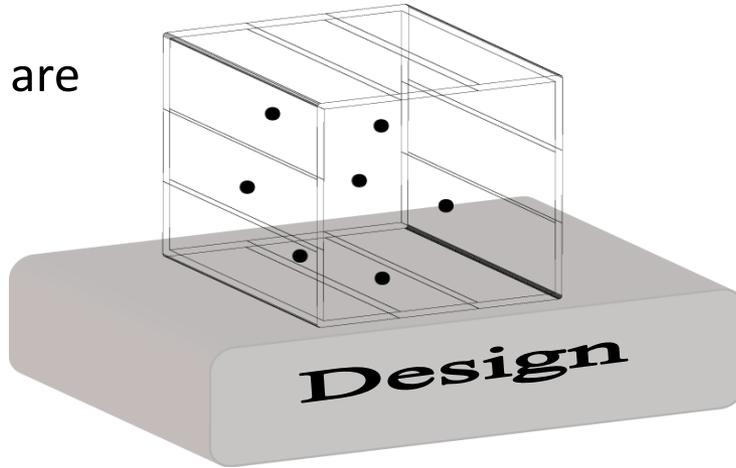
Newton

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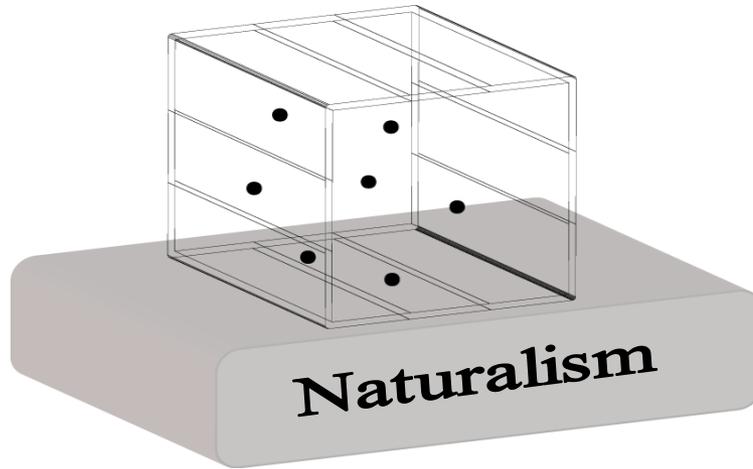
Einstein

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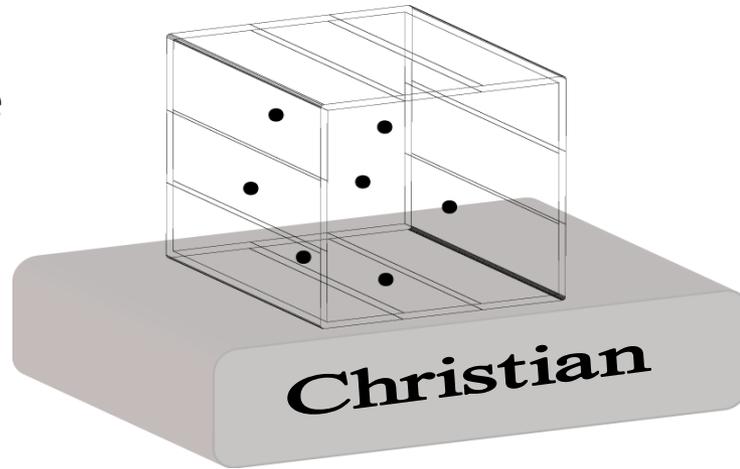
} Paley

Consider how the conceptual framework of biological life has undergone such a far-reaching re-interpretation.



} Darwin

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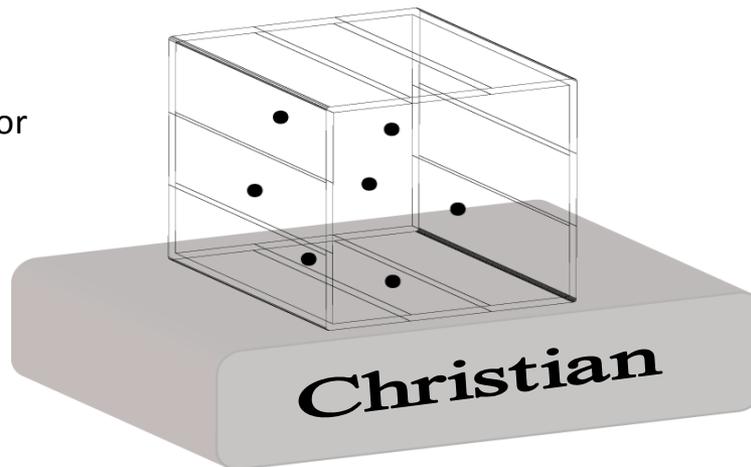
Classical Christianity

- Truth oriented
- Logic
- Metaphysics
- Realist

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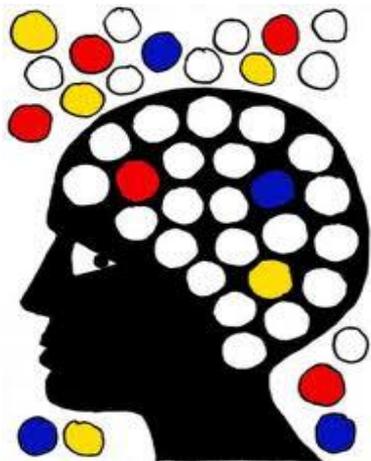
Modern Christianity is rich in material comforts, but very poor in intellectual, spiritual, and virtue tone.

Fundamentalism has been an absolute intellectual disaster.



Post-modern Christianity

- Psychologically oriented
- Irrational
- Anti-metaphysical
- Fideistic
- Cartesian, Kantian



True and Certain Foundations of Ultimate Reality: Metaphysics-17

אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה Exodus 3:14
'Ehyeh asher 'Ehyeh



Advancing in
Esse,
metaphysics,
ultimate reality.



Classical Christian

Anti-intellectual Post-modern Christian

Fideistic

Cartesian

Humean

- 17-Summary 2: **Unity and causation**
- 16-Summary 1: Nature of Metaphysics
- 15- Time.6
- 14-Metaphysical structures of finite being.
- 13-Participation in universe of form and matter
- 12-Participation in Esse-2
- 11—The Transcendentals.50
- 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

Realist regarding God, creation, man, and emotions.

Biblical mindset regarding God, reality, man, soul, emotions.

John 1:3; Acts 17:28; Exod. 3:14; Heb. 1:3

Philosophical Psychology

1. Philosophical psychology (psyche and logos) is the study of the soul or life-principle as an efficient cause of all living operations (Melanchthon coined the term “psychology” in 1500s).
2. Reasons for present day ignorance and confusion regarding philosophical psychology has to do with approaches and modern reductionistic and fragmented views of reality.
 - Man stopped looking at underlying nature or essence of things.
 - Materialism.
 - Reductionism (restrictive).
 - Positivism.
 - Scientism.
 - Christian anti-intellectualism.

Animal Soul

No mind
 No agent intellect
 No abstraction
 No worship
 No science
 No universals (only particulars)
 Image association only

BRAIN

4 internal senses

Estimative power
 Imaging
 Sense memory
 Central sense



5 external senses



Emotions

“Passions”

<u>Towards Good</u>	—	<u>Away from Evil</u>
-love -desire -delight		-hate -aversion -sadness
6 basic emotions		

Difficult to attain good Difficult to remove evil

5 intensive emotions



Knowledge (for Truth)

The will is never free from desire

Will/ Appetite (for Good)

Intellect (immaterial, no organ)

MIND: Agent intellect

abstracts

- 3 acts of the mind
- Bible doctrine, Holy Spirit
- Intellective knowledge
- Deliberative power
- Conceptualization

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The will is the area of virtue.

Volition/Rational Will (immaterial, no organ)

Virtue is right-ordered love

HUMAN SOUL

Affections

Emotions "Passions"

Soul

BRAIN

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1. This is what it means to be human.
2. Without emotions, a man would not be a human being, but a mere clod.
3. Emotions are designed by God to provide powerful forces to move us to what we need and what would be of benefit to us, and away from what would be harmful and dangerous and evil.

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- Affections and emotions are indispensable aids to and even promoters of the good life.
- Only the virtuous man knows how to utilize and control his own affections and loves and desires and the emotions necessary for the good life.

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Communicators of the Word of God and the relationship of between the agent intellect, emotions, and virtue

Communicators of the Word of God, Heb. 13:7, 17; Acts 20:28; 1 Tim 4:1-6; Eph 4:12-16, Philip 2.

Issue of Christ's virtue, affections, love and emotions in believers.

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REVIEW OF DAVID

Higher Values
Inclinations
Affections

BRAIN

Estimative power
Imagination
Sense memory
Central sense

Sense appetite (lower values)

Emotions/Passions

Human likes and dislikes.

Passions and virtue

Evil-Pseudo-good

David & Bathsheba

2 Sam. 11:1-3; Matt 5:27-32

Js. 1:13-15; 2 Pet 1:4

David & God & virtue

1 Sam. 17; Psalm 16:2, 11;
Psa. 23; 32; Acts 13:22.

+L, +D, +J. Fulfillment of all
desires and removal of all
evil.

Like/Pro-attitude — Dislike/con-attitude

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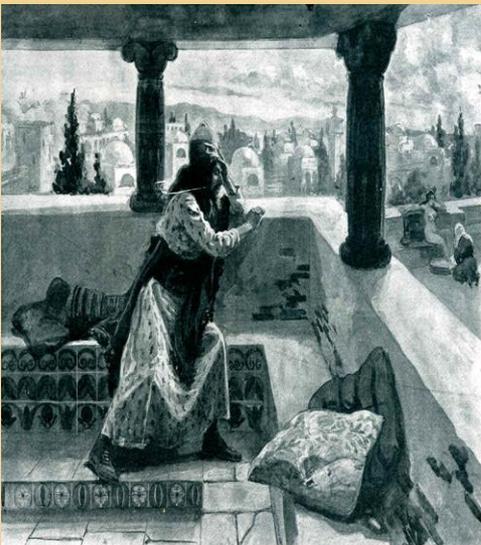
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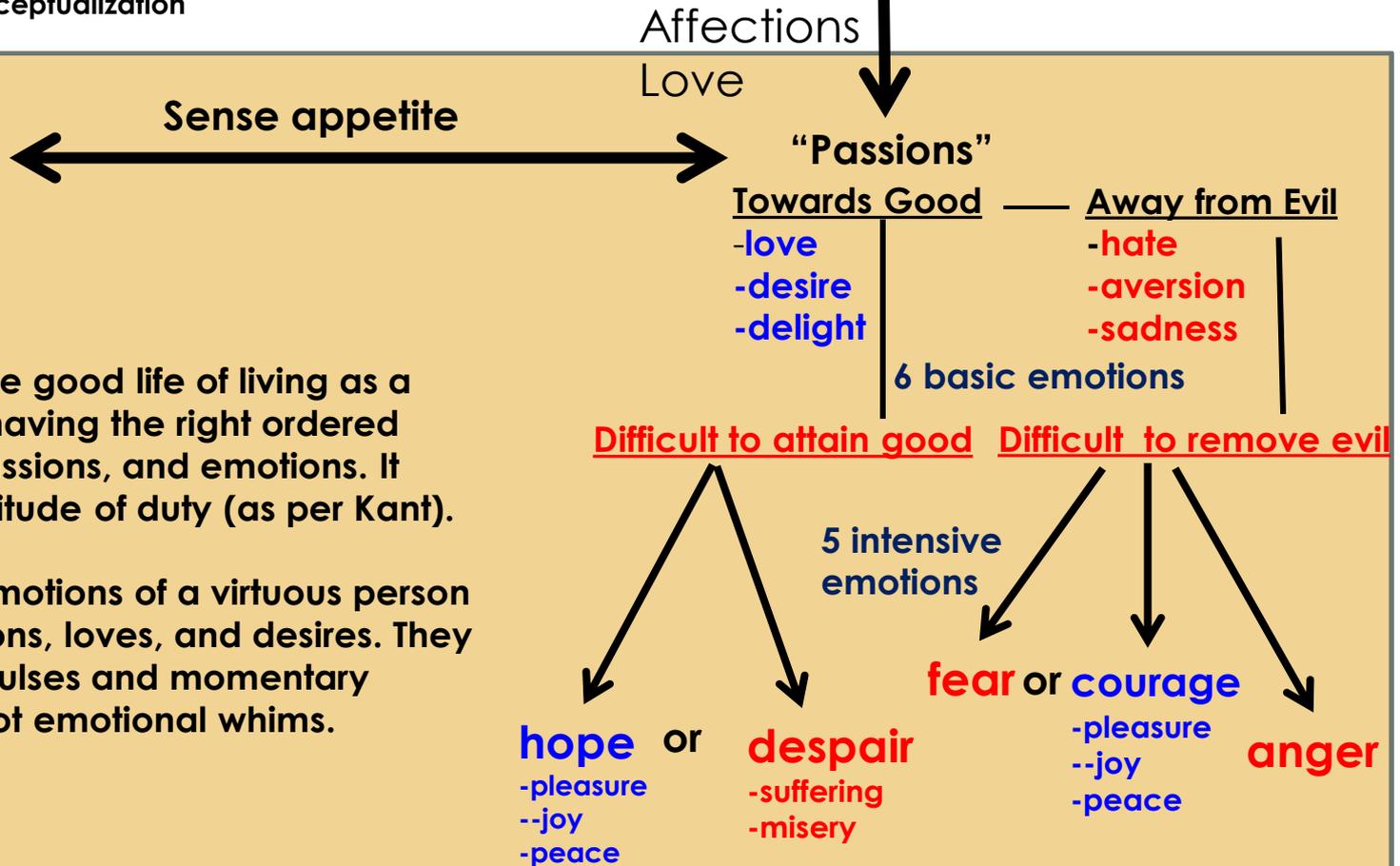
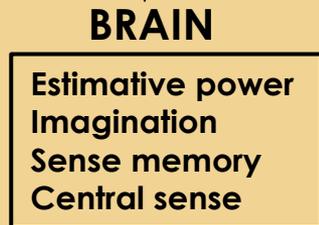
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1. Note Christ's recognition of virtue in Nathanael, John 1:47, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile (έν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστιν.)!" Does He say that about you, right now?

2. Overview of virtue, emotions and love, Philip. 4:4-13; Psalm 37. Note the connection between the intellect, the will, the appetite, the spiritual life, virtue, and love for God.

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Virtue → **Appetite (for Good)**
Volition/Rational Will (immaterial, no organ)



- The life of virtue is the good life of living as a rational being. It is having the right ordered affections, loves, passions, and emotions. It goes beyond an attitude of duty (as per Kant).
- The right-ordered emotions of a virtuous person are settled inclinations, loves, and desires. They are not passing impulses and momentary feelings. They are not emotional whims.

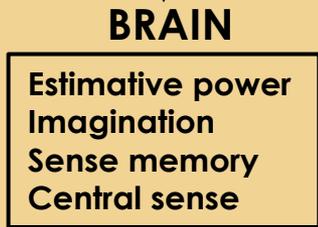
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Affections
 Love



5. Virtue exists for both unbelievers and believers. Some unbelievers are more virtuous than believers—even doctrinal believers.

6. The virtuous man is great souled. He does not uncritically follow the lead of his feelings, inclinations and passions.

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