

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 -20

Reality -Logic 32,
 Truth 32

1. John 8:32; Prov. 4:5-9; John 4:24.
2. God warns Christians about false philosophies: Colossians 2:8 *See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.*
3. The most prevalent modern philosophies that continue to hold captive Christians include: fideism, semi-deism, Cartesianism, Platonism, Kantianism, and anti-metaphysicalism (Hume). They are all according to the elementary principles of the world. They are all reductionistic, materialistic, and utilitarian.
4. What FBC offers is whole truth (PR + BD+SFL) for all truth seekers. Note this chart. We are not interested in mere utility, religionism, or using grace to destroy nature. The goal is gaining wisdom that enables us to see and love God and all truth as truly TGB.
3. Metaphysics 20: The science of metaphysics is study of the beings of all finite beings from bottles, cats, dogs, football, Neanderthals, to modern man Matter by itself never tells you what something is.

Stage 3

Stage 2

Stage 1

Stage 3 – Christian metaphysician = life of glory!

- Metaphysical understanding of God.
- Virtuous love for God: Intellective, volitional, emotional love of God. Enduring fellowship.
- Understanding “above all you could ever ask or image” (1 Cor.)

Holy Spirit  Bible Doctrine

Stage 2 – Christian doctrinal believer = life of doctrine!

- Nominal understanding of God.
- 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 – Christian baby = life of ups and downs.

- Utilitarian understanding of God.
- 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.

Intellective Virtue



Appetitive Virtue

Grasping the metaphysical reality of love

1. Love includes the mind, will, and affections/emotions, 1 Jn 3:17, hylemorphism.
2. Love is appetitive movement toward a perceived good. There is always a desire in love for the object. The nature of love varies according to the object.
3. All living things have a natural love determined by their divinely implanted *telos* (final causation).
4. Only man is capable of a rational & spiritual love.
5. All of the different words for love are based on one metaphysical reality from which comes all of the richness and diversity of loves (cf., Prov. 4:6; 8:17; SOS 1:2; 8:6-7; John 3:16, 19; John 11:3; 13:34-35; 21:17; Rom. 5:8; 12:10; 13:9).
6. Consider the unity and diversity of the three kinds of love in three degrees of friendship.
 - Utility love.
 - Pleasure love.
 - Virtuous love.



Emotive Virtue

11 fundamental emotions

6 basic emotions

Towards Good

Love
Desire
Delight

Away from Evil

Hate
Aversion
Sadness

Difficult to attain good

Difficult to remove evil

5 intensive emotions

hope or despair
-pleasure
-joy
-peace
-suffering
-misery

fear or courage
-pleasure
-joy
-peace

anger

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Excellence in thinking:

- Mind thinks rightly
- Mind seeks truth/good
- Prov. 4; 8; Job 38-42

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- Will seeks rightly/Good
- Psa. 27:4; 42:1-2; 63:1; 73:25; 73:25; 84:2; 119:10; 143:6.



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Excellence in Feelings = the emotional life of Jesus
In contrast to Hobbes, Kant, Aurelius, Puritans, Stoics & modern man



All moral and spiritual activity (works) must be based these 3-fold virtues.

The virtuous man

- Excellence in thinking
- Excellence in wishing
- Excellence in feelings

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The two levels of virtue:

1. Natural
 - ✓ Rom. 2:14
2. Supernatural
 - ✓ 1 Pet. 1:3
 - ✓ 1 Cor. 1:30
 - ✓ Rom. 15:13
 - ✓ Gal. 5:22-23
 - ✓ 2 Tim. 3:16-17

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Biblical-Philosophical Psychology 32—Natural vs. Supernatural Virtue

1. It is an inexcusable evil for any Christian to live as a vegetable beneficiary of the intellectual, appetitive, and emotional virtues of any man. It is imperative that each believer learn how to grow in the virtue of wisdom in his intellectual, desiderative, and emotional nature.

2. Every believer must be given the opportunity to become truly wise. Every Christian must develop his own intellectual, desiderative, and emotional virtue. He must break the cycle of anti-intellectualism and post-modernism that so saturates the modern church. It is time to grow up in an age of infantilism. There is nothing cute about an adult Christian who still thinks, wishes, and experiences infantile emotions.



3. Every person, believer and unbeliever, has been given the seeds of virtue. Failure to development these potentials means loss of untold human possibilities with regard to self, fellow man, fellow believers, and most importantly God Himself. Remember, virtue is a disposition.

4. Development of virtue, natural or spiritual, is impossible in an anti-intellectual environment. Even learning Bible doctrine in an atmosphere of anti-intellectualism only leads to a religious dogmatic blindness. Without the development of virtue, the believer will attempt to live off of the thinking, choices, and emotion of others.