

But *He* answered and said,
It is written,
Man shall not live by bread alone
but by every word that proceedth
out of the mouth of *God*

Matthew 4:4

Any Questions?

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Philosophical/Theological/Doctrinal + Spiritual Foundations

- Eschatology
- Thanatology
- Ecclesiology
- Israelology
- Dispensationalism
- Doxology
- Hodology
- Soteriology
- Hamartiology
- Natural Law (DE, Gvt, Econ.)
- Anthropology
- Angelology
- Pneumatology
- Christology
- Paterology
- Trinitarianism
- Theology Proper
- Bibliology
- Prolegomena: logic (6)

Broad and deep understanding of Epi-BD

1 Cor. 2:16.
 "We have the
 mind of Christ"

Enough BD to be overcomer; DV

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

Lacks BD, DV

Eph 4:14,
 "tossed here and
 there by waves,
 & carried about
 by every wind of
doctrine."

Mature Believer

- Mind of JC, OWC, PLG
- Great depth of BD
- Supergrace life
- Fantastic blessedness
- Phenomenal Stability
- +H - Prime of life
- Great Divine Production
- Absolute Confidence

Adolescent

- Overcomer of KD
- Committed to BD
- Not into religiosity

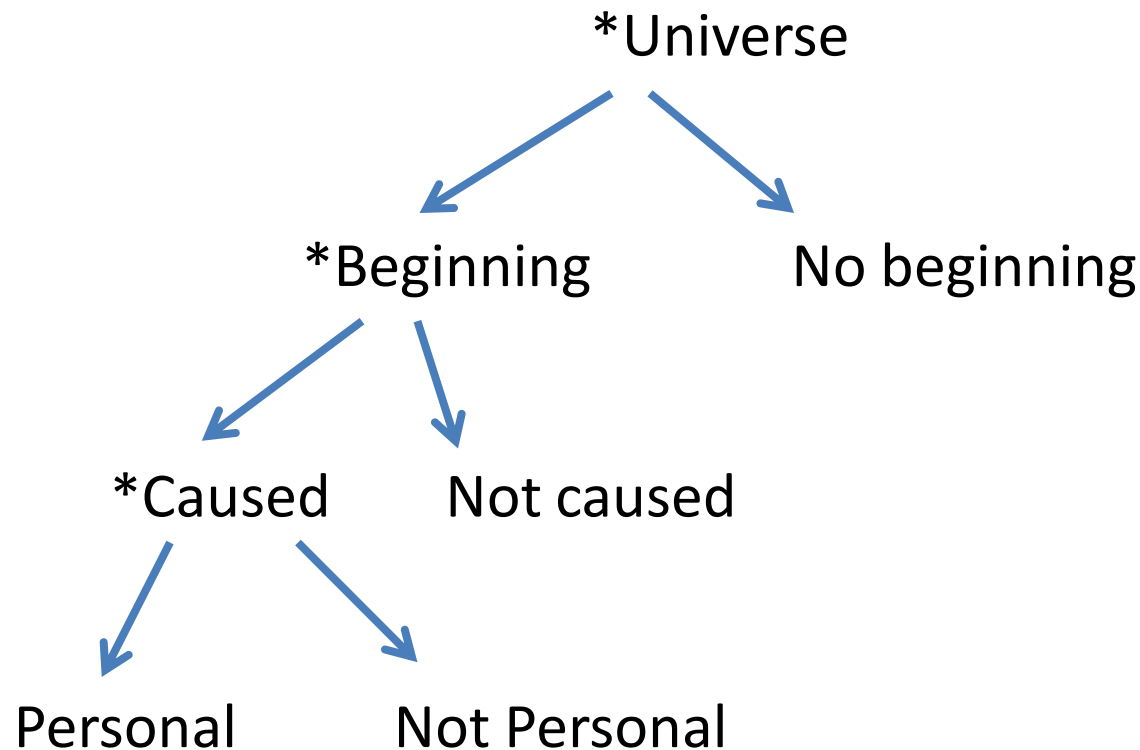
Babe

- Self-centered,
- Follows God for self/blessings
- Lacks capacity for God /POG
- Sensitive, defensive
- Can only handle baby food
- Dominated by DOL.
- Seeks approbation/entertainment

3 Basics Laws of Logic

(These are critical to understanding theology proper and BD)

1. What law of logic applies? $\neg(A \wedge \neg A)$ _____
 - “You shall die” (God) and “You shall not die (Satan)”
 - God’s Word is infallible and God’s Word is fallible
2. What law of logic applies? $(A \vee \neg A)$ _____



3 Basics Laws of Logic

3. What law of logic is “ $A = A$ ” ? _____

- A is identical to A.
- One thing, not two things.
- If you can find one thing true of A that is not true of another so called A, then A cannot be identical to the other A.
- Brain states (= electrical activity, weight, and composed of chemicals) are not the *same* as rational thoughts and state of mind (thoughts do not have weights and aren't built out of chemical and electrical components).
- Matter does not have intentionality. Mind does have intentionality. Hence, they are not the same.
- Critical in understanding distinctions between substances and properties.

Basics of Logic

3 Important Syllogisms

A. What is this syllogism called? _____

1. If P then Q $P \supset Q$

2. P P

3. Therefore, Q. $\therefore Q$

B. Modus Tollens (*in the mood of denying*).

1. If P then Q

2. Not Q

3. Therefore, not P.

C. Disjunctive (DS):

1. Either P or Q.

2. Not P.

3. Therefore, Q.

Basics of Logic

Examples of Modus Ponens (valid deductive argument)

MP

1. If you believe in Jesus Christ (P), then you are saved (Q).
2. You believe in Jesus Christ (P)
3. Therefore, you are saved (Q)

MP

1. If Jesus Christ rose from the dead (P), then he is God's Son (Q).
2. Jesus Christ rose from the dead (P).
3. Therefore, he is God's Son (Q).

Basics of Logic

Examples of Pseudo Modus Ponens

Invalid/False Modus Ponens: fallacy of affirming the consequent:

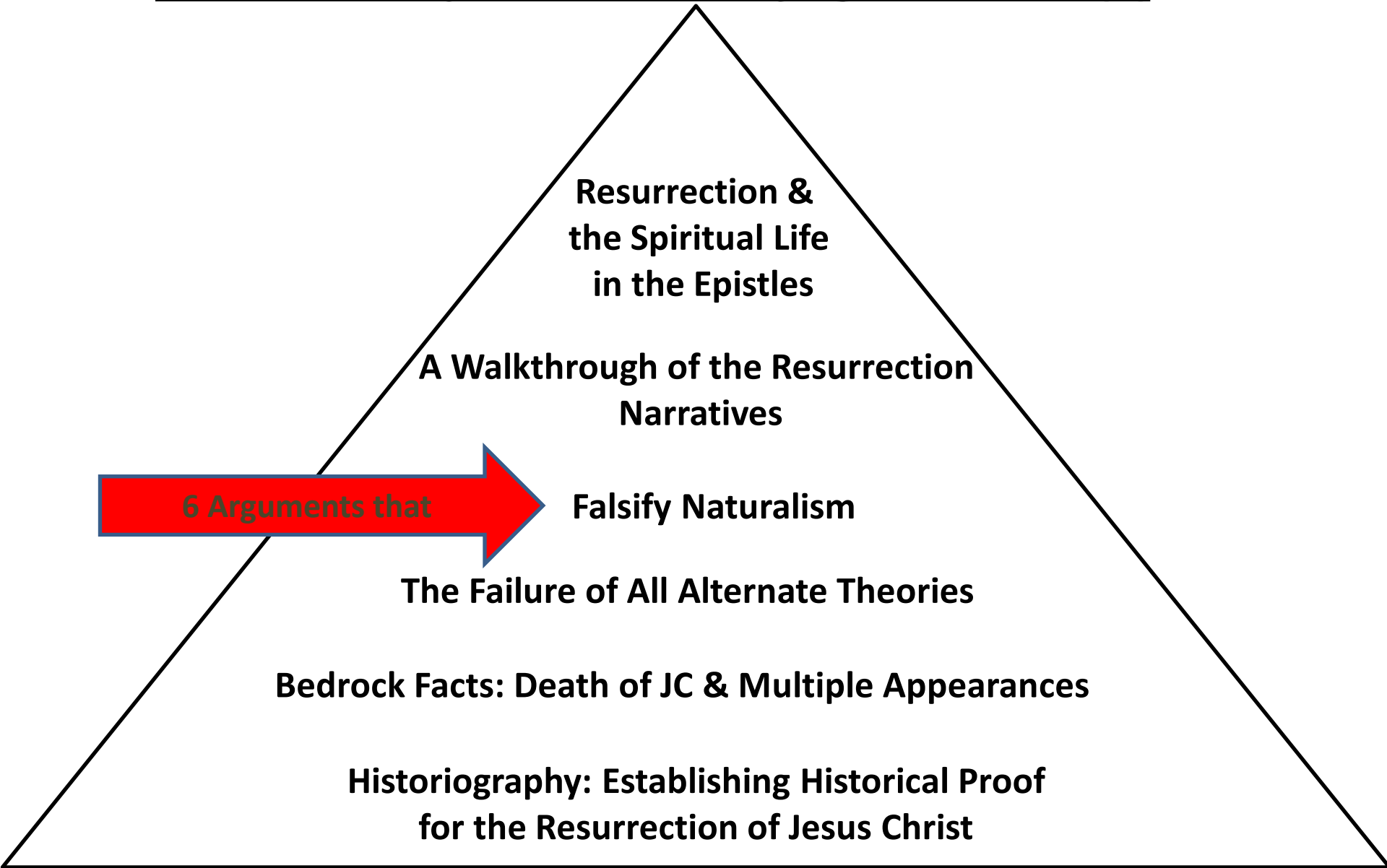
1. If P then Q $P \supset Q$
2. Q Q
3. Therefore, P. $\therefore P = \text{this is invalid!}$

Examples of the fallacy of affirming the consequent.

1. If it rains (P), then my grass is wet (Q)
2. My grass is wet (Q),
3. Therefore it rained (P)

1. If God is really pleased with my spiritual growth (P), God will give me that promotion (Q).
2. I received that promotion(Q)
3. God is really pleased with my spiritual growth (P).

Resurrection Special #33: Falsifying Naturalism (9)



Our 100 Point Exam

- ❖ The goal is to increase our understanding. This alone brings spiritual growth and gives us capacity to appreciate God, life, and Christ as the Creator and Sustainer of all things.
- ❖ I do not want to leave this series until we have a good grasp of these issues. What is the point if you almost “get it” only to lose it by moving into our next series too quickly?
- ❖ Test for you and me. Good opportunity to check to see if you are involved in ritual without reality (and letting someone else do your thinking). We are all here to LEARN! and develop thinking skills on the most important things of life. The greatest purpose of life is knowing God, and you cannot know very much about the nature and essence of God apart from these basic principles. How important is it for you to *really* understand God? How much daily effort are you putting forth?

34. Answer the objection: “If only I could see God, I would believe in Him.” In your answer include:
- a. A discussion of this “crude form of empiricism.”
 - b. 5 transcendent/invisible things that people believe it.
 - c. An explanation of this categorical fallacy.

35. The most persistent argument used by atheists against theism is known as the problem of _____ . Your understanding and response/answer to the problem of evil should include the following doctrinal and philosophical principles.
- a. The two issues here: intellectual problem and psychological problem (or inner and outward); each requires a different approach. Dry rational approach is not likely to comfort one who has suffered great tragedy, the empathic approach is not like to answer one who is seriously looking for logical Christian answers to the problem of evil.
 - b. The problem of evil has, for the most part, been abandoned by professional philosophers, yet it remains an intractable problem today among the masses. Why?

- c. The key to understanding why this is such a problem today among Christians and non-Christians is because so many naturally/erroneously think (i.e. bad philosophy!) that the meaning of life is happiness. This is patently false! **THE MEANING OF LIFE IS NOT HUMAN HAPPINESS!!!** The true purpose of life is to gain knowledge of God. Until a person gets this, he will live out his life as a loser—he will miss out on God, true virtue and +H of supernatural joy which is only found in knowledge of God. This is a great illustration how bad philosophy messes up theology/BD.

- d. If man believes that the purpose of life is to be happy, it is not difficult to see why he gets so flummoxed about the problem of evil. We are neither God's puppets nor pets. His purpose is not to cuddle, coddle, and make us comfortable, let us remain ignorant, all the while filled with happy positive human "happenstance."

- e. Again, the purpose of life is to know God, enjoy Him, and glorify Him forever. Knowledge of God is personal, *but* it is not built on existential/personal knowledge. Knowledge of God translates into salvation, fellowship and glorification of God. We must advance into deeper knowledge of God! This is the greatest thing in life!

- f. Apart from understanding the true purpose of life, the many evils and sufferings will seem totally unnecessary—for they do *not in and of themselves* produce knowledge of God. This eventually will lead to agnosticism and atheism as “God *seemingly* does not work things out in our lives according to our human happiness.”

- g. God uses evil, sufferings, and misfortune in bringing man into greater knowledge of Himself. Consider the Christians in China, the Sudan, and Philippines. They are experiencing remarkable growth through suffering. Often only natural/physical evil can produce this kind of results. Ergo, it should not be a surprise that there is evil in the world.

h. Happiness is not wrong, but it is not guaranteed in this world. Horrible things happen in the lives of saints according to the plan of God for refinement. So if we measure the existence of God based on whether things are working out for us, then we most certainly succumb and become dupes to the problem of evil. If you “tie God” into a view of making you happy, you are a FOOL (μωρός) who does not have a clue about the nature of God or what Christianity is all about. This is not what Christianity is all about. How would a person who lives for such a human ilk of happiness as the goal of life respond to Christ’s call to “take up your Cross daily?” Is it even possible for such a person to live the Christ-centered life?

- i. Rather than natural/physical evil disproving God, it is entirely consistent and often His summons to a deeper knowledge and trust of Him—whether this evil is in our lives or the lives of someone around us. Whether God’s purposes are achieved all depends upon our responses to it all. God is much more interested in our minds than our DOL. Do we response with bitterness and fist-shaking, or confidence and trust and dependency on God? Do we orient to His purpose of our lives: knowledge of Him?

- j. The single greatest good is in knowing God—philosophically, theologically, doctrinally, and personally. Nothing can compare with the measure of the good of knowing God. He is the ultimate source of all goodness.