

אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה

'Ehyeh 'Asher 'Ehyeh



**The “Problem” of Evil and Suffering in the Presence of an All-knowing, All-good, All-loving, and All-powerful God (61):  
Job 38: God and Creation-7 ('Ehyeh and Metaphysics 3)**

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# Philosophical/Theological/Doctrinal & Spiritual Edification

## Bible Doctrines

Eschatology  
Thanatology  
Ecclesiology  
Israelology  
Dispensationalism  
Doxology  
Hodology  
Soteriology  
Hamartiology  
Natural Law  
Anthropology  
Angelology  
Pneumatology  
Christology  
Paterology  
Trinitarianism  
Cosmology  
Theology Proper  
Bibliology

Acts 17:28 - "for in Him we live and move and exist (ἔσμεν)."

There is a distinction between essence and existence.

Essence depends upon existence, not the other way around.

The believer with foundation of PR has the deepest and most profound insights of any person on earth.

### **Prolegomena:**

#### **P.R. - 32**

Hermeneutics

Linguistics

Epistemology

Metaphysics -6

Reality -Logic 32,  
Truth 32

A word about esse, volition, Esse, and the direction of your life.

Stage 3 -  
Metaphysical,  
profound  
understanding  
of God and  
Reality.

Stage 2- Basic  
grasp of  
metaphysics.

Stage 1-  
Unaware of  
metaphysics

### Stage 3 - Profound understanding God as such.

- Advanced understanding of metaphysics.
- Lives a life of worship of transcendent and immanent God. Not a victim.
- This believer is able to have the most profound love of God for who He is.
- This believer goes from just being blessed from reading Psalm 139 to actually seeing and living in the realities of Psalm 139 like David.

### Stage 2 - Breaking free from rank physicality.

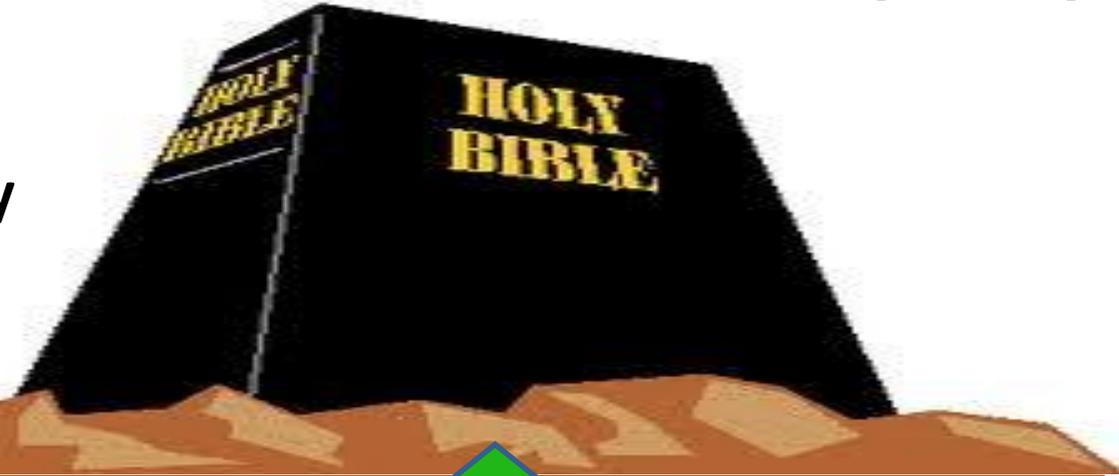
- Understands the fundamentals of metaphysics: primitive notion of being, metaphysical notion of being, analogy of being, participation in being, the one and the many, essence-esse composition, substance, accidents, act and potency, the transcendentals
- Begins to see that all *esses* are contingent upon *Esse*.

### Stage 1 - Encumbered by sight, sounds, etc.

- Has much of the modern mindset regarding metaphysics (Humean and Lockean). Mechanical view of reality.
- No reflection on concept of existence as distinct from essence.
- Given to Fideism, agnosticism.
- Struggles with spiritual concepts.

# Philosophical Foundations for Biblical Objectivity

**Biblical Objectivity  
for what the Bible  
actually SAYS!**



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

4- Linguistics – how is that which is communicated?

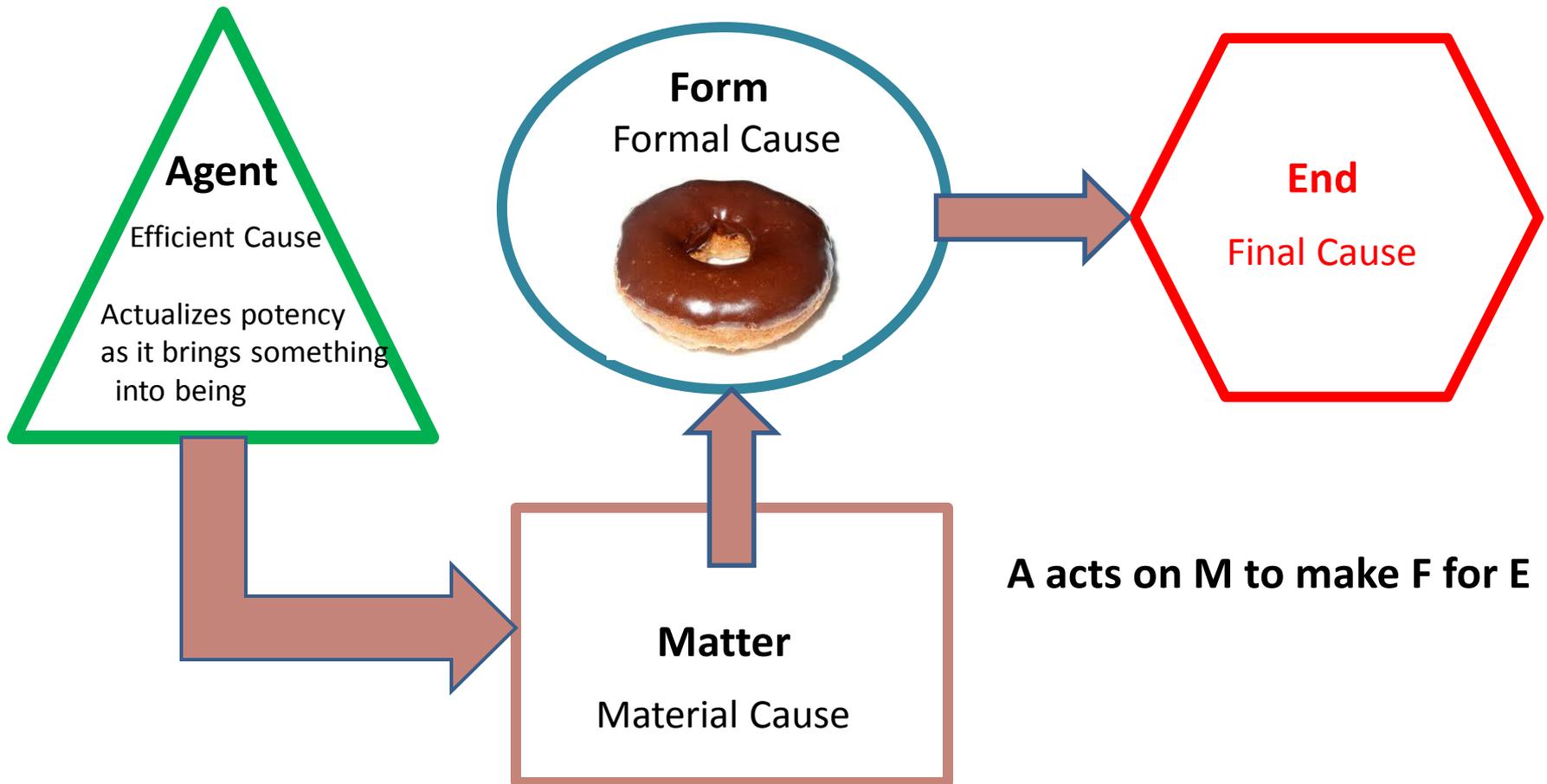
3- Epistemology – how do I know that which is?

2- Metaphysics – what is that which is? (6)

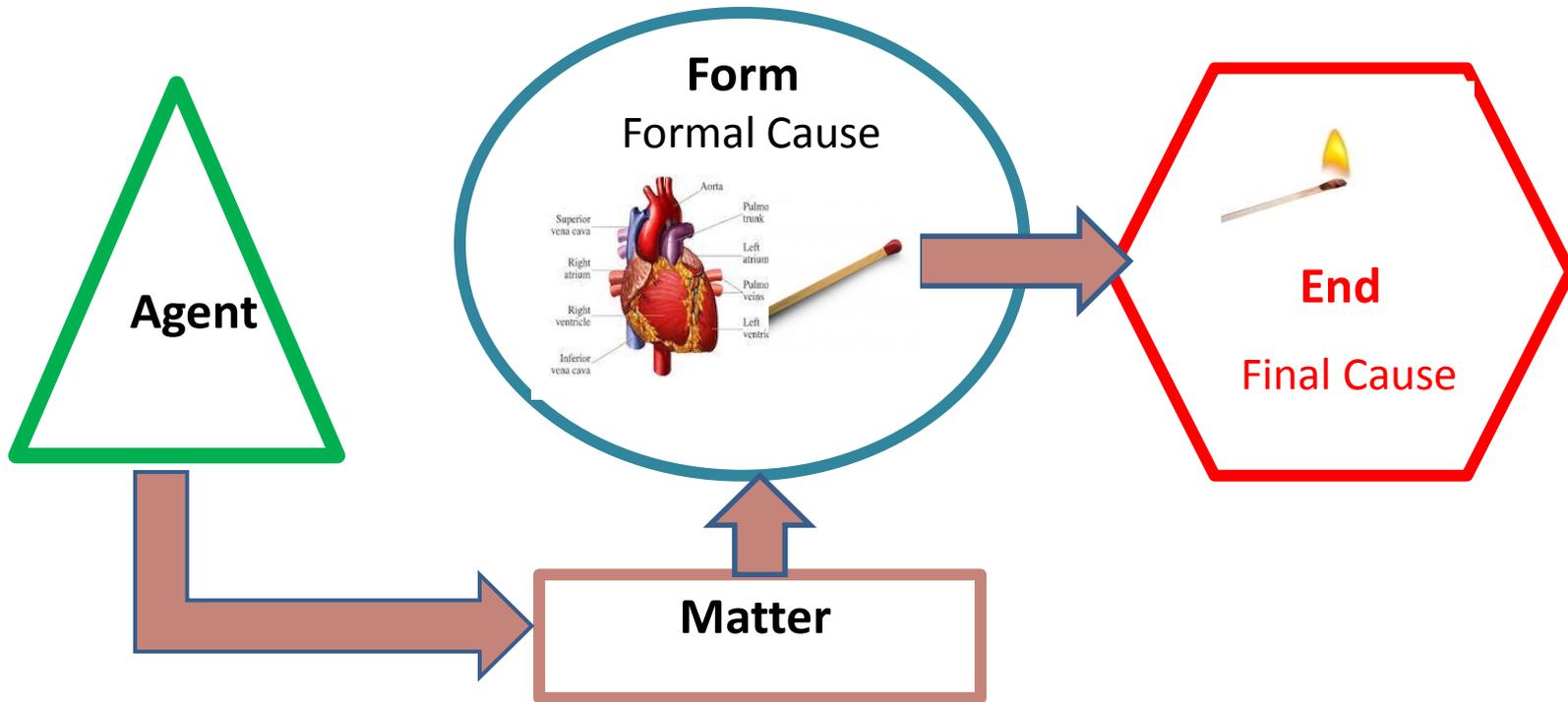
1- Reality – that which is (Logic 32, Truth 32)

PR 32

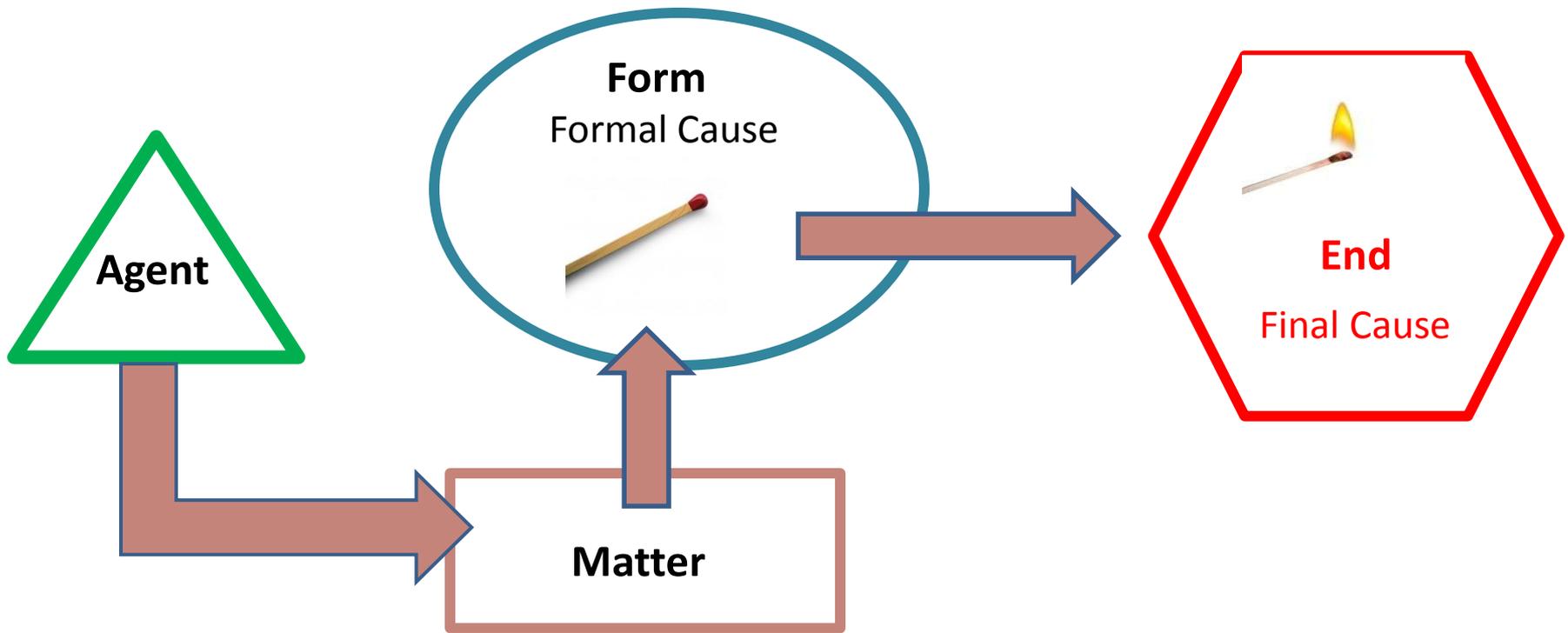
# Integration of the Four Causes - 1



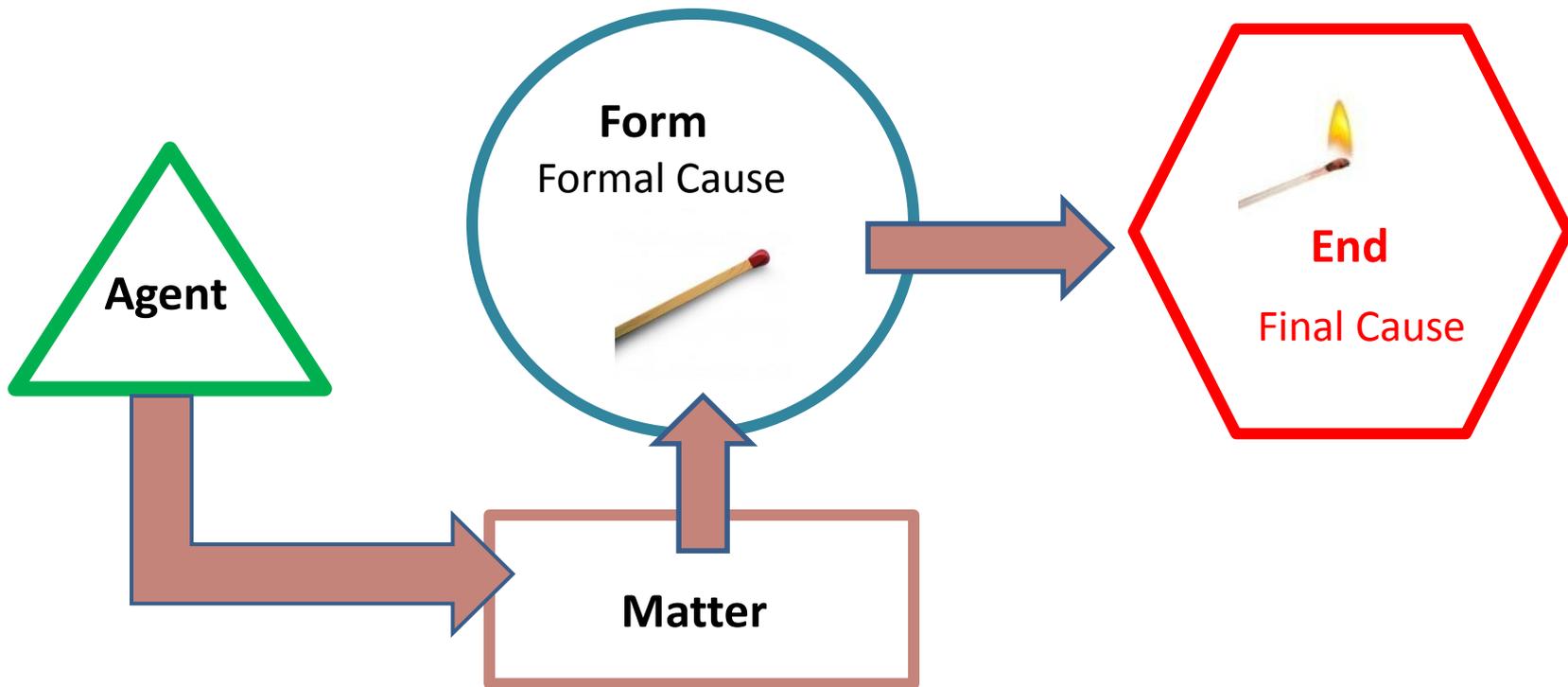
1. These four causes are found in all of nature—from the elements and compounds to artifacts, plants, animals, humans, stars, and planets. All nature tends to move towards some form or structure.



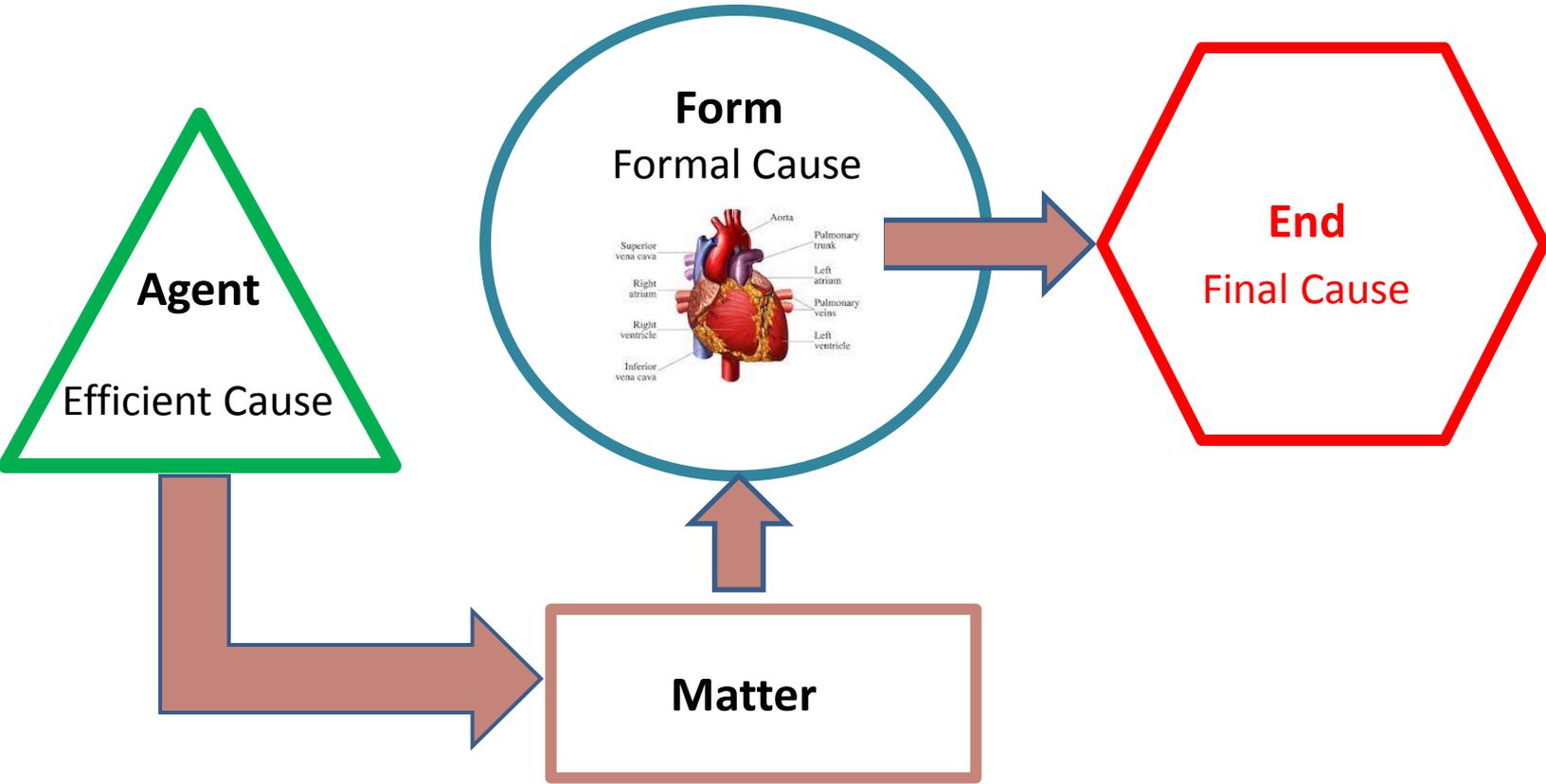
- Final causality (teleology) is evident wherever some natural object or process has a tendency to produce some particular effect or range of effects. It could be a natural object like a heart or an artifact like a match. The idea of end or final cause (telos) is of destination (heart to pump blood, match to fire, acorn to oak tree and uranium to lead). Nature and man act toward ends. This requires intelligence.



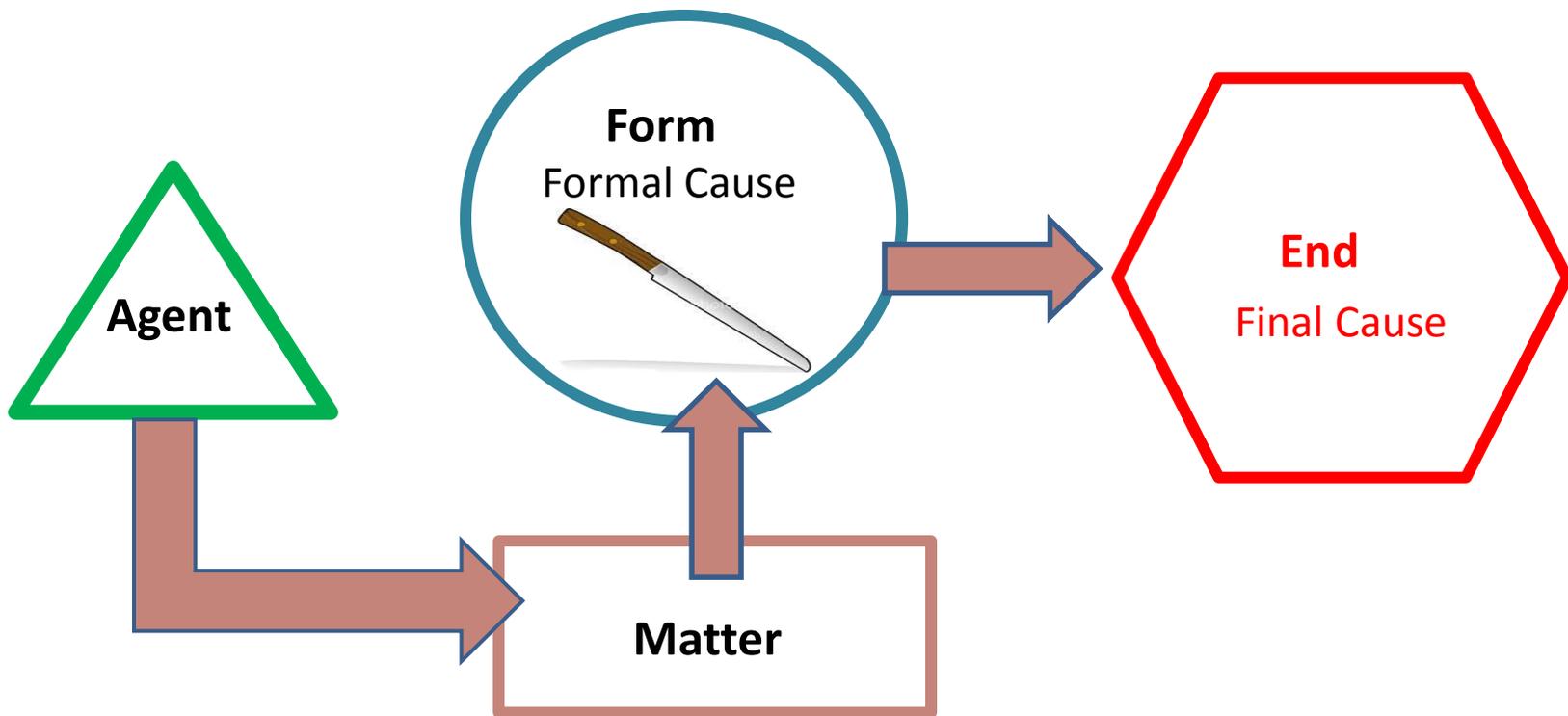
3. A match, for example, reliably generates flame and heat when struck, and not frost or cold or rain. It inherently points to or is directed to some range of effects though it is not part of a larger function like a heart.



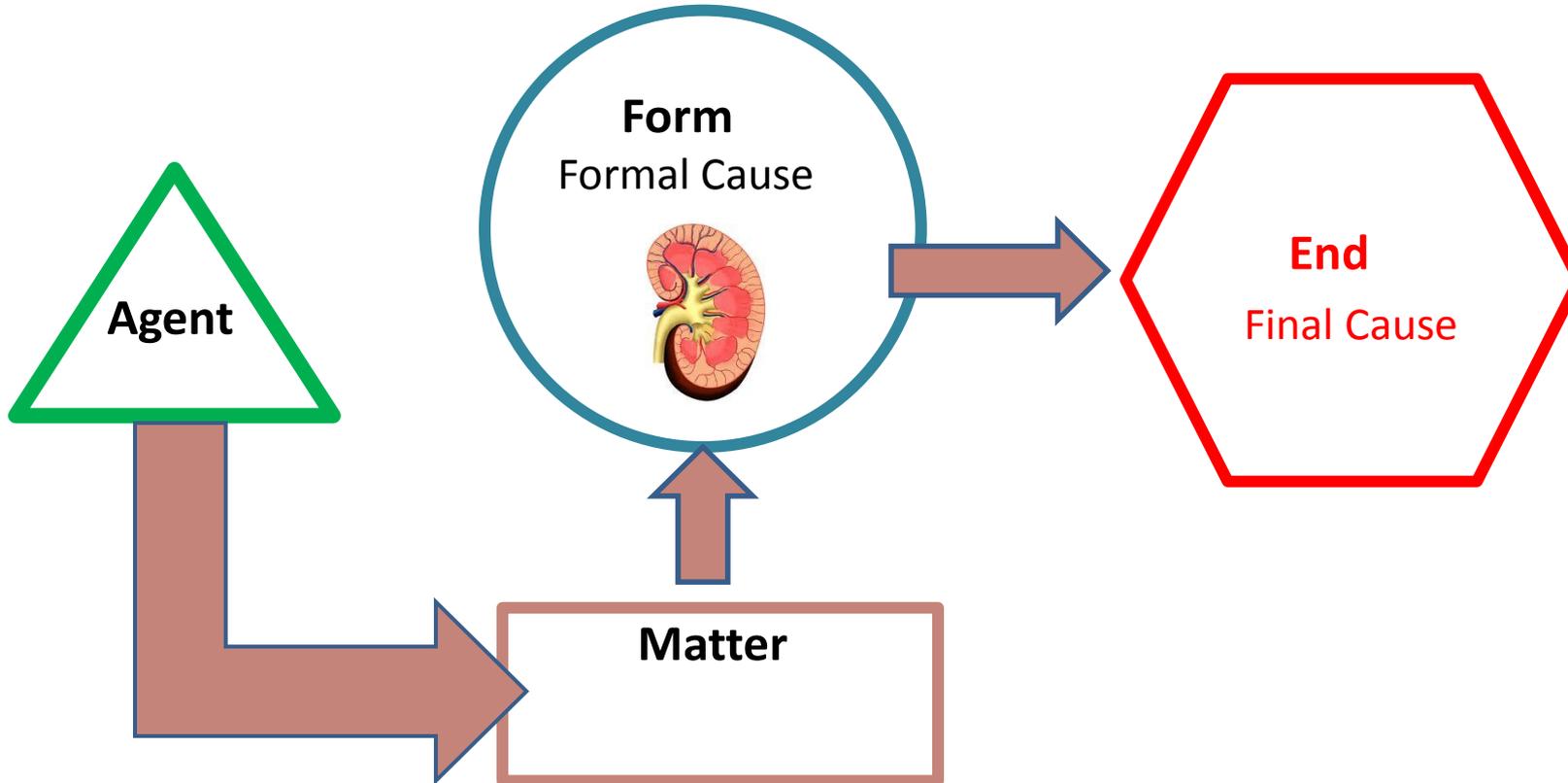
4. The match is not thinking I must generate heat and the moon is not thinking I must go around the earth. We are talking about natural tendencies. When we say that final causality pervades the natural order, we are not making the implausible claim that everything has a function like biological things. Rather we are saying that goal-directedness exists wherever regular cause and effect patterns do. New/Village atheists often misunderstand this point.



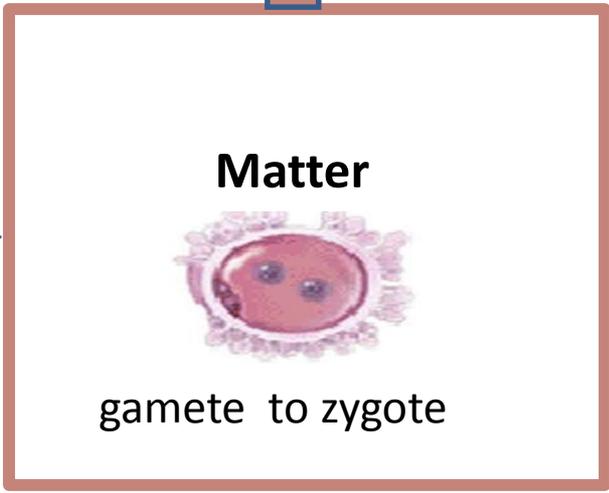
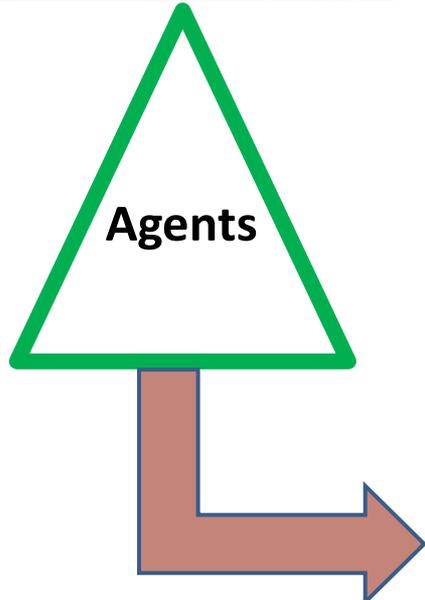
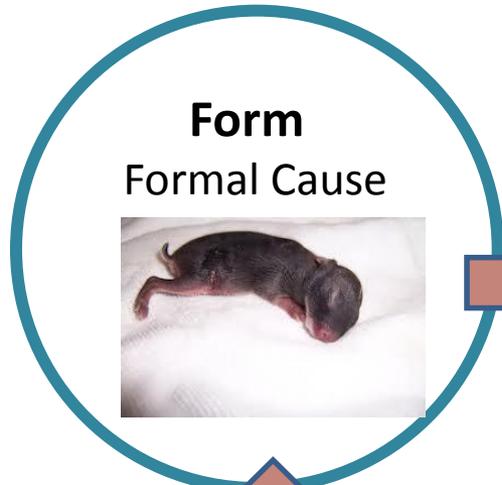
5. Just as form is ultimately prior to matter and act prior to potency, final causes are prior to and more fundamental than efficient causes, insofar as they make efficient causes intelligible. They go hand and hand, just as a thing's material and formal causes go hand and hand in the sense that matter cannot exist without form, and in nature form does not exist without matter.



6. For something to be directed towards a certain end entails that it has a form appropriate to the realization of that end. E.g., for a knife to fulfill its function it must have a the right form and matter. So, the existence of final causes entails the existence of form and material causes too.



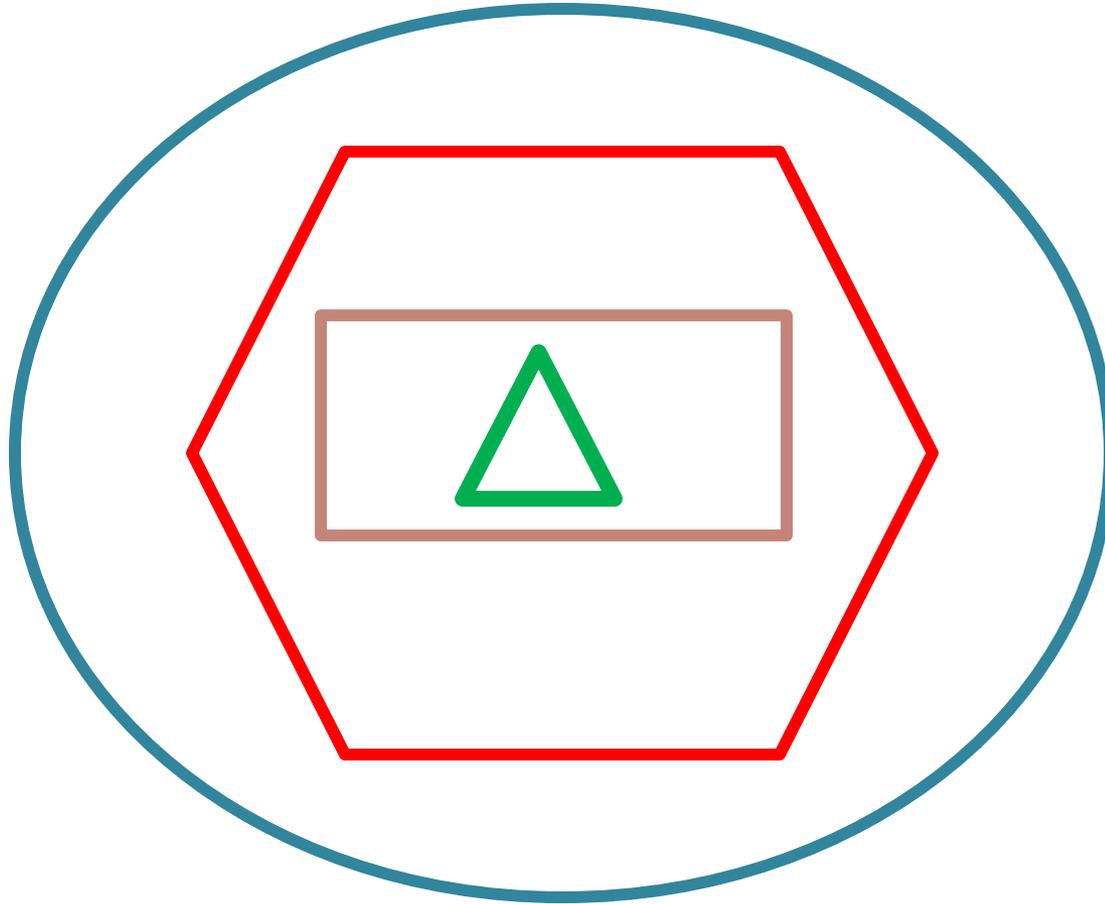
7. The existence of final causes also entails a directedness to the actualization of potential by an agent. One cannot make sense of efficient causality without final causality. They go hand and hand, just as a thing's material and formal causes go hand and hand in the sense that matter cannot exist without form, and in nature form does not exist without matter.



**The inner dimensions of nature. They come into being and run their course without any help from man.**

8. All 4 causes work intimately together throughout nature.

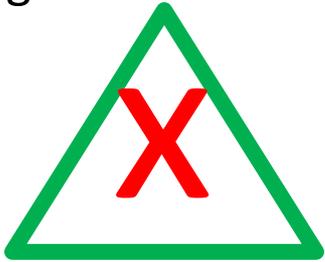
Form  
Matter  
Agent  
End



All explain the nature and inner workings of all Nature. They are all part of the nature of all things.

# Modern Mindset

No Intelligent Agent of Causality



No Form in Nature  
(No humanness)



No Final Causality



Moderns say matter comes from nothing

9. Yet, modernism rejects final causality. Rejection of final causality and its connection of efficient causation that has led to modern absurdities such as notions that any cause can produce any effect or that something can come into being without any efficient causation at all. Final causality is the cause of all causes.

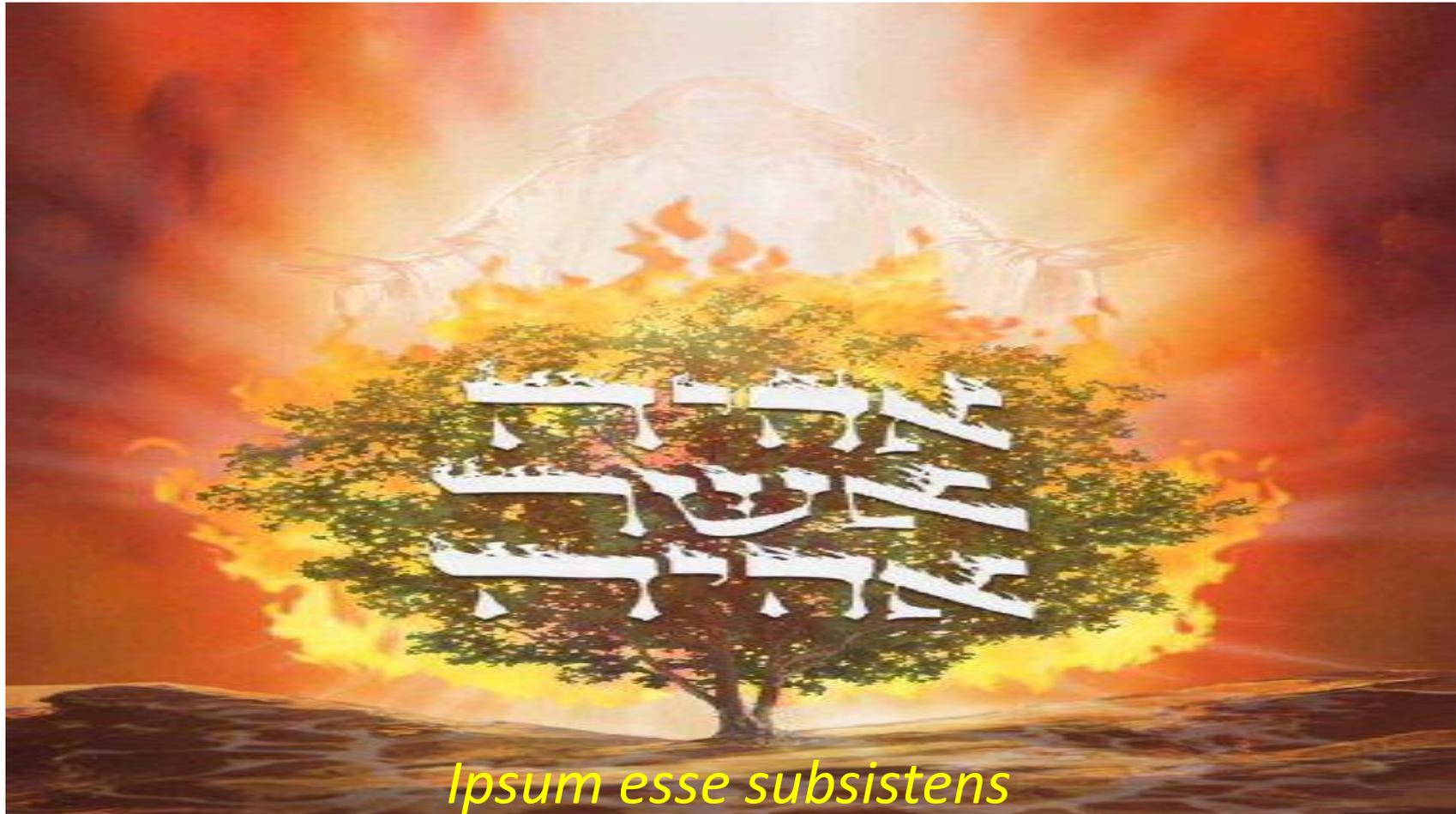
## Potency = Nothing

(It is not a compliment for someone to tell you that you have a lot of potential)

10. Potency does not raise itself to act; coming into existence is just actualization of a potency. A thing cannot give what it does not have.
11. Everything whose act of existing is other than its nature must have its act of existing from another. Whatever is contingent, not having its existence by virtue of its own nature, must be caused to exist by something else.

## God and Creation-7 ('Ehyeh and Metaphysics -3)

1. The foundation for understanding the nature of God and building one's understanding of His nature and attributes is found in His name 'Ehyeh-Asher-'Ehyeh (אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה), which reveals that He is Pure Act and Simple, Exodus 3:1-14.



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Overview of the attributes of 'Ehyeh, אֶהְיֶה: Pure Act! Simplicity! Triune God in one Esse. How well do you know your God?

- ✓ Immutable (James 1:17)
- ✓ Good and perfect (Mark 10:18)
- ✓ Holy (Isa. 6:3; 1 Chron. 13:7-11)
- ✓ Timeless (2 Pet. 3:8; Isa. 46:10)
- ✓ Impassible (Mal. 3:6)
- ✓ Omnipotent; God is His omnipotence
- ✓ Omniscient; God is His omniscience
- ✓ Omnipresent (Psa. 139)
- ✓ Just (Gen. 18:25; Isa 30:18; Rom. 3:21-26)
- ✓ Love (1 John 4:8; Rom. 5:8)
- ✓ God's will (1 Tim. 2:4)
- ✓ Infinite (Psa. 147:5)
- ✓ Incarnation (John 1; 8:57-58)
- ✓ Future beatific vision(1 John 3:2)

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2. The Christian who is only interested in God kissing his boo-boo and not really interested in learning about the nature of God is a fool and a loser. He will likely be a victim for the rest of his life.
3. It is impossible to learn about the nature and attributes of God apart from metaphysics. I have been in Bible doctrine for over thirty years, and I am just now learning about the nature of God and reality as such.

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4. Accurate metaphysics is required before any believer can understand the nature of God and His attributes. Without such metaphysics the believer has no clue what even the goodness of God means or what most of His Bible is talking about. Greek or Hebrew will not help in many metaphysical issues.
5. Every person does metaphysics on some level. Most Christians' metaphysical outlooks are a conglomeration of Plato, Descartes, Kant, Hume, and Locke. To know something of these individuals is to know thing about yourself (if you are have a modern mindset). Even Finis Dake, the Mormons, and the rest of the cults do metaphysics.

## God and Creation-7 ('Ehyeh and Metaphysics -3)

6. The single greatest Satanic influence in the church today is anti-intellectualism, anti-philosophical realism. It is very tough to get through these Lockean mindsets. It is like trying to cut through granite.
7. Any person who seriously undertakes a refutation of metaphysics soon finds himself buried under metaphysical principles of his own, principles that he has to adopt in order to come to grips with his subject.
8. The Christian who criticizes what he does not understand is fool and will default into living out his life with a pagan view of God. Most Christians really do not think it is worth the effort to learn about God, unless perhaps they get something out of the deal—PURE PAGANISM!

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9. 'Ehyeh is the Qal "imperfect" for continuous action of the first person form of the verb *hayah*: "to become," and indicates pure actuality, pure existence, pure being. "Yahweh" or "Lord" is derived from the third person of the verb of "to be." The key to grasping this is to make a distinction between essence and existence. To grasp this is to be aware that He is at the fundamental level of your "to be-ing."
  - a. The word signifies "to be." But what is it to be?
  - b. In answering this difficult metaphysical question, we must distinguish between the meaning of two words which are both different and yet intimately related: *ens* or "being," and *esse* or "to be."