

**Bible Doctrines (The True-Good-Beautiful )**

**T/G/B**

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

**Psalm 73:24; Rom 11:36; Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5.**

**Preparation for Bible Class; John 13:6-11; 1 Cor. 3:1-3--telos and the HS.**

**Prayer:**

**3 Parts to Bible Class.**

Part I: Philosophical realism for survival of Western Civilization and Total Truth of Bible doctrine.

Part II: The nature of real language, which is distinction from linguistics.

Part III: Jesus’s insights into our finances and financial rewards in Heaven.

**Part I: The need for philosophical realism for the survival of Western Civilization and Total Truth.**

1. Galatians 4:4 *But when the fullness of the time (τὸ πλήρωμα τοῦ χρόνου) came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law.* The coming of the Son of God was at the perfect time both with reference to the Jews, but also with reference to philosophical realism (forms). For example, Paul could sit and talk about objective reality (forms) with the Jews and the Greeks in a way that is no longer possible in our culture due to materialism, reductionism, and nihilism.
2. The very existence and survival of Western Civilization depends upon philosophical realism (PR). All realism goes back to Plato. I am going to provide a summary over the next several classes of our present predicament as it relates to the abandonment of Realism. We will look at
  - a. The nature of realism: absolutes, essences, metaphysics, supremely rational, goodness, love, mind, values.
  - b. The history of Realism (Socrates/Plato/Aristotle/Augustine/ Aristotle) vs. CS+I.
  - c. The damage done by rejection of Realism—by nominalists, positivists and irrational CS+I—both in Western Civilization as well as in Bible doctrine and spiritual life.
  - d. 13 types of positivism or reductionism in modern America.
  - e. Signs of hope of returning to PR (all it takes is one person to communicate the Real).
3. Exposing anti-Christian myth #7: ‘Copernicanism caused a profound shock as it demoted man from the center of the kosmos.’ This lie was created in the age of Enlightenment and continues to be spread by modern positivists and atheists—even skeptical Christians.

5: Hermeneutics

4: Language-51

3: Epistemology 32  
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1: Reality  
 - Logic 32,  
 - Truth 32

## Outline

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ What is philosophy of language?
- ✓ Theories of meaning
- ✓ Plato (428-348 BC) - Cratylus
- ✓ Aristotle (384-322 BC)

Modern theories of meaning

Ferdinand de Saussure (1857-1913)

Gottlob Frege (1848-1925)

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951).

Martin Heidegger (1889-1976).

W. V. O. Quine (1908-2000).

Noam Chomsky (1928-)

Realist view of meaning  
Foundation of meaning

Communication of meaning.

Elements of language.

Function of language

Meaningful God-talk.

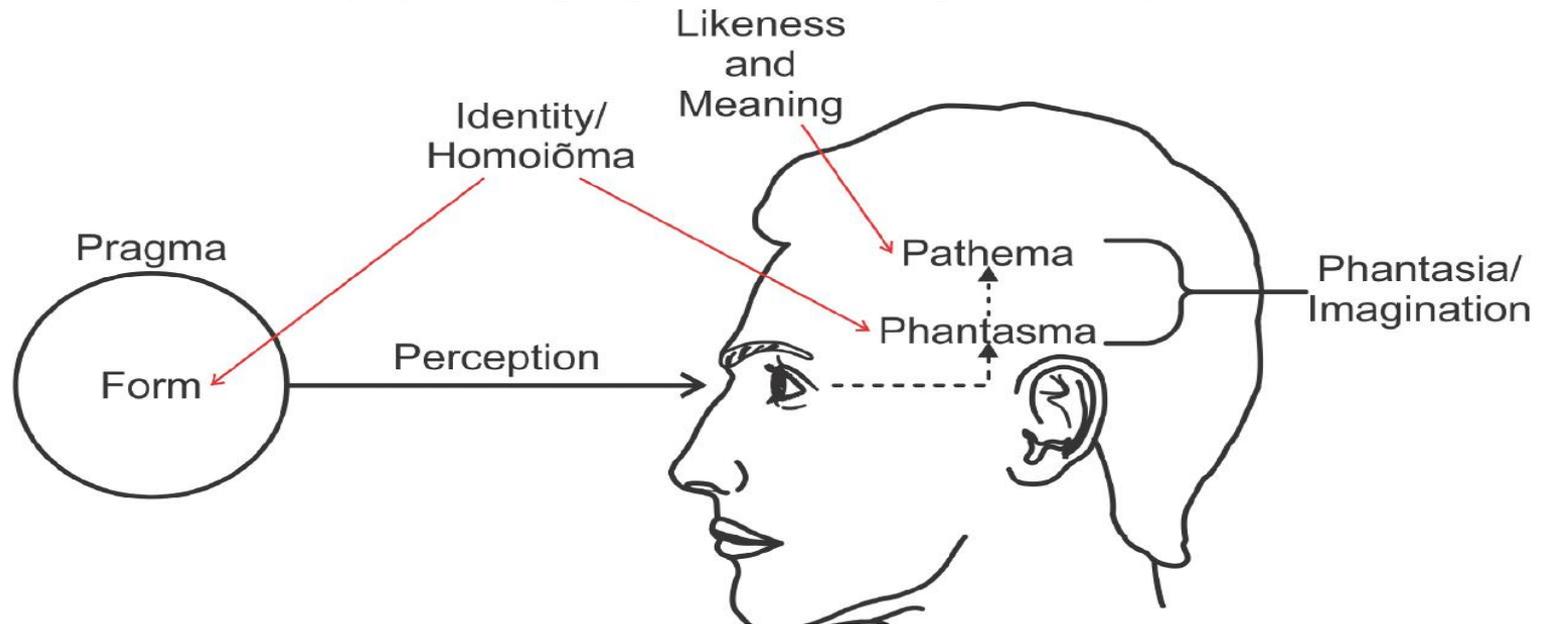
Analytic Philosophy

Conclusion.

Analogy.

Metaphysical analogy.

## Part II: Philosophy of Language-51 Aristotle (*phantasm*)



1. There is critical distinction between real language (realism) & linguistics (ideas), cf., loaf of bread.
2. “Phantasm” is a technical term used in Scholastic philosophy to designate the highest product of the combined senses. It is generally considered synonymous with image, but it may also stand for a perception. The highest product of the combined senses is a perception when the object is present, it is an image when the object is not present to the senses. In modern parlance it is a brain state—from which reason abstracts knowledge, which is NOT sense data.
3. Aristotle’s philosophy of language is all about the Real. To this day it retains an explanatory power, soundness, and relevance as does his syllogisms. Aristotle was not, foremost, a man of theory. He was a man of the real. Aristotle understood, in a most profound way, that language, speech, and meaning are intellect acts “without a corporeal organ.”
4. Linguists do not study *real* language as such. They do a magnificent and very important job describing ideas or the organs *involved*: the glottis, the vocal chords, the pharynx, the palate, the nasal cavities. However, as far as real language/meaning/signification, they are dismal failures.
5. Real language/signification/meaning should never be confused with or reduced to the various corporeal organs that are *used* for language/speech, cd., the *language* of the deaf/blind.

## EP: Salvation and works

**Titus 3:1-8** Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, <sup>2</sup> to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men. <sup>3</sup> For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup> He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.



**Temporary Heaven**

**John 17:24; Philip 1:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:8; Rev. 1-19**



**Eternal Heaven/Earth**

**Rev. 21-22**



**Temporary Hell**

**Luke 16:19-31**



## EP: Eternal damnation and earthly treasures.

**Luke 12:16-21** And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man was very productive. <sup>17</sup> "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?' <sup>21</sup> "So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

**Eternal Hell**

**Rev. 20:11-15: Matt 10:28-30**



## Heaven 45 (The EP: From Earthly Finances to Eternal Friends and Eternal Houses)

1. A few words about the τέλος/goal/purpose of human life.
  - a. The entire message of the Bible regarding what human life is all about is tied to τέλος—to be what you were intended to be. The purpose of life is not, first and foremost, about pleasure (contra Pre-Socratics and J.S. Mill) or being successful, healthy, or wealthy. Moreover, the biblical view of happiness and freedom is always tied to man’s τέλος and virtue.
  - b. Life is primarily about becoming what you were intended/τέλος to be as a human and as a child of God. When we are told that “we can do all things through Christ,” we should not interpret that meaning that we will always have enough stuff—that is not what it is all about.
  - c. What it is all about is that we will always have God’s Holy Spirit in us, enabling us to become what we were intended to become—both in regard to the goal of Christ-likeness and God’s individual plan for our lives. We have a radical advantage over the unsaved because of the indwelling HS.

2. As far as the EP, the life that is preparing itself for death and eternal existence is a wasted life. How could it be otherwise? Preparation is always about living and growing in the truths of God. When it is all over, every believer should be ready to say with peace and confidence: “My life’s work is done here.”
  - a. Matthew 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. <sup>25</sup> "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. <sup>26</sup> "And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand.

- b. Philippians 1:21-24 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. <sup>23</sup> But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.
  
- c. Hebrews 9:27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment,
  
- d. Romans 14:10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup> So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

- e. 2 Corinthians 5:8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
  
- f. Luke 12:15 And He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."
  
- g. Colossians 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

### 3. Eternal rewards and finances.

- a. Our Lord Jesus Christ talked more about money than anyone in the Bible. He was explicit about how our use of money on Earth has a direct bearing on our character here and our eternal existence and relationships in Heaven. His perspective on eternal investment is often ignored because of false views of Heaven. Nonetheless, anytime the issue in teaching is money, there are risks, especially for the teacher.
- b. Note the connection between our money, supernatural virtue, the spiritual life, and love for the Lord in two key related passages: **Matthew 6:19-24 with Luke 12:33-34**. Our attitude toward our money does, indeed, speak more of our heart's treasure and our eternal/temporal perspective than any other single issue.

- c. Note just how explicit Christ is about the link between the use of money on Earth and our friends and dwelling places on the New Heaven/Earth, **Luke 16:1-9**.
- 1) Every believer is accountable before God for His resources.
  - 2) Money that will someday be of no use to us here can actually be used for eternal investments in people and relationships.
  - 3) People who we have helped on Earth by means of financial resources will welcome us into their eternal homes. Their gratitude will extend for billions of years. This will, no doubt, include everyone from a waitress that you gave an extra tip to , to church giving, missionaries, or just helping the homeless.
  - 4) Jesus is preparing eternal homes according to how that person lived his life on Earth. Some will have substantial homes and estates, and some will have small places for all of eternity.
  - 5) There is a strong continuity in identity between here & there.
  - 6) We are often tested with regard to our finances when it comes to helping those in need.
  - 7) Our love of money and the things that money buys reveal very much about our priorities and treasures in life.

- d. Jesus Himself taught that it was better to give than receive.

**Acts 20:35** "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

- e. Most of the book of James (Lord's half-brother) deals with problems of living for money and not caring about those who are in distress.

**James 5:1** Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup> Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure! <sup>4</sup> Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, *and* which has been withheld by you, cries out *against you*; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. <sup>5</sup> You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

**James 1:26** If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

- f. God loves a believer who is cheerful about giving,

2 Corinthians 9:7 Let each one *do* just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

- g. Note the Early Church's attitude.

**Acts 2:42** And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> and they *began* selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

- h. Consider the remarkable statement of the Lord regarding the poor who give to the Lord:

**Mark 12:41** And He sat down opposite the treasury, and *began* observing how the multitude were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. <sup>42</sup> And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. <sup>43</sup> And calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on.

- i. Consider the example of the Christ-centered life regarding Christ and the things of God in comparison to the values of this world.

**Philippians 3:4-8**, although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ,

- j. The value of Heaven and the things of Heaven are far greater than anything we own or any temporal issue.

**Matthew 13:44** "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.

- k. It is not a matter of giving up money, it is a matter of sending it ahead, where it lasts for all of eternity.

**1 Timothy 6:18** *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

**Philippians 4:17** Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

**Luke 12:33** "Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys.

- I. It really is all about giving *as unto the Lord*—as it is about everything we do in life.

Proverbs 19:17 He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD,  
And He will repay him for his good deed.

Matthew 10:42 "And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward."

Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

#### 4. More on faithfulness and rewards.

**Matthew 25:21** "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'

**2 Peter 1:10** Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

**1 Corinthians 3:15** If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

**James 1:12** Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

**1 Corinthians 9:24** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup> And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

**2 Timothy 4:6** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; <sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**1 Peter 5:1** Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; <sup>3</sup> nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

**Revelation 3:11** 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown.

**2 John 1:8** Watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.