

## Opening Passages

Acts 17:28 For in Him we live (ζῶμεν), and move (κινούμεθα), and have our being (ἔσμεν);

Isaiah 46:9-10 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

1 Timothy 6:15 . . . He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords; 16 **who alone possesses immortality (ὁ μόνος ἔχων ἀθανασία)** and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

The "Problem" of Evil and Suffering in the Presence of an All-knowing, All-good, All-loving, and All-powerful God (76):  
Job 38: God & Creation-22 (The true, the good, and the beautiful) [Thg/sermons.html](http://Thg/sermons.html)

# Philosophical/Theological/Doctrinal/Spiritual Framework

## Bible Doctrines

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

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Hermeneutics

Linguistics

Epistemology

Metaphysics -10  
 History-10

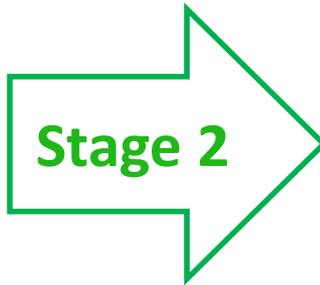
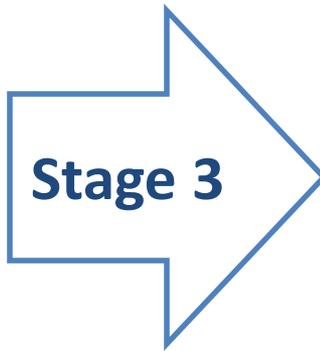
Reality -Logic 32,  
 Truth 32

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The same powerful desire for Truth that attracts positive believers to the doctrinal movement is the same powerful desire for Truth that attracts believers to philosophical realism.

Only philosophical realism can deliver objectivity and open up the treasure troves of Truth in the Bible, on the true nature of God, creation, and ultimate reality as such.

Apart from philosophical realism believers will disintegrate into fideism, pagan views of God and creation, and religionism which is just another name for the philosophy of pragmatism, just coated with Christian doctrinal nomenclature.



### Stage 3 – Christian metaphysician

- The believer who becomes a Christian metaphysician has a totally new mindset with regard to the nature of 'Ehyeh/Esse and all of reality.
- Only in metaphysics can a believer really understand the attributes of God.

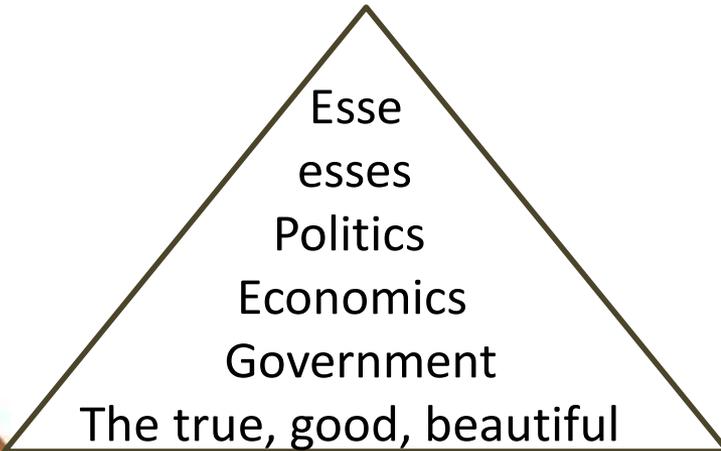
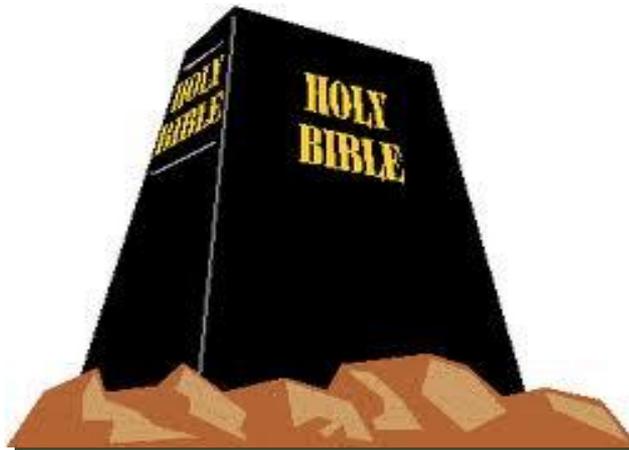
### Stage 2 – Christian

- Through BD, this believer has gained a great deal of divine viewpoint in his soul 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 is stable, but still very dependent on others for confidence.

### Stage 1 – Christian baby

- 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 the kosmos, Eph 4:14.
- For baby believers it is all about pragmatism. If it works, they think it must be true.

# Philosophical Edifice for Objectivity



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?

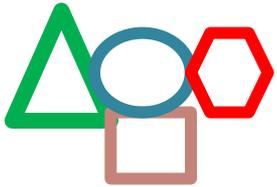
(**History of Metaphysics 10**, Science of Metaphysics 10)

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

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# Foundations: Metaphysics (History 10)

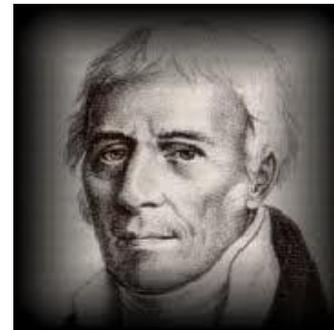
## Philosophy of Nature



1. Rejection of formal (essences) and final causation continues to lead to all kinds of absurdities in scientism.
2. If forms/essences (fixity) do not exist, then there can be no real entities such as species. This is acknowledged.
3. However, transformism is absurd if there is no form as a mechanism or force to advance the organism. If there is no form or essence, there is no organism to have a driving force “up the chain.”



Aristotle  
384-322 B.C.



Lamarck  
1774-1829

### Father of Transformism

He denied forms only to use them as a necessary force to move *organisms* forward.

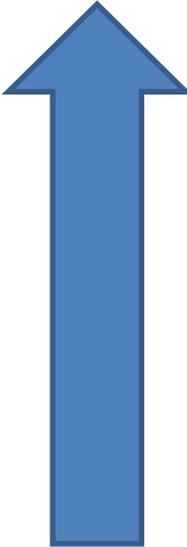
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## History of Metaphysics 32

## The Science of Metaphysics 32

What is your Christian answer to ultimate reality of the one and the many?

Without metaphysics the Christian will default into a metaphysical materialistic, deistic, or fideistic Cartesian mindset



8-10 Plato

7-Socrates (attempt to save truthless society)

6- Monists vs. Pluralists – the one & the many

5- Parmenides (515-450 BC) – all is being

Heraclitus (540-480 BC) – all is flux

4- Anaximander (610-545 BC) - *apeiron*

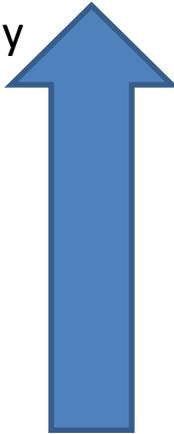
Anaximenes (580-500 BC) - air

3- Thales – (624-545 BC) - water

2- Kant's Wall

1- Overview

History of Metaphysics 10



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 (**still in progress**)

2-Being *qua* being

1-Introduction

Science of Metaphysics 10

## Foundations: Metaphysics (History 10)



Compare and contrast Plato's philosophy of extreme realism with modern American philosophy of pragmatism in

1. The True
2. The Good
3. The Beautiful

Which is closer to the biblical model?

Which is more enlightening?

Which is required for the preservation of Western Civilization?

Why is boredom a *modern* phenomenon?

Why so much depression in *modernity*?

Why such fear of death in *modernity*?

## God and Creation 22

1. Exodus 3:14 is the only place God has revealed His nature. All other names are relational. The nature of God revealed in Exodus 3:14 opens up a whole new world of revelation concerning God, creation, the spiritual life, the true, the good, and the beautiful.



**Exodus 3:14**

**"I AM WHO I AM"**

**'Ehyeh  
*Esse***

**"I" - The essence of Personhood  
"AM" - The essence of Existence**

## God and Creation 22

2. Overview of biblical testimony on God, creation, concurrentism, the true, the good, and the beautiful: Gen. 1:1-5, 10-12, 20, 31; 2:7-9, 19; Exod. 35:25-29; Job 38:31-33, 41; Psa. 17:15; 19:1-2; 27:4; 111:2-3; 139:14; Isa. 40:12; Matt. 6:25-33; John 1:3; 14:1-3; 18:38; Acts 17:25; Rom. 1:20-23; 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; Eph. 1:11; 2:10; Philip 3:21; Col. 1:17; 1 Tim. 4:1-5; Heb. 1:3; 1 John 3:2; Rev. 21:2-4, 18-21, 23-25, 22:1-5).