

# The Glory/Beauty of God-12

## Total Truth/Goodness/Beauty of the Eternal Son of God in John 1

**Matthew 22:36-40** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

- **Distinguishing the various means from the terminus ad quem.**

**John 8:31-32** Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- **Only Total Truth grants freedom. How free is a believer who cannot stay in fellowship? The point is not to condemn anyone, but to wake believers up to the Total Truth. All decisions to break fellowship with God are acts against Truth.**

# Philosophical/Theological/Doctrinal/Spiritual Mental Framework

## 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

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Hermeneutics

Linguistics

Epistemology

Metaphysics -11

History-8

Reality –Logic 32,  
 Truth 32

Satan, the arch enemy of Total Truth (John 8:32), has done a superb job blinding the modern Christian to the glory/beauty of God. My goal is to remedy the

1. utter ignorance of true nature of God as 'Ehyeh/Being, Exod. 3:14.
2. utter ignorance regarding the glory of God radiating through creation, Rm. 1:18f.; Rom. 11:36.
3. utter ignorance regarding the transcendental properties of being—TGB, Isa. 6:3; Gen. 1-3.
4. utter ignorance regarding need for Total Truth instead of devotional and fragmented *use* of the Bible.
5. utter ignorance about the devastating effects of devotional Christianity.
6. utter ignorance regarding true nature of growth & worship which is all about God growing in prominence in the life.
7. utter ignorance regarding correspondence truth, which results in believers being out of fellowship most of the time.
8. utter ignorance regarding the critical need for philosophy and metaphysics for God and science.

Stage  
3

Stage  
2

Stage 1

### 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 the three transcendentals.
- Only in metaphysics can a believer really understand the attributes of God.

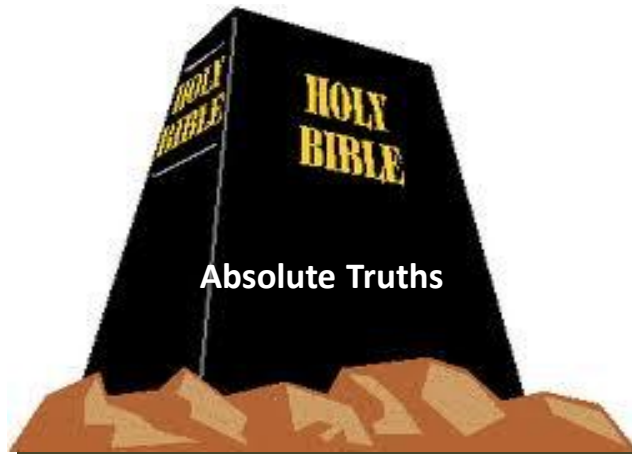
### Stage 2 – Christian doctrinal believer

- 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.

# The need for philosophical/theological foundation of philosophical realism



What kind of foundation do you have for the Bible doctrine resident in your soul?

- Realism or Modernism?
- Philosophical or anti-philosophical?
- Metaphysical or anti-metaphysical?
- Truth-based or anti-intellectual?
- Biblical or unbiblical framework?

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

**4- Linguistics – how is that which is communicated?**

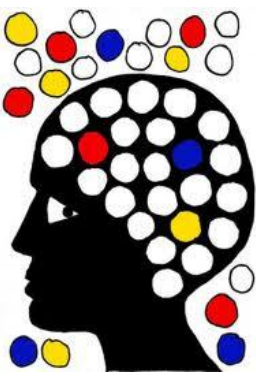
**3- Epistemology –how do I know that which is?**

**2- Metaphysics – what is that which is?**

**(History of Metaphysics 8, Science of Metaphysics 11)**

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

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## THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MODERN MIND—INCLUDING CHRISTIANS

Rene Descartes (1596-1650), the Catholic, and Immanuel Kant (1724-1804), the Protestant, are the two most pernicious sources that led to the destruction of man's confidence in ultimate reality as such. Both attempted to ground reality in something other than the extra-mental world. They reject beings as such and ended up making ideas ultimate reality rather than beings.

What they did was to detach man from being able to directly really know the real world as it is (the *ding an sich*), and thus leaving man with only a connection with his ideas. Descartes's certainty was in his own mind rather than the real world. Kant destroyed confidence in certainty with his noumenal and phenomenal realms.

Kant's two realms were collapsed into some a form of Idealism by those who followed him: their personal intuitions and perspectives became ultimate reality: Schelling = aesthetics, Fichte = morality; Hegel= rationality, Marx = materialism, Kierkegaard = fideism (Christian existentialist), Nietzsche = perspectivalism (atheist existentialist), Comte = positivism, Bentham = humanism, Mill = pragmatism, Freud=sex, and Darwin=natural selection. Let's not forget all of history is God's story, His doing! He has given us so many lessons on the consequences of ideas.

**This is all very important. This all has to do with Being. I would not teach this if it was not enormously important to your personal view of God, reality, creation, and beauty. It vitally affects your view God, His glory, creation, and Total Truth.**

# Foundations: Metaphysics

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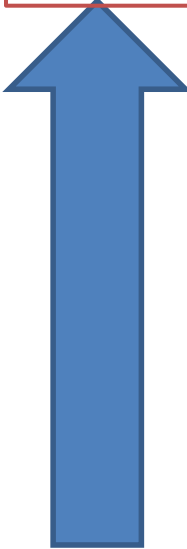
## The Science of Metaphysics 32

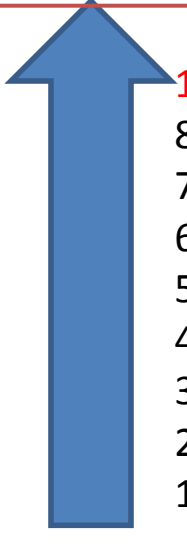
Metaphysics is the study of Being; it is the philosophy of Being as such.

Apart from understanding Being, a person will lose touch with sensible world, default to nominalism, will lose transcendentals, and possess a non-descript view of God and creation characterized by deism and fideism.

*Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being;*

*Rom 11:36. For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.*

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- 8-Plato.6 (more on Plato later)
  - 7-Socrates (executed for commitment to Truth)
  - 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

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- 11—The Transcendentals.17
  - 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
  - 2-Being *qua* being
  - 1-Introduction

History of Metaphysics 8

Science of Metaphysics 11

# The Transcendentals-17

1. Apart from understanding metaphysics a.k.a. the philosophy of Being (of which the transcendentals are a subset), the believer will be very limited in his understanding of God, glory, creation, and the world in which he lives.
2. It is critical for the believer to develop a metaphysical and philosophical (realism) framework to accurately understand God and His Word. Failure to do this will result in the world rotting out your intellectual and spiritual life from the inside out.

## The Transcendentals-17

3. The transcendentals: the real, the true, the good, and the beauty are really the same things in the beings of all things and in the Being of God. In society they are all out of balance and detached from one another.
4. Because the world has lost its understanding of truth, it has also lost its understanding of good and beauty and God. In the process of losing objective beauty, the world is responsible for untold anxiety and pain on a lot of women. Confusion and subjectivity reign not only in the world but also in Christianity.

# The Transcendentals-17

5. Review of ontological and psychological orders of being, truth, goodness, and beauty.
6. Truth is defined by being: truth is the effulgence of being; truth is the revelation or word of being. Truth is not defined by consciousness. Consciousness is to conform to being by knowing the truth of being.



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7. Goodness is defined by truth. Goodness is not defined by will or desire. The will is good when it conforms to the truth of being.

## The Transcendentals-17

8. Beauty is defined by goodness, objective goodness (integrity, proportion, harmony). Beauty is not defined by subjective desire or pleasure which should conform to true beauty. Generally speaking, beauty usually has the most power and that is why the only cure for a evil passion is a stronger passion for the good and true. The only thing that can break the power of apparent beauty is a true beauty. It is not enough to learn the various systems and gates, we need positive content for focus and occupation.

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9. All that is false, evil, and ugly are but corruptions of the true, good, and beautiful.

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10. Our society is increasingly decadent as evidenced by its confusion of the pretty for the beautiful, of the untrue/artificial/fake for the true/real, and of the evil/pragmatic with the good. The result is that true beauty is devalued in today's culture and even in Christianity.
  
11. Accurate doctrine is true, good, and beautiful. Distortions of doctrine are always ugly. Again, the transcendentals cannot be separated. They are one; they are the same thing.

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12. Every Christian must be a guardian of metaphysics in an age which has forgotten both Being and God. We live in a dark age which is increasingly corrupting the minds of our children and fellow citizens. Christians of all people should know what true beauty/glory is and should seek it.

# The Beauty of God.12

**Psalm 19:1-3**, The heavens are telling of the **glory of God**; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard.

**Isaiah 6:3** And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of **His glory**."

**Hebrews 1:1-3** God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of **His glory** and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld **His glory, glory** as the uniquely begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## The Beauty/Glory of God-12

Satan has effectively removed the beauty/glory of God from the modern Christian mind. The results are devastating not only in regard to viewing God and Bible doctrine, but how objective beauty relates to God, to doctrine, and to reality as such. The goal here is to go through all of these passages in an effort to restore these crucial truths ([Gen 1-3; 3:24; 6:2; 12:11](#) [Exod. 2:2; 25:8, 22; 29:43-46; 33:18-22; 40:34-38](#); [Job 38-39](#); [Psa. 19:1-2; 27:4; 32:1-11; 34:8; 145:8-17](#); [Prov. 4:5-9](#); [2 Chron. 26](#); [Isa. 3:18; 5:20-21; 6:1-8; 42:18-20](#); [48:4; 64:6; 53](#); [Jer. 7:24-26](#); [Matt. 5:8; 11:25-30](#); [6:22-23; 13:13-14](#); [15:12-14; 27:36](#); [Mark 10:45](#); [Luke 1:78-79; 4:6-13; 21:5](#); [John 1](#); [2:11, 16; 3:13, 16-17; 4:6, 10, 14-18, 31-34; 5:17-27, 30, 36-37, 44; 6:33-48; 7:18, 28-30, 37-38; 8:12-14, 28, 31-42, 50, 58-59; 10:7-11, 14-18, 28-30, 38, 12:27-28, 32-50; 13:1-34; 14:6-31; 15:1-6, 8-19, 24-26; 16:7-15; 17:6, 24; 19:23-30; 20:28-31; 21:19](#); [Acts 3:2; 20:28](#); [Rom. 1:18-32](#); [3:9-19, 21-26](#); [5:1-2, 6-11; 10:15](#); [1 Cor 1:18, 23-31; 2:8-9](#); [2 Cor 3:6-4:6; 5:18-21](#); [8:9](#); [Gal. 3:1-5](#); [3:13-14](#); [4:4-5](#); [Eph. 1:6; 2:10; 5:25-32](#); [Col. 2:9, 13-14](#); [Philip. 2:5-11](#); [3:10-14; 3:13-14](#); [4:4-8](#); [Titus 3:4-6](#); [1 Pet. 1:8; 2:21-25; 3:1-5](#); [2 Pet. 3:16](#); [Heb. 1:1-3](#); [2:11-18](#); [5:5](#); [James 1:11, 17](#); [1 John 1:1-4](#); [2:1-2; 3:2-3, 16](#); [4:9-10, 20](#); [Rev. 5:9-14; 12:3, 7, 9; 21:1-22:5](#)).

## **Total Truth/Goodness/Beauty of the Eternal Son of God in John 1**

John 1:3 All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being (Πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν ὃ γέγονεν).

1. Like verses 1-2, this verse is very deep and contains the essence of metaphysics and Pure Act/Being as such. This passage points to one of the most transcendent and beautiful or glorious truths about the eternal Son of God. It is no wonder that John was so ecstatic.



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2. It is unfortunate that the magnificent truths in John 1:3 are lost on most Christians. Because of devotional nature of modern Christianity, these truths have been lost. and Christians increasingly are silenced in our hostile agnostic world. Neglect of these truths is just one of the reasons that Christians are leaving Christianity and militant atheism is emboldened and growing in leaps and bounds.

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3. Modern man is blind to the glory of God as Being revealed in creation, especially with regard to God's aseity. The unbeliever, due to suppression, has cut himself off from the sacred and transcendental realities, and thus from eternal meaning or significance. The believer, due to devotionism, does not have the framework to see God in creation and subsequently defaults into some form of mystical or fideistic view of God.

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4. The glory of God is not in some hidden realm, Isa. 6:3; Rom. 1:18-23. Not in some esoteric sphere where the most elite thinkers can penetrate. On the contrary, the whole earth is filled with the glory of God. The whole of creation is a glorious theater screaming manifesting so clearly the glory of god. Human beings walk about in this glorious theater wearing blindfolds, blindfolds that they have put on themselves. Therefore, they cannot see the glory of God in creation. Even believers have trouble.

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5. The greatest need for Christians is not just knowing that God is but who He is in His aseity. We must get rid of non-descript God who is there just to help us in life and make us feel better. Don't victimize yourself, move into the glory of the Lord.

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6. The verse contains the answer to the oldest question of the ancient philosophers (cf. Heraclitus and Parmenides). It is a most provocative question and yet in its expression a small child can grasp it.
- Why is there something rather than nothing? Why does anything exist in this universe? Why the universe? Why isn't the universe just empty space or a black hole?
  - The answer to that question is very simple and should never incite any debate or argument. There was a time when there was absolutely nothing. Everything in the universe has a beginning. It starts at a particular moment in space and time. Before that all that existed in reality was God.
  - The beginning came to pass because this God created everything that is in this world.

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7. Before the “Big Bang,” there was on ‘Ehyeh, Being. He is the reason there is the simple verb “to be.” This is the name of God He told Moses, “AM.” The eternal present “I AM,” the personification of the verb “to be.” Nothing can exist apart from Being, Pure Being. This is an existential argument, not a cosmological argument.

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8. We are all defined by change (act-potency) and this is the biggest difference between us and God. He alone is Being in and of Himself. All other beings are transitory and dependent, contingent and derived. All beings and all motion depend upon Ultimate Being for its existence.

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9. To grasp how creation depends and reflects the nature of God is to move from fideism to theism. Again, nothing in creation has the power of Being in itself.



## **Total Truth/Goodness/Beauty of the Eternal Son of God in John 1**

10. There are only three options regarding the existence of all beings.
  - a. Eternal. This is even recognized by modern science as false.
  - b. Self-created (spontaneous generation). This is a logical absurdity since it would have to be and not be at the same time and in the same relationship. This violates the most fundamental principle of truth: the formal law of non-contradiction.
  - c. Created by something that is eternal. This is what the new militant atheists must grapple with and cannot answer.

## **Total Truth/Goodness/Beauty of the Eternal Son of God in John 1**

11. The idea that everything exploded into being out of non-being is nonsense. Nothing exploded? What was before the singularity? You do not get something out of nothing. Modern attempts have shifted to nonsense called gradual spontaneous generation.
  
12. Self-creation is the ultimate magician's trick of pulling a rabbit out of a hat. However, they do this without the rabbit, without the hat, and the without the magician. This is absolutely ridiculous, truly laughable. The extremes that people will go through to deny God is amazing.

## **Total Truth/Goodness/Beauty of the Eternal Son of God in John 1**

13. It is the atheist who has faith, blind fanatical faith, without evidence. Atheism is a faith system as demonstrated by the fact that they *believe* in something, namely naturalism. In fact, it is a blind fanatical faith in many beliefs. Christianity is not faith without evidence; it is just that the evidence has not been taught to God's people! This is part of the reason that definition of faith in Websters has been changed to a sort of fideism (but not in Oxford). Atheism continually attempts to get morals from below us: ants and such. They know you cannot get an ought from an "is," yet in materialism that is all there is: blind physical causes from DNA to brain matter, from Hitler to Stalin. Why do you think they look and look and look for morality, but it is not there? Whole generation of upcoming young people today with no norms and standards, I wonder why? There are none in matter, none below us. There is either a rightness and judgment in the end or nothing means anything. Talk about blind faith! Talk about fanatical faith without any evidence! Atheism is absolutely absurd. Are there no morals, no justice, no creator, no mind, no rationality? Is justice an illusion? Is there no truth, goodness, or beauty?

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14. Both Christians and atheists exercise faith. However, only the Christian has evidence.
- ✓ If you assume naturalistic view of the mind you undermine the rationality that you need and destroy your own arguments. Mindless materialism has no basis for reason or truth. Pure biology precludes objective rationality. It is all a delusion.
  - ✓ The atheistic faith is absurd: e.g., no true or false in the atheistic mindset; no basis for rationality; no basis for a true self; no law; no morality.
  - ✓ If we just dance to the DNA then there is no basis for condemning anyone or anything. No immaterial power.
  - ✓ With the destruction of the Transcendent One goes the destruction for any basis of rationality, morality, and humanity.

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15. Through the development of metaphysical insights the believer is able not only to see the logical impossibility of self-creation and atheism, he is able to see the aseity of God—the glory of God’s perfection!
  
16. The aseity of God is what most distinguishes Him from any and all creation. God and God alone has aseity. He exists by His own power. Nobody made Him, caused Him. His existence is in and of Himself, this is different from anything else—only God has the concept of self-existence. By the way, there is nothing irrational about a Being who has the power of Being within Himself. It is imminently rational.

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17. God as Pure Act is the necessary being who cannot not be and apart from whom nothing could exist. If anything exists, then someone somehow somewhere must have aseity, the power of being within Himself, underived of something outside of self. He is causally in all things.

## **Total Truth/Goodness/Beauty of the Eternal Son of God in John 1**

John 1:35-39. The first disciples: John and Andrew. Principles:

1. The eternal Son of God seeks all men, and, unasked, bestows His love upon all men. Whether man seeks Him or not, there is no person who has ever existed that Christ has not desired. God desires all to be saved and to grow in Total Truth (1 Tim. 2:1-4; John 3:16; Heb. 2:9; 1 John 2:1).

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2. What God is looking for are those who will seek Him in Total Truth (John 4:23-24; Acts 17:26-27 ). Why do you worship God? The whole course of human history consists of God's drawing men to Himself. Not only in Judea, not only by special revelation, but by His glory and gifts to stir men to seek for Him. But man can refuse impulses toward God. He is not unknown because He is hidden or shrouded Himself in darkness.



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3. Every believer needs to take the Lord's question very seriously. What do you seek? What do you really want in life? There is a world of difference between taking in doctrine to solve problems and really seeking the Lord, Pure Act, 'Ehyeh. This is what Job needed to learn. What makes John and Andrew exceptional members of the human race is that they are seeking Total Truth, not just certain truths.

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4. All men are most anxious to find truth—some truth! The problem is the reluctance to accept Total Truth. Men often have a great zeal for God, all the while rejecting Total Truth, Acts 17:22; Rom. 10:2. It is not enough to have zeal for God or even a zeal for fellowship with God. One must have a zeal for Total Truth.

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5. The reason man does not like or accept Total Truth is because Total Truth makes many demands: it demands acceptance regardless of how you feel about it; it demands time and effort; it demands you accept it even though it is not exclusively yours; it impersonally corners you with objectivity; it demands conformity of mind and action.

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6. In sum, finding truth is not so hard; what is hard is not to run away from part of Total Truth once we have found it.

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7. The only believers who really grow and become great (supergrace) believers) are those who do not flinch in the presence of truth. They do not look away, they do not make excuses, they all bowed before its presence. Their love for truth translates into them making adjustments. They prize Truth over their personal issues. Do you prize Total Truth over anything and everything? Or are you as a Christian contributing to the distortion of the Christian faith and the remarkable growth of militant New Atheism by only wanting certain devotional truths?

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8. Those who begin rejecting certain truths harden themselves to Total truth, to God, and the plan of God. Every time a person ignores or suppresses any truth, he becomes more hardened to Total Truth. This hardness and blindness manifests itself in skepticism, agnosticism, and idolatry. To speak the Truth to someone who does not want the truth is to provide an opportunity for misunderstanding.

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9. Man has an uncanny ability to camouflage his disobedience to Total Truth.
  - Outward compliance with no inner reality.
  - A zeal for partial truth or even for God apart from Truth, Rom 10:4.
  - Rationalize away sins.
  - Compromise, TV evangelism.
  - Partial obedience (King Saul vs. Apostle Paul).
  - Conditional obedience
  - Rich young ruler.
  - “I will get serious tomorrow”
  - Substitute prayer for obedience.
  - I will keep some commandments but not others.
  - God in the Dock mentality
  - Doctrine is only a means to solve problems.
  - Complaints about truths that do not specifically address your existential needs.
  - Man, by nature is unaware of just how blind and proud he is to Total Truth

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10. Only Christ can provide Total Truth (truth, goodness, and beauty) that every human *being* desperately needs.
  - a. Only Jesus Christ can provide Total Truth. Only Christ provides truth as per the *Logos* (rationality), the *arche* (the beginning of it all), and the *telos* (the direction and goal of all things). He gives us truth: true understanding of who we are; where we came from; why we are here; who He is; what He provides in grace; and the point of it all. Total Truth is the issue in life, John 8:32, 44; 14:6, 17; 17:17; 18:37. Truth is what determines the way you view reality. The enemies of truth are legion as demonstrated in skepticism, cynicism, and suspicion about truly knowing reality, self, and God. As a believer you might want to check your own confidence in truth. Is it growing? Is your faith growing? Are you principled or pragmatic? Why? Take a look at how much value and time you spend seeking Truth as such—Total Truth!



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- b. Only Christ can provide Total Goodness: e.g., the will of God (Rom 12:2), grace, forgiveness, justification, redemption, acceptance by God, a clean conscience, a vibrant moral and spiritual life, Christ-like virtue (the Christ-form), a future and a hope, security, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, *goodness*, faith, humility, self-control, meaning and purpose, the love of God, power to be and do, etc. Since every man seeks goodness on some level, it is wise that he not only take a look at what goodness his soul is seeking, but evaluate that goodness and ask himself if this is really divine goodness. Goodness is always found preeminently in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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- c. Only Christ can provide Total Beauty (to be distinguished from “prettiness”). Beauty is that which charms or attracts you because of its perceived truth and goodness. Only He can fulfill the desires of your heart. Do you seek true beauty? A beauty that is not separated from the true and the good? God is supremely beauty. Jesus Christ is the most beautiful Person who ever lived, although He was not the most physically attractive. Bible doctrine is beautiful! The spirit-filled believer is beautiful. A forgiving person is beautiful. The most beautiful thing on the planet is the mature believer with a developing Christ-form. Those who share the gospel are beautiful:

Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!"

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- d. Total truth, total goodness, and total beauty are all gathered in the one Person of Jesus Christ, John 7:37-39; 18:37. His gifts of truth, beauty, and goodness can never be separated from Him. The problem is that most people set out on a frantic search for happiness from the aesthetic/beauty stage to the moral/ethical/good stage until they realize Truth in Christ and thus realize and find their true selves. Most are thirsty and seek to have their thirst slaked by kosmos diabolicus.

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- e. God's makes many fantastic promises to those who will *truly* seek Him in Total Truth, Deut 4:29; Prov. 8:17; Jer. 29:13; Matt. 7:7; John 7:37-39; Acts 17:27; Matt. 11:28-30; Psa. 34:8. These should make any believer move with alacrity to the Lord of truth.

## **Total Truth/Goodness/Beauty of the Eternal Son of God in John 1**

- f. John and Andrew found the truth, goodness, and beauty they had so longed for and thus began a journey of increasingly beholding the effulgence of God's glory in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. How about us? Will we take the journey of Total Truth toward the True-Good-Beautiful, or will we be sidetracked by some partial truth?