Presuppositions: Biases that do not change unless extreme duress is applied; Preunderstandings: Moldable influences that come & go; Noetic effects of Sin. 4 Extremes to Avoid: unnecessary Dogmatism, unhealthy doubt, indifference, & diversion. Habits to Cultivate: skill, wisdom, comprehensiveness, & carefulness. 4 Maxims to Follow: 1. Always pursue what matters most to God. 2. Always say nothing less & nothing more than what the whole Bible teaches. 3. Does your theological viewpoint bring God the most glory? 4. Are you consistently spirit-controlled, yielded to God? Are you “walking” with the Lord?

**METAPHYSICS:**

**The Sensible Realm:**

*all is in flux*  
(beliefs; opinions)

*Epistemology:*

Correspondence  
View of Truth

Truth is that which corresponds to reality, identifies thing as they actually are; can never fail, diminish, change, or be extinguished; must be able expressed in logical propositions; sourced in the God of the Bible who is the Author of all truth.

**Transcendental Realm:**

*whatever is, simply is:*

(fixed truths)

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**PRESUPPOSITIONS:**

Theology is Organic & Developmental

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**Test of Consistency:**

*truth does work.*

**Test of Existential Relevance:**

*what is true will ultimately be relevant.*

**Test of Coherence:**

*negative test of truth.*

Theology is Propositionally Static.

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**SOURCES OF THEOLOGY (?)**:

- Authority(s)
- Church
- Counterfeit Kingdom
- Creeds
- Culture
- Economics
- Empiricism
- Entertainment
- Environment (natural & social)
- Existential Experiences
- Family
- Informal worldviews (e.g., consumerism; individualism; nationalism; pursuit of pleasure; therapy)
- Gender;
- Government
- History
- Intuition
- Media
- Multiculturalism
- Mysticism
- Personalities
- Philosophy
- Postmodern Tribalism
- Pragmatism
- Psychology
- Race
- Rationalism
- Sexuality
- Sin
- Situational Setting
- Subculture
- Religion
- Tradition

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Natural Revelation  
Special Revelation

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**SOURCES OF THEOLOGY:**

Speculative & outside of the range of biblical orthodoxy.

Culture, Experience, Reason, & Tradition:

Speculative but reasonable beliefs within range of biblical orthodoxy  
Speculative but improbable beliefs within range of biblical orthodoxy

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**Developmental, Organic Theology:**

Is the truth-claim logical? Does the truth-claim possess exegetical accuracy? Does the truth-claim agree with the whole Bible? What correlative insight does historical theology offer to this truth-claim?

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Revelatory Truths Disclosed in Logical, Propositional Statements:

They Are Static Truths.

**Representative:**

*made in the Image of God*

**Illumination by means of the Holy Spirit**

**Complimentary**

Natural Revelation  
Special Revelation

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GOD