

# Intro to Worldviews Review

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Love of Wisdom

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- Metaphysics
- Epistemology
- Ethics

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Common way to view Philosophy

## Metaphysics: "Beyond the Physical"

- Concerns the fundamental nature of reality.
- Answers the question: What is it?
- What sorts of things exist?
- Are things merely appearance?
- Inseparable from Epistemology

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Metaphysics: "Beyond the Physical"

Metaphysical Realism: Universal concepts correspond to reality.

Two forms of:

Plato : thought that these universals were real things in themselves.

Aristotle: thought that they were real aspects of things which we mentally abstract from things.

Metaphysical Nominalism: universals are only man-made names

Abstracts/Universals

Physical examples. Remember the example of two apples.

# Epistemology

- Concerns the nature of knowledge.
- Answers the question: How do we know?
- Inseparable from Metaphysics

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## Epistemology

Rationalism: knowledge only comes from what reason provides, the changing world of experience is un-reliable

Empiricism: only what sense-experience provides is reliable.

Theistic Epistemology: As creatures made in the image of God, we can be confident the both, our reason (being aware of sin), and what we experience are valid means of obtaining knowledge.

Epistemological Realism: the belief that the object of human reason, when reason is working naturally and rightly, is objective reality as it really is; that human reason can know objective reality.

Epistemological Idealism: our "ideas" are what is real.

# Ethics

- Concerns the basis for ethics?

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Ethics

Who decides right from wrong?

Pragmatism?

Revelation?

# Christian Worldview

- God
  - God is uncaused
  - Aseity
  - God is the ultimate ground of all reality.
- Reality
  - Metaphysics
- Man
  - Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology
- Morality
  - Ethics
- Knowledge
  - Epistemology
  - "In Your Light we see light" Psa 36:9

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Christian Worldview

Christianity provides a comprehensive view of the world. Frame