

1 John Series

Lesson #043

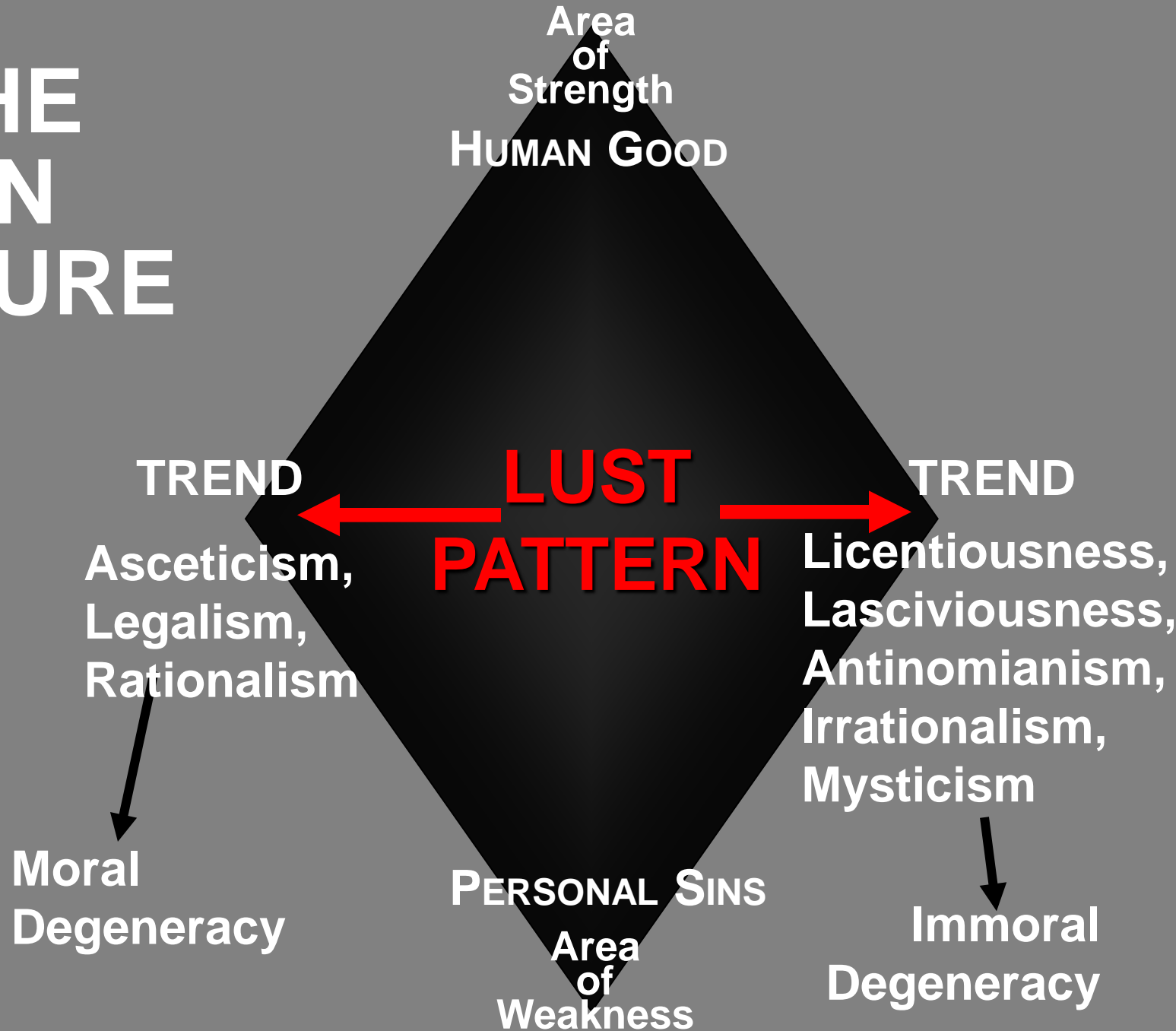
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THE SIN NATURE



The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

Comparison of Modernism, Postmodernism and Biblical Christianity

Subject

B-C

Modernism/

Postmodernism

Human nature

Mankind is in the image of God; spiritual and physical

Humans are material machines. No opinion; suspicious of any dogmatic assertions. The universe is purely physical. Nothing exists beyond our senses.

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**Free
will**

**Diminished by sin;
still morally
responsible.**

**Autonomous and
self-governing.
People are
products of their
culture and only
Choose their own
direction.
imagine they are
self-governing.**

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**Modernism/
Postmodernism**

**View of
reason**

Reason is necessary but not the basis for understanding reality; it discover some truth, but revelation is also needed.

Rationalism and empiricism are the only basis for discovering truth. Denies objective reason, rationalism is a myth.

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**View of
progress**

**Mankind isn't
progressing toward
anything; advances
are positive, but
there is no utopia
brought in by man.**

**Mankind is
progressing by
Denies objective
using science and
reason, rationalism
reason.
is a myth.**

MODERNISM

Immanuel
Kant:
Subjectivism

RATIONALISM
EMPIRICISM

19TH-20TH
Centuries

SKEPTICISM
EXISTENTIALISM

Post-
Modernism

Descartes
Locke

The Enlightenment ca 1640–1780