

Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music.

Martin Luther

Christianity is not a series of truths in the plural, but rather truth spelled with a capital “T.” Truth about total reality, not just about religious thing.

Biblical Christianity is Truth concerning total reality—and the intellectual holding of that total Truth and then living in the light of that Truth.

– Francis Schaeffer, Address at the University of Notre Dame, April 1981

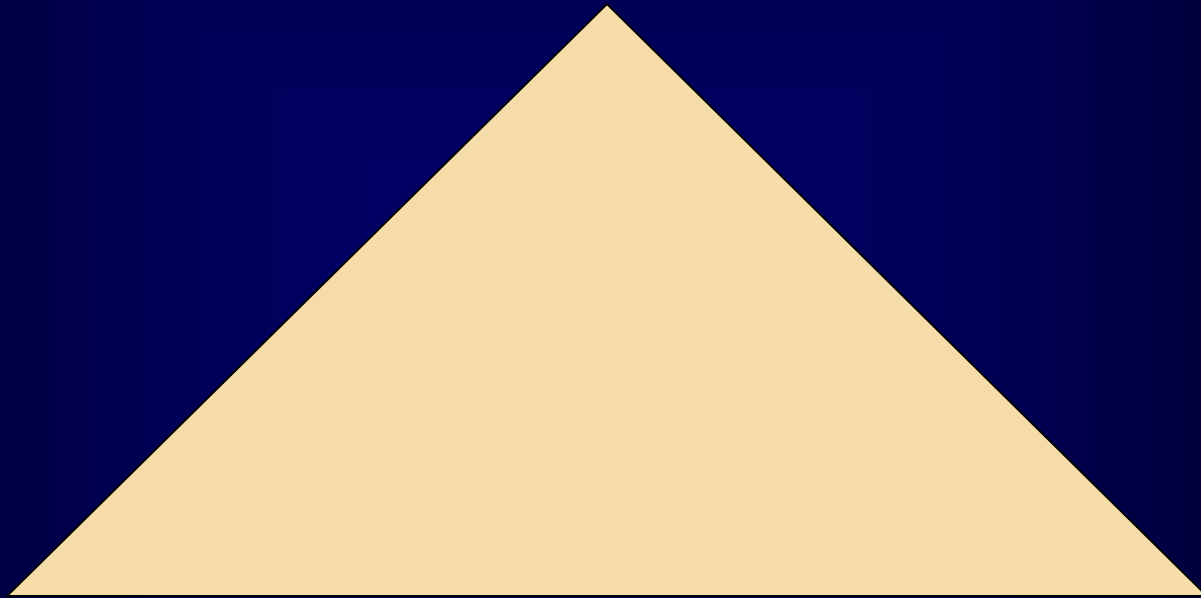
John 4:24, “God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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Ephesians 5:19, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,”

John 4:24



Eph. 5:18–19

Rev 4–5

FINITE UNIVERSE

GOD
CREATOR

TRUTH
resides in the
thinking of God

God speaks to
everything He
creates or He
speaks to nothing
He creates.

Matter/energy
Light
Vegetation
Animals
Man

[who he is;
Purpose
Social
(marriage, family,
law, politics)

Ethics
Aesthetics
(art, music, literature)

PLATO

FORM/IDEAS

Eternal Reason

Rationality

Order

Truth

Beauty

MATTER

Chaos

Irrational

Evil

N-P

Christianity

GRACE

Eternal Reason

Spirituality

Order

Truth

Beauty

MATTER

Good, but not *really* meaningful

Augustine, Anselm, Bonaventure



AQUINAS

GRACE

A Supergift, optional feature
Not essential to meaning, purpose and
happiness
Canon: One book of Truth

NATURE

Complete, sufficient in itself
Other books of Truth

Revelatory Truth on par with Natural Truth

God is portrayed as saying:

“The nature of all other beings is limited and constrained within the bounds of laws prescribed by Us. Thou, constrained by no limits [**what about sin and creaturliness??**] in accordance with thine own free will [**i.e., pure autonomy from God**]...shalt ordain for thyself the limits of thy nature. We have set thee at the world’s center...and have made thee neither of heaven nor of earth [???], neither mortal nor immortal, so that with freedom of choice and with honor...thou mayest fashion thyself whatever shape thou shalt prefer.”

Giovanni Pico della Mirandola,
Oration on the Dignity of Man

Renaissance

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NATURE

Man, rather than God,
Becomes the standard for truth.
Other books of Truth [nature, i.e, science]





Bernini, *David*
1623-24
White marble
170 cm
Galleria Borghese,
Rome





MODERNISM

Immanuel
Kant:
Subjectivism

RATIONALISM

EMPIRICISM

SKEPTICISM

EXISTENTIALISM

19TH-20TH
Centuries

Post-
Modernism

Descartes
Locke

The Enlightenment ca 1640-1780