

**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 things 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**

*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.**

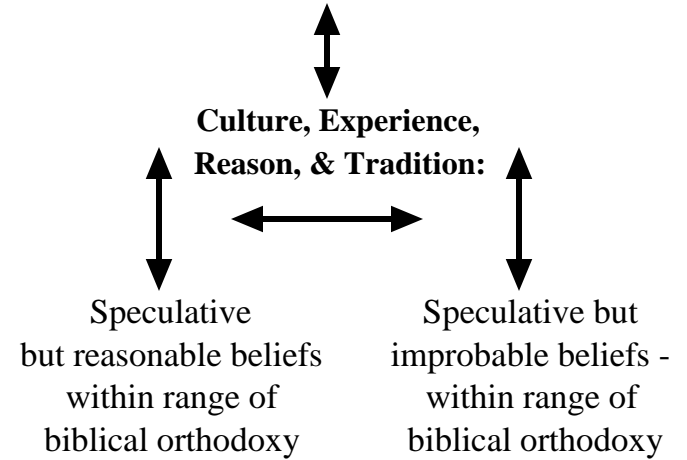
**SOURCES OF THEOLOGY (?):**

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  
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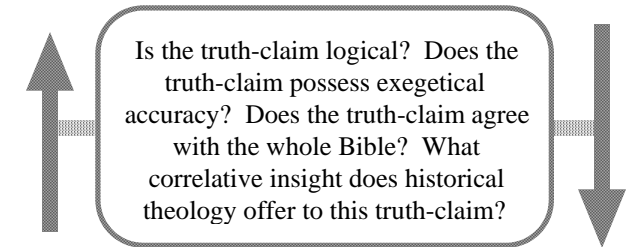
Natural Revelation  
 Special Revelation

# SOURCES OF THEOLOGY:

**Speculative & outside of the range of biblical orthodoxy.**



**Developmental, Organic Theology:**



**Revelatory Truths Disclosed in Logical, Propositional Statements: They Are Static Truths.**

