

1 Cor. 2:6, “Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age [ai·wn, *aion*], nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;”

1 Cor. 2:7 but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory;

***Kosmos*, in the negative sense, describes the entire arrangement and system of thinking arrayed against God. It has as its primary meaning, order, arrangement, adornment.**

***aiwn aion*, age, thinking of an age or era**

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1 Cor. 2:8, “the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

1 Cor. 2:9, “but just as it is written, ‘Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.’”



Plato

Reality is above

Plato = Reality [above]

**The material world is
a shadow.**

**Truth discovered
through reason.**

Aristotle

Reality is below

**The material world
directly knowable.**

**Truth discovered
through the senses.**

FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN EVERY *KOSMIC SYSTEM*

- 1. What IS ultimate reality?**
- 2. What is the nature of external reality?**
- 3. What is mankind?**
- 4. What happens when a person dies?**

FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN EVERY *KOSMIC SYSTEM*

- 5. Why can we know, how do we know, and can we know anything with certainty?**
- 6. How do we know right from wrong?**
- 7. What is the meaning of history?**

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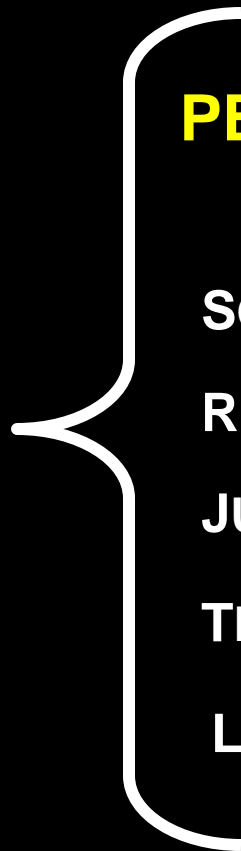
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The Basis of Knowledge

	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

The *KOSMIC* Mixmaster

4 Areas of Assumptions

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Origins

Religion

Man

Nature, creation

Science, math

Society
(marriage,
family, politics)

Suffering and
solutions

Law

Art, music, theater

Economics, business

Ultimate Reality

Human race

Knowledge

Ethics

James 4:4, “You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

**John 12:31, “Now judgment is upon this world;
now the ruler of this world shall be cast out.”**

John 14:30, “I will not speak much more with you, for the *ruler of the world* is coming, and he has nothing in Me;”

1 John 5:19, “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”

John 16:7, “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

John 16:8, “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

John 16:9, “concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

John 16:10, “and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;

John 16:11, “and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.”

Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom. 1:19, “because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.”