

# Is there a Place for Philosophy in the Kingdom?

*[A transcript from a recoding of the first of two presentations of my teaching on this topic]*

**Bear with me in this document. Don't switch off because you think it's heresy.  
Read it all through and you'll see what I was getting at.**

At first glance, this seems a silly question to ask, but there is a reason for asking it. It's always been a feature of the elderly in society to be philosophical. We know this historically because of the books that have been written by people and about people. The propensity to be philosophical is an activity that men are more prone to do, rather than women. And again, that's historic fact. I'm now 70 and I have observed elderly people and I have read widely. What I have found is that in their latter years (let me say from 60 years onwards), many men begin to think about the reasons for life. They've been driven by self-desires and pleasures up to that time, for various reasons and in various components of life. At this time, they start reflecting on their life. They ask questions about why things happen. What if they made different decisions? And from their experience, did they discover reality, or were they living in a mirage, a dream world? Elderly women, on the other hand, tend to focus more on relationships with family and with other women, but that's not a blanket statement.

Philosophy that these elderly people are engaged in is their process of making sense of life and the world. Built into many of them is the desire to pass that knowledge on to others because they realise they have made so many mistakes, they don't want their family and their future generations to make the same mistakes, but to learn from their experiences. These days we tend to think of philosophizing and philosophy as old people daydreaming about their past, living in their past, because their lives are boring or have no purpose. Actually this modern perception is totally erroneous.

Philosophy, by definition, is the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence which results in guiding principle for behaviour.<sup>1</sup> The word is derived from the Greek and means 'the love of wisdom'. So, you can see from the reality of the meaning of the word that philosophy is a search for reality, for truth. So how does this fit into the Kingdom, or does it fit?

I've been on a long journey all my life, not only to find myself (who am I) and enter into my destiny. In other words, to find my purpose in life. I remember making the first steps in that direction when I was about 16. More recently, my journey towards understanding spiritual reality and the Kingdom began in the 1980s and continues up to today. When I got baptized in the Holy Spirit in around 1982, I began a journey to understand spiritual reality from God's perspective. However, at that time, it was from a Christian perspective. Around about 1987, following the collapse of our house church, as I kept my 'nose stuck in' the Bible to find out what I was supposed to know, really supposed to know. I had two driving forces within me: (1) "What does it really mean to be a Christian"; and (2) "Is the Bible essential to the life of a Christian?" I've been on the search for those answers since then, and I'm now coming to an understanding.

Can you see that philosophy is behind my questions? I wanted to know about the truth.

Jesus described himself as the truth<sup>2</sup> because he was representing Father when he made that statement.<sup>3</sup> All truth or reality comes from Heaven, so Heaven is the source that we have to look to for truth. That's the only place. No other place will all the truth be found. Bits and pieces of the truth will be found in the Bible, from prophecy, from word of knowledge, from spiritual experiences, etc., but total knowledge is housed in the Trinity, and we have access to it.

So, what does philosophy have to do with the Kingdom? Well, if philosophy is the search for the truth, I've been philosophizing because I've been on a journey of searching for the truth. And, because I teach

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1 – [www.dictionary.com/browse/philosophy](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/philosophy)

2 – John 14:6

3 – John 14:7, 9

on what I have found from the truth, I am also a philosopher. Of course, those terms are secular terms and usually relate to people understanding reality by whatever drops in their mind. This is not a source of absolute truth, because we know that the enemy can drop thoughts into a person's mind. A person can also analyse things, depending on their worldviews, and come up with all sorts of ideas. Take, for example, the environmentalists who have philosophized that humans are the cause of all the problems in the Earth and for the destruction of life on the planet. Their Gaia<sup>4</sup> worldview has led them to work towards the extinction of humanity to save the planet.<sup>5</sup> Their worldview is not a Kingdom worldview, but they have what they consider is the truth.

Philosophy as an activity is essential in the Kingdom because we have to search for the truth, and that search should bring us into an intimate and close relationship with the Trinity. We also need to have a desire to hear from them, to the point where we communicate with them freely, and they download to us whatever knowledge they know that we need.

So, I don't call myself a philosopher. I'm a son, a Kingdom citizen. In the area of philosophy, I'm more of a mystic. Mystics are those who have secret knowledge of the spirit realm, and of course, according to the Bible, sons are given the mysteries of Heaven.<sup>6</sup> These are the secrets that only those who are privy to them will know. All the knowledge of Heaven is available to us – the spirit-regenerated sons of God. We're the receivers of it and we're the custodians of it.

So my advice to you all is to become a Kingdom philosopher. Start getting hungry to know the truth, not by listening to other people, not by reading books. But build that desire inside of you, as I did, and ask our King to supply the knowledge you need.

Interestingly, Paul Moser, a Professor of Philosophy, agrees with me. In his article “Christ-Shaped Philosophy: Spirit and Wisdom United”<sup>7</sup> he outlines Paul's unique Christ-focussed philosophy.

## **Part 2**

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4 – The Earth goddess which the environmentalists, vegans, animal liberationists, etc. are worshipping, whether they know it or not. See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaia#Modern\\_ecological\\_theory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaia#Modern_ecological_theory)

5 – Check these out for example: [www.instagram.com/tv/B-BNP6LBJhr](https://www.instagram.com/tv/B-BNP6LBJhr)

[www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/news/coronavirus-idris-elba-oprah-interview-watch-test-sabrina-dhowre-positive-a9416606.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/news/coronavirus-idris-elba-oprah-interview-watch-test-sabrina-dhowre-positive-a9416606.html)

6 – Matthew 13:11; 1 Corinthians 4:1 (1 Corinthians 13:2; 14:2)

7 – [cct.biola.edu/christ-shaped-philosophy-spirit-and-wisdom-united](http://cct.biola.edu/christ-shaped-philosophy-spirit-and-wisdom-united)