

# Logos as an Evolving Pursuit

*Logos is the Love that sustains*

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## Abstract

This philosophy conceives **Logos** not as a static endpoint but as an ever-unfolding attractor: an equilibrium-tending mechanism that harmonizes unity and multiplicity, logic and intuition, tradition and evolving culture. While this framework draws from many traditions, it ultimately sees its clearest embodiment in the life of Christ, who models the dynamic harmony of Logos.

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## 1 Introduction

The following work represents my attempt to weave together philosophy, theology, cognitive science, and personal experience into a coherent account of how we engage with reality. At its heart is a belief that truth is not merely discovered but lived: that insight without practice is hollow, and that practice without reflection risks blindness. This is my articulation of Logos as both method and telos: a pursuit of harmony across intellect, will, and love.

## 2 **Ontology**: Reality as Dynamic Interplay

**Unity  $\leftrightarrow$  Multiplicity, Structure  $\leftrightarrow$  Fluidity, Determinism  $\leftrightarrow$  Free Will**

Reality emerges in the tension between opposing frameworks: determinism vs randomness, continuity vs discreteness, reductionism vs holism, symmetry vs asymmetry, local vs global perspectives whose synthesis yields deeper insight. When synthesis is not possible, you can choose whether to assume one side or the other of the paradox to inform understanding and action.

## The Fifth Dimension: Fifth dimension (metaphysical/information)

If the universe began as an infinitesimal point, there must be a metaphysical informational dimension from which spatial–temporal relationships and meaning emerge.

### Mystical access

Visions, déjà vu and peak experiences are fleeting glimpses into this metaphysical plane. By lowering cognitive defenses, through meditation, contemplative silence or altered states, we momentarily bypass System 2’s filters and sense the raw substrate. Thus, perception is not passive reception but an active dialogue with the informational substrate.

### AdS/CFT Duality Analogy

I am not offering a solution to the bulk-boundary problem of AdS/CFT between quantum theory and general relativity. Rather, the framework of AdS/CFT is useful for the idea of a 5th dimension for ontology.

Just as the AdS/CFT correspondence frames the relationship between bulk reality and its boundary conditions, I propose that mystical experience may function as a kind of boundary-access: a glimpse at the informational substrate from which our four-dimensional perception is projected. This analogy is not to claim physical isomorphism but to gesture at a structural insight: that reality may operate across layers, where the “visible” is only the encoded shadow of a deeper relational field.

In this sense, the mystical is not irrational or random, but rather an encounter with boundary conditions: the edge where the informational substrate interacts with our perceptual domain. These glimpses challenge us to refine our models and remain open to what lies beyond the constraints of immediate sense data.

Such constructions can be seen in the [Graphs](#) area of the document.

Having mapped the dynamic structures that underlie all being: from unity–multiplicity to the metaphysical fifth dimension, we now turn to how finite minds apprehend that structure.

## 3 Epistemology: AI-Style Dual Modes

### System 1 (taste) vs System 2 (logic)

(following *Kahneman’s dual-process theory*)

- *System 1* is our intuitive, mystical “taste”: the gut reaction to music, art or ethical nuance.
- *System 2* is our analytical, structured reasoning.

## Mutual Training

Like two neural networks co-training, each system corrects and refines the other:

- Immediate insights fuel hypothesis generation.
- Rigorous analysis prunes bias and ensures coherence.
- Interplay between the two results in a dialectic of expectation (priors) and sensory input (updates) seen in mathematics with **Bayesian** inference.

## Paradox as the Engine

Truth is never fully solved, only continuously approached, as shown by **Gödel’s Incompleteness Theorems**. Each extension of a system generates new paradoxes, inviting the next cycle of refinement. No consistent system under constraints can fully account for its own truth conditions, leaving room for the necessity of faith or humility within reason. Embrace uncertainty and let paradox drive deeper alignment with Logos.

## Meta-Cognitive Oversight: Will & Identity

Beyond System 1 and System 2 lies a higher-order faculty, our conscious will shaped by our **identity**, that monitors, reflects on, and mediates their interplay. This oversight enables us to choose deliberately which impulses to enact.

## The Epistemic Triad: Love, Understanding, Will

Our knowing arises not from disembodied reason alone but from three interlocking faculties:

- **Love as Epistemic Humility.**  
**Love** opens us to truth by orienting our desire toward what is good in the other. Inquirers committed by love listen patiently to data, respect divergent viewpoints, and cultivate the trust necessary for collaborative discovery.
- **Understanding as Pattern Synthesis.**  
**Understanding** integrates disparate insights into coherent vision. It is the “inner harmony” of our concepts, a living grasp of relationships, contexts, and principles that reveals the shape of reality.
- **Will as Focused Inquiry.**  
**Will** provides the directed energy of questioning and critique. It sustains attention through complexity, chooses which hypotheses to test, and enacts the disciplined practices that refine both love and understanding.

## In Practice

The best way to engage this dialectic is to focus on one system or the other when urgency demands it. Dynamic situations, like conversation or immediate action, often call for trusting System 1 and reflecting afterward through honest evaluation, alone or with someone you trust. At other times, deep reflection calls for letting System 2 work intensely, even to the point of discomfort, and then pushing slightly further. Rather than trying to maximize both systems at once, alternating focus fosters deliberate growth through honest recognition of strengths and weaknesses.

For example, when responding to feedback in conversation, System 1 may generate an initial defensive reaction, while System 2 later helps process that reaction, integrating the critique into constructive learning.

With our dual-process engines co-training intuitions and analysis, knowing is never neutral: every act of insight implicitly pursues some notion of Good, Beauty, or Truth. Thus the question becomes not only “what guides our knowing?” but “how do we optimize these values under real-world constraints?” This naturally leads us into axiology, the study of those very values and how to pursue them effectively within our limits.

## 4 **Axiology:** Constrained Pursuit of the Logos

### Constrained Optimization

Every moral, intellectual, or spiritual ideal emerges within personal and systemic constraints: resources, culture, biology. A personal example: I entered my M.A. in Economics out of a sense of duty, believing Developmental Economics was the best use of my abilities. After a few classes, I found the lack of mathematical rigor unfulfilling, not from disdain, but from an honest recognition of what truly engages me. Given those constraints, I shifted direction. Growth is not about forcing fit, but the honest recognition of where our gifts meet the needs of the world most fruitfully.

### Local Relativism vs Global Absolutism

Locally, constraints yield diverse goods. Globally, accepting a benevolent Creator implies an absolute Good woven into reality’s fabric, leading to universal determinism. Therefore both must be true. In the domain of agency, this paradox can be seen in the interplay of free will and determinism where the answer is not “which?”, but “how both?”

## Dialectic in Moral Life

Paradox is not merely an intellectual puzzle but the engine of moral creativity. In holding local relativism (sensitivity to context) and global absolutism (commitment to universal good) in creative suspension, we avoid both moral nihilism and blind dogmatism. This dialectic

produces what Kierkegaard called the “leap” of authentic choice: choosing concrete obligations in each situation while remaining rooted in transcendent norms. Thus, moral paradox drives iterative refinement of our virtues, turning each concrete decision into an opportunity to deepen alignment with the Logos.

For example, in leadership, we often face the tension between decisive action in crisis and patient deliberation in uncertainty. The Logos dialectic invites holding these impulses in tension, asking: which serves flourishing in this moment?

## Role of Suffering/Pain

Pain is inevitable data on our personal limits. It can refine both taste and logic, but it is not the only path to growth. Contemplation, community, and creative practice also tune the moral compass.

## The Transcendentals: Goodness, Beauty, and Truth

Beyond discrete virtues and practices, classical philosophy locates three *transcendentals*, Goodness, Beauty, and Truth, as the ultimate qualities of being itself. In our constrained-optimization model, the Logos draws creation irresistibly toward these three poles:

- **Goodness as Teleological Axis.** **Goodness** anchors the telos of every action and system. It orients our constrained optimization: we ask “What maximizes flourishing?” under given limits. Goodness functions teleologically, naming the attractor toward which moral choices pull reality.
- **Beauty as Harmonious Form.** **Beauty** reveals the proportion and order that delight the soul. In mathematics, it is elegance; in art, resonance; in ethics, the fittingness of means to ends. Beauty signals the Logos at work, showing when our models and lives achieve harmonious alignment of parts into a coherent whole.
- **Truth as Correspondence and Disclosure.** **Truth** embodies the correspondence between thought and reality. It is the light by which we discern the adequacy of our models and the authenticity of our experiences. Truth ensures that our pursuit of Goodness and Beauty remains grounded in what actually *is*, preventing fantasy from masquerading as insight.

## Dynamic Interplay.

Holding all three transcendentals in creative tension enriches moral, aesthetic, and epistemic endeavors:

- Pursuing Goodness under constraint demands both the Beauty of means to craft elegant, fitting solutions and the Truth of ends ensuring correspondence with reality, where brute utility alone falls short.

- Seeking Beauty in isolation risks illusion without the anchoring of Truth, and descends into mere aestheticism without the orienting pull of Goodness; true beauty arises only when it harmonizes with reality and serves the flourishing of being.
- Upholding Truth alone can become sterile; only when guided by Goodness (moral orientation) and tempered by Beauty (aesthetic resonance) does truth fully humanize and enliven our understanding.

## In Practice

While Christ models Logos incarnate, Buddhist precepts (right effort, **mindfulness**) and Stoic practices (voluntary discomfort, **dichotomy of control**) supply concrete techniques for refining virtue under constraint. These practices do not replace the model of Christ, but serve as methods of training that align with the iterative pursuit of Logos, supporting the development of disciplined love and moral clarity within the process of refinement.

We’ve seen moral and aesthetic ideals wrestle within limits; next we synthesize that living dialectic into a forward motion toward the Logos’ telos.

## 5 Synthesis and Teleology: Logic & Taste in Dialogue

### Iterative Equilibrium

Across theology, philosophy, science or policy, the Logos process is the same cycle: Question→Test→Refine. Insights accumulate, moving us toward provisional equilibrium through the interplay of internal epistemology and external ideals. Such an interaction can be seen in the **Graphs** section.

### Teleology: The Telos of Logos

Teleology names the “where” toward which every cycle of question–test–refine pulls us. While **Iterative equilibrium** describes the process, teleology specifies the attractor-harmony, wholeness, and flourishing: in the same way that a fitness landscape guides natural selection. Thus every moral or epistemic choice is measured by how it moves us closer to that divine purpose.

### Christ as Guiding Example

Christ’s life reframes our pursuit of teleology: bearing the world’s weight does not need to crush us. His example grounds our decisions as we incorporate Stoic and Buddhist techniques for self-discipline and compassion. With this structure of an end to pursue, Each iterative cycle brings in new information to pursue and reckon with the underlying nature of the universe, Logos.

## Why Christ?

Christ's life and ministry serve as the definitive incarnation of the Logos, offering a living model for the iterative equilibrium between divine purpose and human freedom. In him we see:

- **Unity–Multiplicity embodied.** As both fully divine and fully human, Christ reconciles the singular Person of the Word with the diverse contexts of his teaching: Jewish law, Roman occupation, Gentile outreach.
- **Structure–Fluidity in practice.** He faithfully upholds the moral order of the Torah (*structure*) while adapting his parables and healings to meet people where they are (*fluidity*).
- **Determinism–Free Will harmonized.** Submitting to the Father's will even unto death, yet freely choosing obedience, Christ exemplifies how human agency can cooperate with divine necessity.

Moreover, his Passion and Resurrection transform suffering and pain into the ultimate catalyst for new life, demonstrating that the crucible of growth lies not in avoidance of pain but in its redemptive embracement. By living the iterative equilibrium of question, test, refine, through teaching, miracle, and self-sacrifice, Christ offers us both the goal and the method of the Logos in action. If you seek a visualization for why belief in God, let alone Christ, remains rational, consider the restructured [Pascal's Wager](#) presented later in this work.

But this is not simply theoretical for me.

My conviction in this model of Logos did not arise through abstract reasoning alone. It was forged in the heat of personal experience, specifically through my encounters with mania. In those states, my mind operated at an accelerated pace, assembling meanings, connecting symbols, and generating insights at a velocity that felt like direct access to some deeper order. Every observation felt saturated with significance. Every thought confirmed the next.

It was intoxicating. It was beautiful. It was dangerous.

What mania revealed to me was not merely the power of intuition unbound. It exposed the necessity of constraint. Without friction, without iteration, the mind becomes a closed loop, unable to test its own outputs against reality. Certainty, untempered by humility, collapses into delusion.

I could not simply dismiss those experiences as noise, nor could I canonize them as unquestionable revelation. Instead, I came to recognize them as encounters with what might be called the informational substrate of being, glimpses into the very field I here call Logos. But these glimpses, without the discipline of questioning, testing, and refining, would have

consumed me.

It is precisely through those episodes that I came to understand why this process, the dialectic of System 1 and System 2, mediated by will and identity, is not optional. It is the means by which insight becomes wisdom rather than mania. It is the means by which mystical experience remains open to truth, rather than collapsing into self-deception.

In this light, Christ's example becomes not only a theological claim but a necessary model for health. His life exemplifies constrained power, humility in the face of infinite possibility, and the willingness to endure suffering as a path toward harmony. The Logos is not just the telos of my intellectual pursuit. It became the lifeline that brought me back from the edge.

Teleology gives us the 'north star' of flourishing; in the final act, we ask: how do we inhabit that star in daily life?

## 6 Living the Integrated Vision

### Peace with Uncertainty

You can cultivate equanimity by confronting worst-case scenarios and building simple routines under stress:

1. **Worst-case rehearsal.** Identify the absolute limit (we call it "death" or a memento mori) to see that most daily worries lie well within your capacity to endure. Then scale down: ask, "What is the worst that can happen in this meeting/deadline?" and learn to rest in that awareness.

For example, for some time I was terrified of driving. This experience became the source of this routine. I reached the point of examining the worst case: death by fiery car crash. But then, I realized that death is but the one thing I can expect in life. At first this was no consolation, but I then worked it up to the reality that I would most likely get a fender bender in the worst case scenario, which I could work out with insurance.

2. **Anchoring routine.** Develop a small, repeatable sequence (e.g. paced breathing, light movement, a mantra) to return to when anxiety spikes. Over time, this embodied ritual itself becomes a cue for calm.

### Active Engagement

Treat your subconscious as a trainable AI: feed it structured input (learning, reflection) and allow experiential "runs" (art, conversation) to test its emergent responses. From these, you will experience emotional signals. If they are overwhelming in the moment, address them whether externally or internally. If not, wait till after the experience and dive into the feeling if it still is present. From there you can learn more about yourself or the world. I



have often noticed how my best insights arise not in structured reflection but in unexpected conversations, where my subconscious 'runs' play out live. These moments reveal not only the power of subconscious processing, but also the importance of entering dialogue with humility and attention, ready to be surprised.

## Equanimity

Through such practices, and the recognition that perfection is not the goal, equanimity becomes possible. While my background is not in formal therapeutic practice, I've found immense freedom through these methods and offer them here in that spirit. The only thing certain is uncertainty.

No framework endures without critique: the following objections surface the points of tension that keep us honest.

## 7 Objections & Limits

Any serious philosophy should welcome its own critique. The following objections reflect not weaknesses alone, but the necessary tensions that any real framework must wrestle with. I have included short rebuttals to each of these, however I feel that it may be better to leave it for the reader to wrestle with.

- **Over-syncretism**

Does merging Christian, Buddhist, Stoic, and modern cognitive models collapse important distinctions?

- It's reasonable to question whether integrating multiple traditions risks flattening their differences. Yet these traditions persist precisely because they work at various layers of abstraction. Christianity, I argue, uniquely offers the depth needed for foundational integration.

- **Abstractness**

Without concrete case studies, might the Logos framework remain too conceptual to guide real action?

- Luckily there is 2000 years of theological work put into the study of Logos through an assortment of traditions. While much of my argumentation is very abstract, the lives of those who have lived before us and who we know now, along with ourselves, all inform what guides our actions.

- **Paradox overload**

Tolerating multiple tensions can paralyze decisive choice: how do you know when to synthesize versus when to pick a side?

- Recognize when each is more valuable. This is only found through trial and error, however if you are not afraid of the outcome, then you're free to experiment.

- **Teleological presumption**

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- Some may reject any talk of final causes as unscientific or culturally biased. Yet even in mathematics, we encounter axioms, such as the **Axiom of Choice**, that are not strictly necessary but chosen to enable construction. If choice is fundamental to some of our deepest logical systems, why should it not appear in our metaphysical dialogue?

- **Practical tractability**

The iterative cycle of question–test–refine may be too slow for urgent moral or policy decisions.

- This is why experience becomes so valuable: the process accelerates as refinement deepens. It would then make sense why people who end up with leadership roles tend to be older and well experienced in the field- they have seen similar signals and seen the outcomes many times before. Notably, it does not necessarily take years if you are focused on the refining on the cycle (cycle on cycle).

## 8 Concluding Note

Logos, as both iterative equilibrium and teleology, offers a unified map for our inner and outer lives. By co-training intuition and analysis, holding paradoxical tensions creatively, and orienting every choice toward the transcendentals of Goodness, Beauty, and Truth, we transform abstract ideals into lived realities.

Christ’s life exemplifies this living Logos: he models how suffering/pain becomes the crucible for teleological growth, how disciplined Love and sacrifice propel us toward the Logos attractor, even when the path is narrow. May this evolving pursuit guide our inquiries, inform our ethics, and enliven our aspirations, until every moment resonates with the harmony of the divine Word itself.

## Glossary

**AdS/CFT Duality** A holographic correspondence conjectured by Juan Maldacena in 1997, whereby a lower-dimensional conformal field theory fully encodes a higher-dimensional anti-de Sitter gravitational bulk; foundational for modern ideas of quantum gravity. 2

**Axiology** The study of value: how ideals like Good and Beauty are conceived, pursued, and constrained. 4

**Axiom of Choice** A foundational principle in set theory stating that given any collection of non-empty sets, it is possible to select exactly one element from each set, even when no explicit selection rule is available.. 10

- Bayesian** A framework for reasoning under uncertainty, where prior beliefs about the world are systematically updated in light of new evidence. Rooted in Bayes' theorem, it models knowledge not as fixed conclusions but as evolving probability distributions, capturing the dialectic between expectation (priors) and experience (likelihood of observed data). 3
- Beauty** The aesthetic perception of transcendent harmony that evokes wonder and unity; bridges sensory form with spiritual reality.  
*Synonyms:* Kalon (Greek). 5
- Constrained Optimization** The mathematical and moral framework of maximizing ideals (e.g. Goodness, Wisdom) within the limits set by reality and personal capacity; modeled via Lagrangian and bounded-rationality methods. 4
- Determinism ↔ Free Will** The tension between causal necessity and creative agency; examines how fixed natural laws co-exist with spontaneous human choice.  
*Synonyms:* Fate vs. Freedom. 1
- Dichotomy of Control** Stoic principle distinguishing what is up to us (our judgments, choices) from what is not (external events). 6
- Epistemology** The theory of knowledge: how we come to know, test, and refine truths about the world. 2
- Equanimity** Steady calmness of mind in all conditions; the affective balance that arises from present-centered awareness. 9
- Fifth Dimension (Metaphysical/Information)** A non-spatial, non-temporal substrate of pure data and relational patterns that encode reality; accessed through theoretical insight and mystical experience.  
*Synonyms:* Akashic Field, Dimension of Meaning. 2
- Global Absolutism** The claim that there exist universal, unchanging moral principles valid across all contexts; underpins natural law and universal human rights.  
*Synonyms:* Moral universalism. 4
- Goodness** Alignment with benevolence and flourishing; the ultimate measure of value within the Logos framework.  
*Synonyms:* Agathon (Greek), Bonum (Latin). 5
- Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems** Proofs demonstrating that any consistent, effectively axiomatized system of arithmetic is necessarily incomplete—there are true statements it cannot prove—and cannot establish its own consistency from within. 3

**identity** The locus of belief from which will is exerted — the internal structure that defines one’s sense of self and relationship to the environment. Identity is shaped by memory, embedding past experience into present orientation, and organizes preferences into a rank order of values. This hierarchy of aims shifts across time, space, and informational context, reflecting both continuity and adaptation in the pursuit of one’s highest good.

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**Iterative Equilibrium** A cyclical method of hypothesis, testing, critique, and refinement; a dialectical process driving progressive alignment with the Logos. 6

**Local Relativism** The view that moral judgments depend on cultural, historical, or situational context; emphasizes sensitivity to particularities and nuance.

*Synonyms:* Ethical pluralism. 4

**Logos** The fundamental ordering principle of reality, uniting rational structure with divine purpose; manifests as both the cosmic logic underlying creation and the self-revealing Word through which divine meaning unfolds.

*Synonyms:* Reason (Greek philosophy), Word (John 1:1), Wisdom (Proverbs). 1

**Love** A self-sacrificial orientation toward the flourishing of others, binding unity and multiplicity in compassion; the highest expression of divine charity.

*Synonyms:* Agapē (Greek), Caritas (Latin). 3

**Meta-Cognitive Oversight** The reflective faculty that monitors and regulates System 1 and System 2, ensuring coherence between intuition and analysis.

*Synonyms:* Soul (Christianity), Ātman (Hinduism), Rūḥ (Sufism), Nous (Ancient Greek). 3

**Mindfulness** Non-judgmental, present-centered awareness that observes each moment’s arising without attachment. 6

**Mystical Access** Direct, non-conceptual encounters with the informational dimension; characterized by unitive consciousness, symbolic insight, and ineffable presence.

*Synonyms:* Apophatic vision, Unitive awareness. 2

**Ontology** The study of what exists; here, the dynamic interplay of being and becoming in reality’s structure. 1

**Paradox** A self-undermining tension that generates new insight when two incompatible truths are held in creative suspension. 3

**Structure ↔ Fluidity** The dynamic balance between stable forms and adaptive change; structure grants order, fluidity enables transformation and growth.

*Synonyms:* Form vs. Flux. 1

**Suffering/Pain** Pain and suffering are inevitable. Pain arrives unbidden; suffering is the story we tell ourselves about it. If we orient inward—clinging to our wounds, making pain the measure of our worth—we destroy ourselves. But if, following Christ’s example, we acknowledge pain, learn its lessons, and release what we cannot carry, then suffering becomes the crucible for growth, compassion, and deeper freedom.. 5

**System 1 (Taste)** Fast, intuitive, affect-laden cognition that operates beneath conscious reflection; drives pattern recognition, heuristics, and initial judgments.

*Synonyms:* Heart (Christianity), Manas (Hinduism), Qalb (Sufism), Thymos (Ancient Greek). 2

**System 2 (Logic)** Slow, deliberate, analytical reasoning that employs symbols and abstract rules; underlies formal proof, planning, and sustained attention.

*Synonyms:* Mind (Christianity), Buddhi (Hinduism), 'Aql (Sufism), Dianoia (Ancient Greek). 2

**Teleology** Teleology is the study of goal-directedness or final causes in nature and action. In our framework, teleology names the inherent orientation of the Logos toward the flourishing of created reality—an attractor pulling all being toward harmony, wholeness, and the benevolent purpose embedded in creation.. 6

**Truth** Correspondence between thought and reality, encompassing empirical, logical, and revelatory dimensions; the disclosure of what “is.”

*Synonyms:* Aletheia (Greek), Veritas (Latin). 5

**Understanding** The integrative capacity to discern patterns, contexts, and principles—synthesizing discrete insights into a coherent vision of the Logos.

*Synonyms:* Nous (Greek), Intellegentia (Latin). 3

**Unity ↔ Multiplicity** The dialectical interplay between singular wholeness and manifold diversity; explores how the One generates the Many without losing coherence.

*Synonyms:* Monism vs. Pluralism. 1

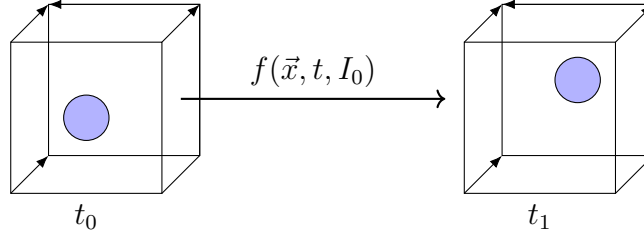
**Will** The rational faculty of intentional choice and directed action, enabling constrained optimization of the self toward transcendent ideals.

*Synonyms:* Voluntas (Latin). 3

## A Graphs and formulas

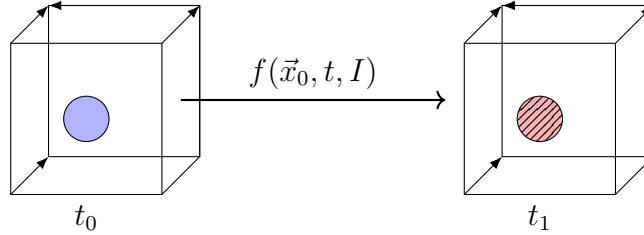
### 5-Dimension Framework

Constant Information/Metaphysical, Variable Spatial and Temporal



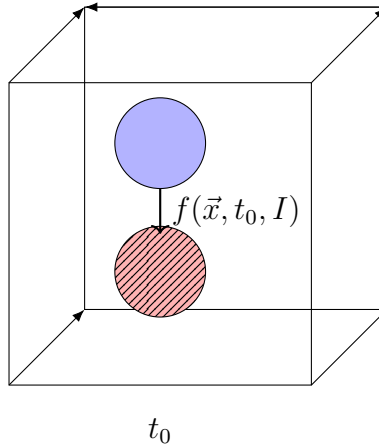
In such a framework, you can see how even though over time, the object moves within space, the non temporal-spatial information stays consistent. (This is with a simplifying assumption that such information is uncorrelated with the temporal spatial)

Constant Spatial, Variable Information/Metaphysical and Temporal



With this, the idea of a change in key information of an object may change despite no movement in space. In my mind, this may be an epiphany, a random event, etc.

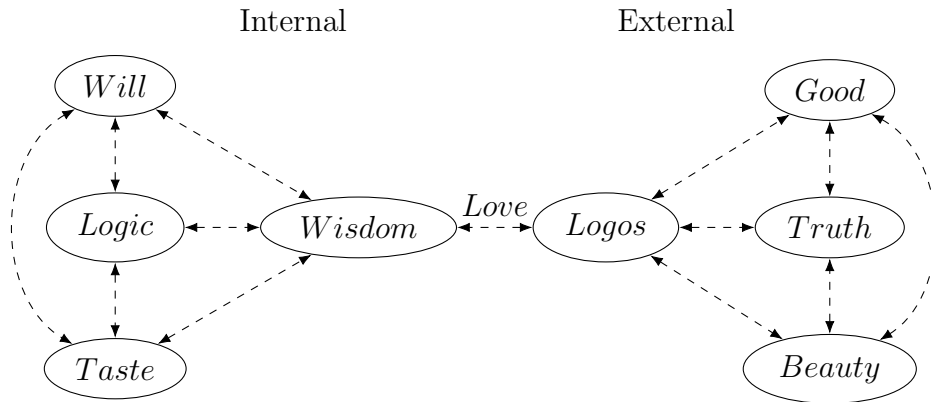
Constant Temporal, Variable Information/Metaphysical and Spatial



This dynamic logically proceeds from the previous two- where now time is held fixed. Such a movement of information would not be physical, due to the way in which physical

movement is limited by the speed of light. Still, examples that may come to mind might be entanglement, or instantaneous movement of metaphysical information.

### Internal vs. External Ideals

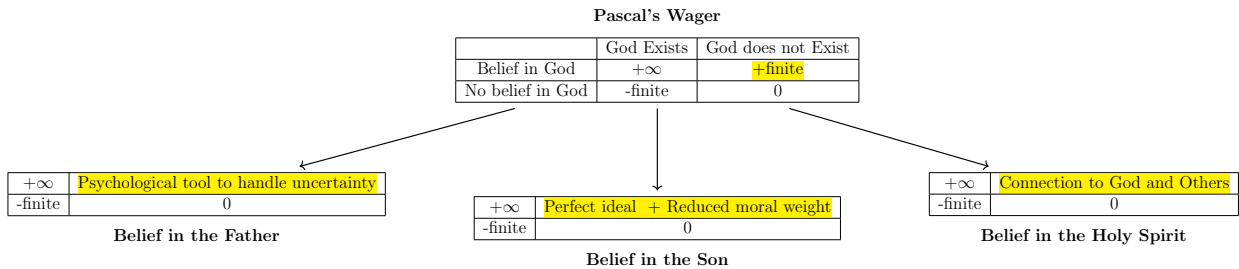


The internal would be mapped to the three internal processes: Will to Meta-Cognitive Oversight, Taste to System 1 and Logic to System 2. These then are corollaries to the external ideals of Good, Truth, and Beauty, respectively.

Between each point there is a bidirectional edge, such that there are interplays between each of the processes, along with the corresponding ideal. While each ideal and process interacts dynamically, I have chosen to simplify the diagram to highlight the core relationships clearly. However, the nature of ideally balancing these different interplays is in the process of Love, or finding the right order. For example, for internal interplay, choosing whether to exhibit your immediate reaction to an input or gestate on it and come to a conclusion, given the context. For between the internal and external, it looks like understanding when to submit to the determinism of the external ideals or when to exhibit will.

### Reworked Pascal

Pascal’s original framing stakes belief on unknowable post-mortem outcomes. But what if we instead ask: what does belief optimize in life right now?



Pascal’s original wager places immense weight on the difference between belief and unbelief in God, in the case He exists. The issue found with such a construct is that one, the difference between these two outcomes is infinite and thus inconceivable to a human and two,

that these results are post-mortem and thus untestable. Rather than centering belief on unknowable outcomes, we can focus on its measurable benefits here and now: belief offers a framework for handling uncertainty, provides an ideal without the burden of idealism, and nurtures connection with others who share in that hope.

By re-framing the wager as a commitment to flourishing here and now, rather than post-mortem payoffs, we align belief with the Logos' telos of Goodness, Beauty, and Truth in lived practice