

Classical Thought Answers

1. What does the word Philosophy mean? Love of knowledge/wisdom.

2. How do we know that only Christians can do philosophy correctly? The Bible tells us in Col. 2:3 that “in whom [Christ] are hid **all** the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” This means that only Christians can do philosophy correctly.

3. Philosophy aims to answer the basic questions of life. Connect these questions to the correct technical name of the discipline which aims to answer it.

How do we know what we know?	epistemology
How should we live our lives?	ethics
How can we reason correctly?	logic
What is the nature, structure and origin of reality?	metaphysics

4. Where did philosophy begin? In the garden of Eden. Everyone does philosophy whether or not they do it well.

5. Which is which?

Idea 1: monism = everything is fundamentally one.

Idea 2: atomism = everything is made up of things that are different.

Approach 1: empiricism = we know by experiencing.

Approach 2: rationalism = we know by thinking and reflecting.

Thales	Everything is water. All is full of “gods.”
Anaximander	Everything is “the boundless” or <i>ἄπειρον</i> .
Anaximenes	Everything is air.
Pythagoras	All reality must have an explanation that is mathematical.
Heraclitus	You cannot step into the same river twice. All reality is like fire.
Xenophanes	Everything is god. (Pantheism.)
Parmenides	The universe is a unity, uncreated, indestructible and unchangeable because there is no nothing.
Zeno	Invented puzzles to prove Parmenides was correct.
Empedocles	The universe is made up of 4 different “roots” earth, air, fire and water.
Anaxagorus	The universe is made up of an infinite number of infinitely small seeds.
Democritus	The universe is composed of atoms which are identical but differently arranged to form different objects.