

Flashpoints in his Philosophy

- Reality cannot ultimately be explained **immanently** – from within empirical reality. Scientists and scholars need to view the things of the created world **transcendentally** – in light of the Creator who gave them being and determined their purpose, sense and meaning.
- Christian scientific work must break with the age-old **synthesis** of pagan antiquity and biblical revelation.
- The antithesis between good and evil is not due to a division among **structures** of creation but to a contrast between spiritual **directions** in which life is lived and the things of creation are shaped and used.
- Theoretical thought is necessarily directed by a prior ultimate **commitment** and relies on a comprehensive **worldview** that reflects the diversity, unity and origin of all reality.
- Scholars, to be effective, need to address the **history** and **philosophical underpinnings** of their disciplines.
- The calling of Christian scholarship is to work at **inner reformation** of all branches of learning.
- The humble role of philosophy is to reflect on questions about the **diversity, unity** and **origin** of reality, the answers to which are ultimately not found in human thought but in divine revelation.
- The history of western philosophy has long suffered from **polar tensions** in underlying motive forces.
- Civilization displays an **opening process** that allows for harmonious development and is ignored at the price of cultural disharmony.