

## SummerSalon14 - Philosophy

Christian philosophy is considered by some to be *anathema* to saving faith. I too have observed that except in the skilled hands of a Bible-saturated practitioner, engaging in discussion of Christian philosophy can amount to “educating a person beyond their intelligence”. But anytime we ponder life in terms of *transcendent* concepts, we engage in philosophical discussion. My only complaint is the straight jacket that often confines these discussions to “if/then” logic statements. (Surely, someone has compiled a work that lists the nature of Christ’s teachings —finding a high percentage of His stories, instructions, and explanations defy *man’s* sense of logic —including His inexplicable sacrifice for His totally undeserving subjects. If anyone has knowledge of that work, please notify this Forum.)

See the short teachings, “Brain Surgery Needed”, “Disembodied Souls”, and “Facebook Moral Police” —all posted in the Philosophy section of the Forum.

In Christian Ethics and Philosophy theologians grapple with medical questions about end of life issues, stem cell research, and, recently, questions some want to pose regarding the care of patients suffering from near always deadly communicable disease. One theologian who has not gone down rabbit holes of philosophy that arrive nowhere is Dr. Steve Lemke, Provost and Professor of Philosophy and Ethics at NOBTS. Dr. Lemke discusses philosophical questions Christians are faced with regarding end of life issues, based on his work on Hospital bioethics boards.

Readers will also enjoy the New Orleans Secular Humanist Society interview of Dr. Lemke from Jan 9, 2014.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pBrl6nW7wU>