



* A person's orientation largely consists of an horizon and categories (concepts) that defines the incarnate meaning of the person and in doing so establishes the initial conditions for generating a world mediated by meaning. Such constructions start with fundamental judgements of reality (doctrines), theories explaining how these doctrines are to be understood (systematics), and end with practical applications in daily life (communications).

** In the vast dialectic between good and evil, there are two generative principles around which a person's orientation can be formed: god or not-god (man). The ethical monotheism of Judaism combined with the transformational (conversion) events of Christianity reveal the essence of a pro-life stance. Pagan gods, or even the "Sophia" of collective human "wisdom", form the antithesis of revelation for the simple reason that the attempt to become god-like can only be achieved by rejecting god, negating any claims to revelation, and lying like mad to hide the very limitations of human nature for omnipotence. Islam, whose adherents often state they prefer death over life, are the supreme example enslavement to a "god" who demands total obedience regardless of human feelings or moral inclinations.