



# PHILOSOPHY

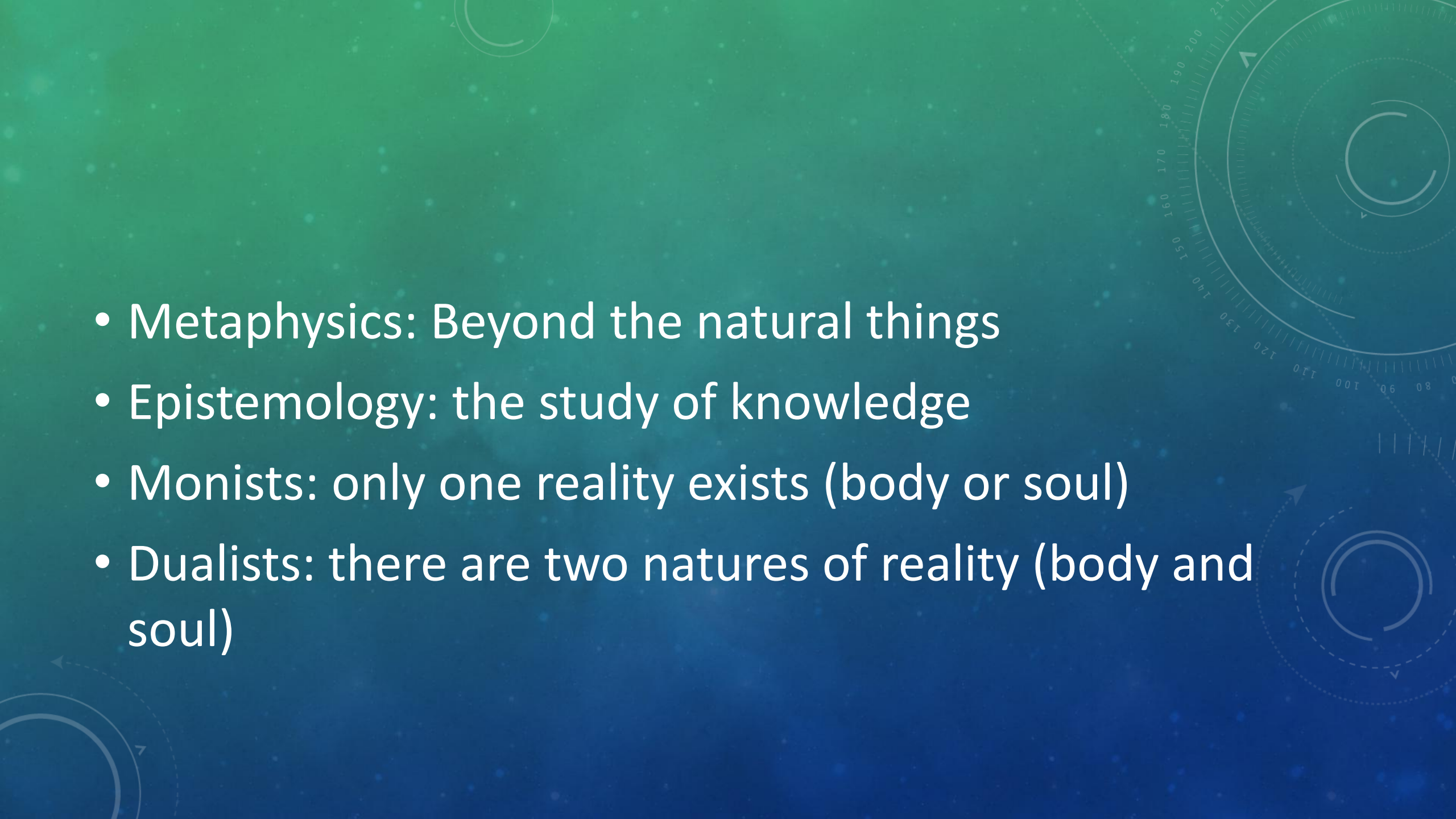
## LESSON 5: CHRISTIANITY

# BEGINNING WORK

- Read 9.7 (page 215-219) in your textbook.  
(Philosophy, Chapter 9)
- On a separate sheet of paper, write the quote by Francis Bacon. Then write one paragraph on how philosophy can lead people to faith.

# PHILOSOPHY: 3 KEY QUESTIONS

- What is ultimately real? (Metaphysics)
- What does it mean to know? (Epistemology)
- With what part of our being do we contemplate these questions? (Mind/body problem)

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- Metaphysics: Beyond the natural things
  - Epistemology: the study of knowledge
  - Monists: only one reality exists (body or soul)
  - Dualists: there are two natures of reality (body and soul)

## FRANCIS BACON

*“A little philosophy  
inclines man’s mind  
to atheism, but  
depth in philosophy  
brings men’s minds  
about to religion”*



# CHRISTIANITY

- What we can know is actually there
- Reality exists for us to know. We can train ourselves to know things because they actually exist.
- This is called realism

# CHRISTIANITY

- Metaphysics: The Creator-God is behind the universe's reality, meaning, and purpose
- Without the Logos, there would be no cosmos
- Creation is intelligible because God is intelligent

# CHRISTIANITY

- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*  
*John 1:1-4*

# FAITH

“Christians begin with faith in the Creator and Savior; that faith is then backed up with evidence!”

# CHRISTIANITY

- Epistemology: we can know truth because order has been made known through Jesus Christ, the incarnation of the Logos
- Knowledge gained by faith is backed up by knowledge gained by careful, logical investigation.

# CHRISTIANITY

- Mind/body problem: Human beings are composed of immaterial minds and material bodies