

# Chapter VII – Seeking and Keeping the Truth

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1 . In knowing anything, I form two likenesses of it: one in my \_\_\_\_\_ and one in my \_\_\_\_\_.

2 . My imagination (*can*) (*cannot*) picture all material things faithfully.

3 . It can never picture \_\_\_\_\_ things truthfully.

4 . I should rely on my \_\_\_\_\_ when seeking truth.

5 . I am sure that since something exists today, something has existed from \_\_\_\_\_; otherwise something must have come from \_\_\_\_\_, which is absurd.

6 . If I want to learn about material things, inasmuch as they are observable, I study (*Philosophy*) (*The Experimental Sciences*) (*Theology*) (*Mathematics*).

7 . If I want to learn about material things inasmuch as they are measurable, I study \_\_\_\_\_.

8 . If I want to learn about things inasmuch as they are beings, I go to \_\_\_\_\_.

9 . If I want to know what God has revealed, I ask \_\_\_\_\_.

10 . The sciences are graded according to their \_\_\_\_\_ objects.

11 . In this, they are like our \_\_\_\_\_.

12 . To ask physics to tell me ALL I can know about a table is like asking my eye to tell me ALL I can know about an apple (*True*) (*False*).

13 . A modern scientist says that God is “The harmony of epochal occasions” – something like a recurring decimal. He is obviously a specialist in \_\_\_\_\_.

14 . Mathematics reduces everything to \_\_\_\_\_, because its formal object is \_\_\_\_\_.

15 . The wood in a statue is its (*material*) (*efficient*) (*formal*) (*final*) cause.

16 . God is its \_\_\_\_\_ efficient cause.

17 . The ends gained by making a statue give us its \_\_\_\_\_ causes.

18 . A man who describes the universe in terms of atoms is giving only its \_\_\_\_\_ cause.

19 . Its efficient cause is \_\_\_\_\_.

20 . The lower sciences progress by \_\_\_\_\_; the higher, by \_\_\_\_\_.

21 . Aristotle’s philosophy can never be out of date, for it is founded on the \_\_\_\_\_ principles of being, and on the \_\_\_\_\_ in things.

22 . There can be no new Theology, for there can be no new public \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

23 . Men (*can*) (*cannot*) replace the principles of identity and contradiction by others.

24 . A person who thinks that he alone exists is called an idealist in philosophy; he is also called a (*chiropracist*) (*ventriloquist*) (*solipsist*) (*geologist*).

25 . He (*can*) (*cannot*) explain his sad plight to anyone else.

(A). 1. In knowing anything, I form two likenesses of it: one in my *imagination* and one in my *intellect*. 2. My imagination *cannot* picture all material things faithfully. 3. It can never picture *spiritual* things truthfully. 4. I should rely on my *intellect* when seeking truth. 5. I am sure that since something exists today, something has existed from *eternity*; otherwise something must have come from *nothing*, which is absurd. 6. If I want to learn about material things, inasmuch as they are observable, I study *The Experimental Sciences*. 7. If I want to learn about material things inasmuch as they are measurable, I study *Mathematics*. 8. If I want to learn about things inasmuch as they are beings, I go to *Philosophy*. 9. If I want to know what God has revealed, I ask *Theology*. 10. The sciences are graded according to their *formal* objects. 11. In this, they are like our *faculties*. 12. To ask physics to tell me ALL I can know about a table is like asking my eye to tell me ALL I can know about an apple *True*. 13. A modern scientist says that God is “The harmony of epochal occasions” – something like a recurring decimal. He is obviously a specialist in *Mathematics*. 14. Mathematics reduces everything to *numbers*, because its formal object is *numbers*. 15. The wood in a statue is its *material* cause. 16. God is its *first* efficient cause. 17. The ends gained by making a statue give us its *final* causes. 18. A man who describes the universe in terms of atoms is giving only its *material* cause. 19. Its efficient cause is *God*. 20. The lower sciences progress by *substitution*; the higher, by *penetration*. 21. Aristotle’s philosophy can never be out of date, for it is founded on the *first* principles of being, and on the *natures* in things. 22. There can be no new Theology, for there can be no new public *revelation* from God. 23. Men *cannot* replace the principles of identity and contradiction by others. 24. A person who thinks that he alone exists is called an idealist in philosophy; he is also called a *solipsist*. 25. He *cannot* explain his sad plight to anyone else.