

# Opening to Unknowing: The Epistemology of Apithology

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**ABSTRACT** – This paper examines eight epistemological questions in the philosophy of apithology. The ontological premise of the apithological perspective is explained, together with the fundamental presumptions that underlie the basis for the apithological philosophy. In examining the tensions in the coherence of knowing in time, space, location, perception, causation, existence, formation and composition the reasons for, and methodologies for working within, the disciplines of an apithological inquiry are explained.

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## INTRODUCTION

The field of apithology represents a radically different ontology raising some significant epistemological issues which would accompany any new branch of philosophy. By shifting the conventional frame of inquiry from examining phenomena as the objects arising in our awareness, to the causes of that awareness, the focus of the inquiry moves to a more dynamic and subtle context. The ontological perspective of apithology looks predominantly, not to what is real, rather into how the many perceptive realities operating come to be. Its reality is the causative dynamics of other realities. Rather than building on from the existing developmental history of the main themes of post-modern philosophy to create increasingly subtler distinctions in the existing explanations of reality, apithology begins from the

simplest premise and then expands responsively to meet the world of form. Rather than working from an ontological premise in perception and expanding this towards an explanation of an ultimate truth, apithology takes a fundamental premise of unknowing and inquires into each situation responding adaptively to the ever-changing world of form to discover truths. Because apithological inquiry is grounded in an epistemology that uses as its gradients the qualities of different conceptions as manifestations of consciousness, experience has shown that its reinterpretation by those same conceptions quickly becomes meaningless. As the content of apithology is others' contexts, by definition it will be perceived as other content. The reason for the existence of apithology and the confirmation of its validity may well be found in its initial inaccessibility. For those who are working towards apithological-type inquiries and already operating within this domain of knowledge, the short statement of the underlying assumptions and epistemological orientations of apithology that follow may assist them in navigating this unusual and new terrain.

## PREMISE AND PRESUMPTIONS

The premise of the ontological reality disclosed by apithology is incredibly simple. Apithology examines the phenomenon of human consciousness in its evolutionary context as one of our species' unique evolutionary advantages. It describes the boundary conditions for the eventual potential of humanity. (Article continues ...)