Jared Black PHI 943 Assignment #1 Discussion Post

As this is a "second pass" through this dynamic course, I am finding freedom to soar a bit higher to gain a view of the landscape comprising the terrain of orthodoxy, orthopraxis, and orthopathy. As mentioned in the Zoom session, this course, being the most distinctly "christian" of the course offerings at OGS hits a bit of a sweet spot for me as I come from the world of theological and pastoral studies. Yet on this pass through the landscape, I am enamored to grow in my understanding, appreciation, and, dare I say, "practice" of orthopathy, sensing that pathos is directly linked to that all-too-haunting descriptive of Jesus throughout the Gospels which declares, "and Jesus, moved by compassion..." As a Westerner steeped in logic and rhetoric, I have often bristled internally at the phrase that describes that which animated (and likely still animates!) our Lord. I find in me a deficiency of pathos. A deficiency of compassion. Perhaps, my years of training in "right belief", followed by a maturing fervency for "right practice", might show itself fruitful in the budding of that which I have yet to apprehend (if that is even a good descriptive, I am unsure); that is, to be moved by that which moves my Lord.