By definition, ontology is the study of being or existence. Ontologists, which are philosophers in nature (particularly human nature), study the question, “what really exists,” then delve into “how do we know it exists.” Some famous ontologists include Aristotle, Friedrich Nietzsche, Plato, and Jean-Paul Sartre.

Ontological questions are questions about what makes up reality. They are among the most difficult questions ever asked. Many of the above philosophers never arrived at answers to ontological questions; actually, no philosopher has ever come up with definitive answers, only philosophies.

In saying that, I don’t expect you to arrive at strict, definitive answers, but I want you, through research, to explore answers to and comments on these questions.

**Ontological Questions**

Is truth absolute or relative?

What does it mean to be a man or a woman?

Is a person inherently bad, or good, or both?

What is beauty?

What is love?

What is evil?

How important is money?

How important is nature?

How important is technology?

Is a person basically alone or an integral member of society?