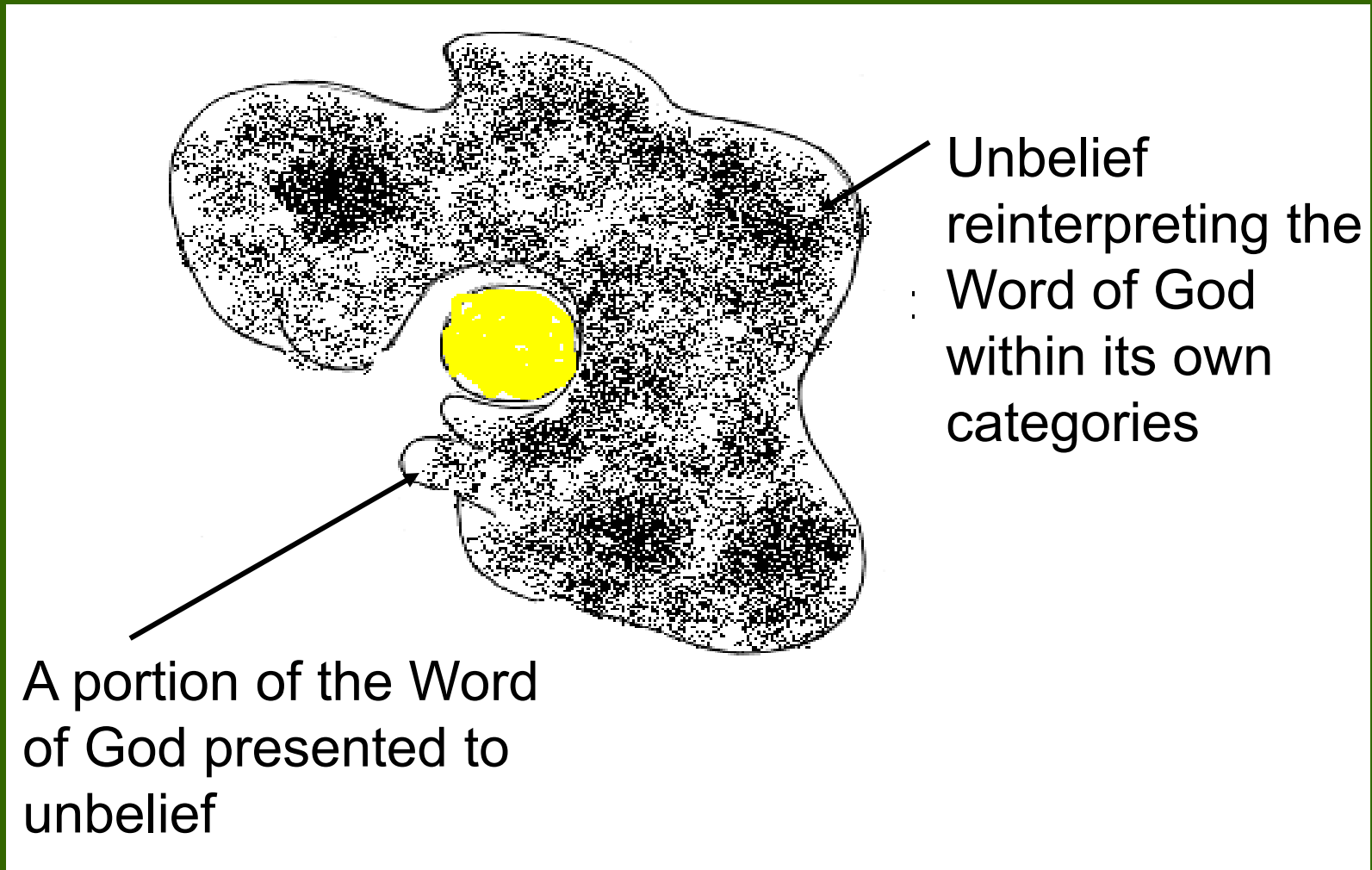


# **From Whence the Framework Approach??**

- 1. Unfamiliarity with the flow of biblical revelation in history***
- 2. Piecemeal use of Bible doctrine***
- 3. Bifurcation of reason and historical experience***

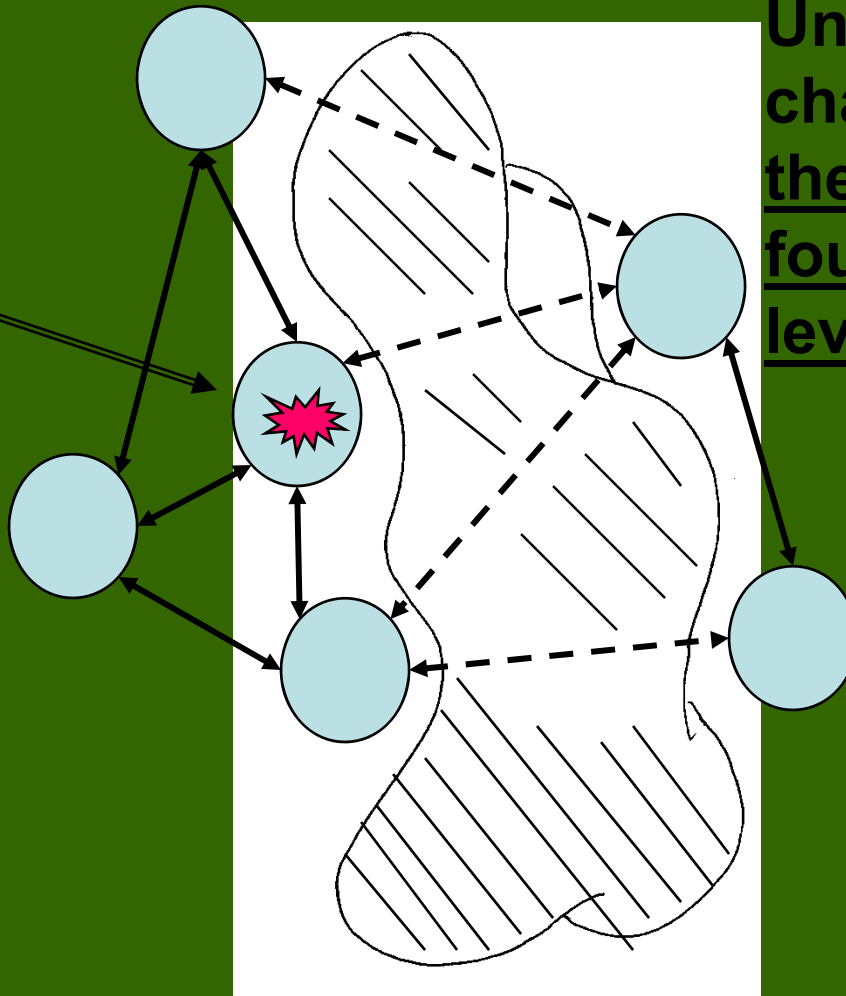
# UNBELIEF SWALLOWING UP A BIT OF THE WORD OF GOD



**“Unbelief controls my interpretation of the situation”**

# UNBELIEF FORCED INTO A CONTRAST IN MANY AREAS SIMULTANEOUSLY

A portion of the Word of God presented to unbelief as part of a network



Unbelief challenged at the foundational level

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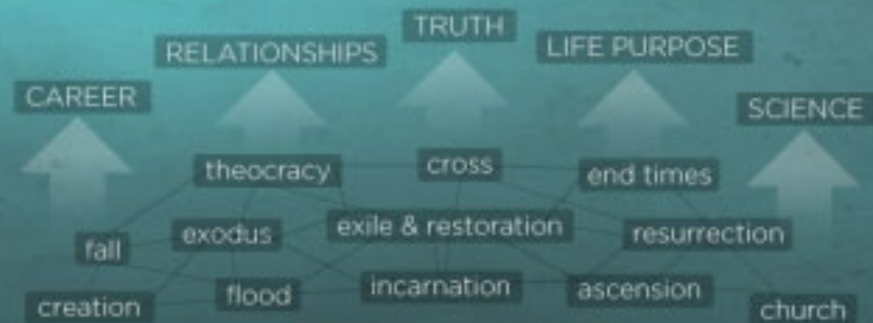


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**Systematic Theology ( $R_v + R_{nv}$  from philosophy)**



**Biblical Theology ( $R_v + R_{nv}$  from exegesis)**



**Exegesis ( $R_v + R_{nv}$  from OTI/NTI, genre, semantics, grammar, psychology)**

**Framework Approach**



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Evangelism & Christian Life**

$$R_{nv}^p = R_{nv} - \{R_o\} + \{R_p\}$$

# Apologetic Strategies

***Empirical:*** seek common ground in the data of experience

***Rational:*** seek the common ground in the rules of logic

***Presuppositional:*** declare that reason and experience are “common” but not neutral

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# To what sentence does 1:2 belong?

Genesis 1:1  
בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת  
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Genesis 1:2  
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Genesis 1:3  
וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהי אֹרֶךְ יְהי-אֹר:

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# 6-Day Pattern

<b>1<sup>st</sup> 3 days</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 3 days</b>
<b>Domains of Light &amp; Darkness (Day &amp; Night)</b>	<b>Sun “rules” the Day; Moon and stars “rule” the Night</b>
<b>Domain of sea and atmosphere</b>	<b>Fish fill the sea and birds fly in the atmosphere</b>
<b>Domain of land</b>	<b>Animals fill the land and man rules fish, birds, and animals</b>



**“When above the heaven [and the earth] had not been named. . . Apsu. . .their begetter [and] Tiamat, she who gave birth to them all. . .when none of the [other] gods had been brought into being. . .[at that time] were the gods created within them. . .they lived many days, adding years to days. . . .The divine brothers gathered together. They disturbed. . .the inner parts of Tiamat. . .running about in the divine abode. . . .”**

**“[Marduk] split [Tiamat] open. . .  
.Half of her he set in place and  
formed the sky. . .and a great  
structure, its counterpart, he  
established, [the earth]. . .he  
created great stations for the great  
gods; The stars their likeness. . .  
.Punishment they inflicted on  
Kingu. . .with his blood they  
created mankind; [Ea] imposed the  
services of the gods [upon them].”**

## 6 Day Creation 6000 years ago

**“It would be impossible for any other scientist on the Earth to refute this world picture experimentally or observationally; all he could do would be to disagree with the author’s cosmological premises”**  
*(George Ellis, cosmologist)*

**“There is no question that the theory is free from self-contradiction and is consistent with all the facts of experience we have to explain.”** *(Herbert Dingle, physicist)*

***Citations in John Byl, God and Cosmos, p. 197.***

# Shall I Bow To My Creator?

- **YES!**

- ancient monotheism
- ancient Israel
- Bible
- Fundamentalism

- **CREATOR/creature**

- God || man | nature
- everlasting distinctions

- **PERSONAL SOVEREIGN**

- ultimate responsibility

- **NO!**

- ancient myths
- eastern religions
- western philosophy
- modern theology

- **Continuity of Being**

- nature > gods > man
- transmutation / evolution

- **IMPERSONAL FATE / CHANCE**

- ultimate victimization

“As God creates, he establishes the boundary between creation and himself, and (this is the point so often missed) he crosses that boundary. . . .by communicating into creation. . . .in his words, in his works, and supremely in himself. Creation. . . .is inextricably linked with God’s revelation.

Scott Oliphint, *Reasons for Faith*

There is a problem, a tension, that inevitably develops between what is thought to be ultimate, and everything else. . . .Whenever there is an intellectual tension of which God is one part, the problem is not with God; the problem is with creation.”

Scott Oliphint, *Reasons for Faith*

**BEING**



**GOD Perfection of Q** (*but He is “simple” = not made of “parts”; Q are modes of existence, not things*)

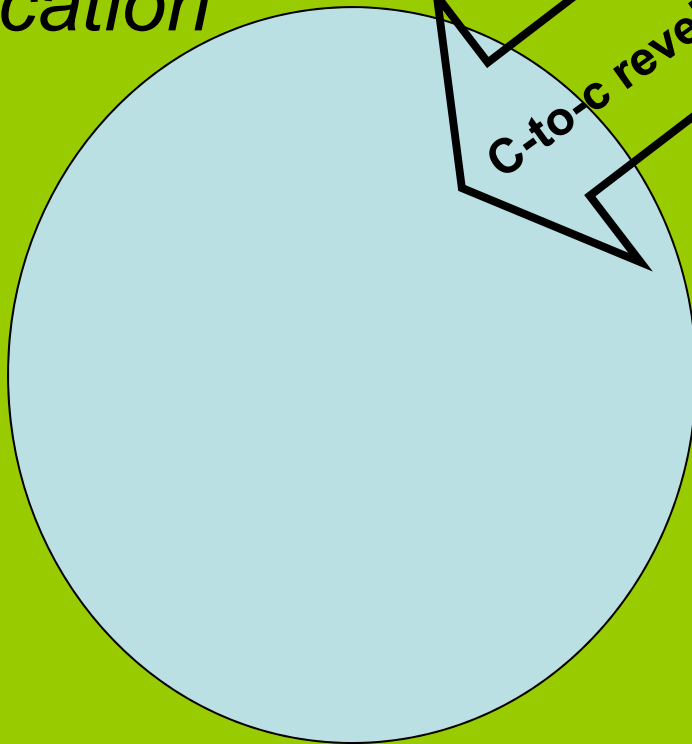
**Man imperfect form of Q** (*who knows only by abstracting intellectual concepts from experienced objects & uses subject / predicate assertions*)

## ***Thomas Aquinas’ doctrine of “analogy”***

The meaning of “Q” ascribed to God by the creature man who has only the experience of imperfect Q

*God creates nature and man as its interpreter by language so that knowledge of God is the starting point for all predication*

**GOD Perfection of Q**  
*(but He is “simple” = not made of “parts”; Q are modes of existence, not things)*



*God's attribute of **Q** can be known by analogy because all creation, including **q**, has been given revelatory significance according to biblical revelation*



"Just as polytheism continued in an underground form through the Middle Ages and lives on today in modern cults of witchcraft and Satanism, the imagination of Western man was never fully Christianized. . . .The modern idolatrous imagination still refuses to believe that the promises of the living God are sure and that his grace is sufficient for all our needs. *It still looks to other powers and other authorities for support and guidance, transferring to them what belongs to the Creator alone.*"

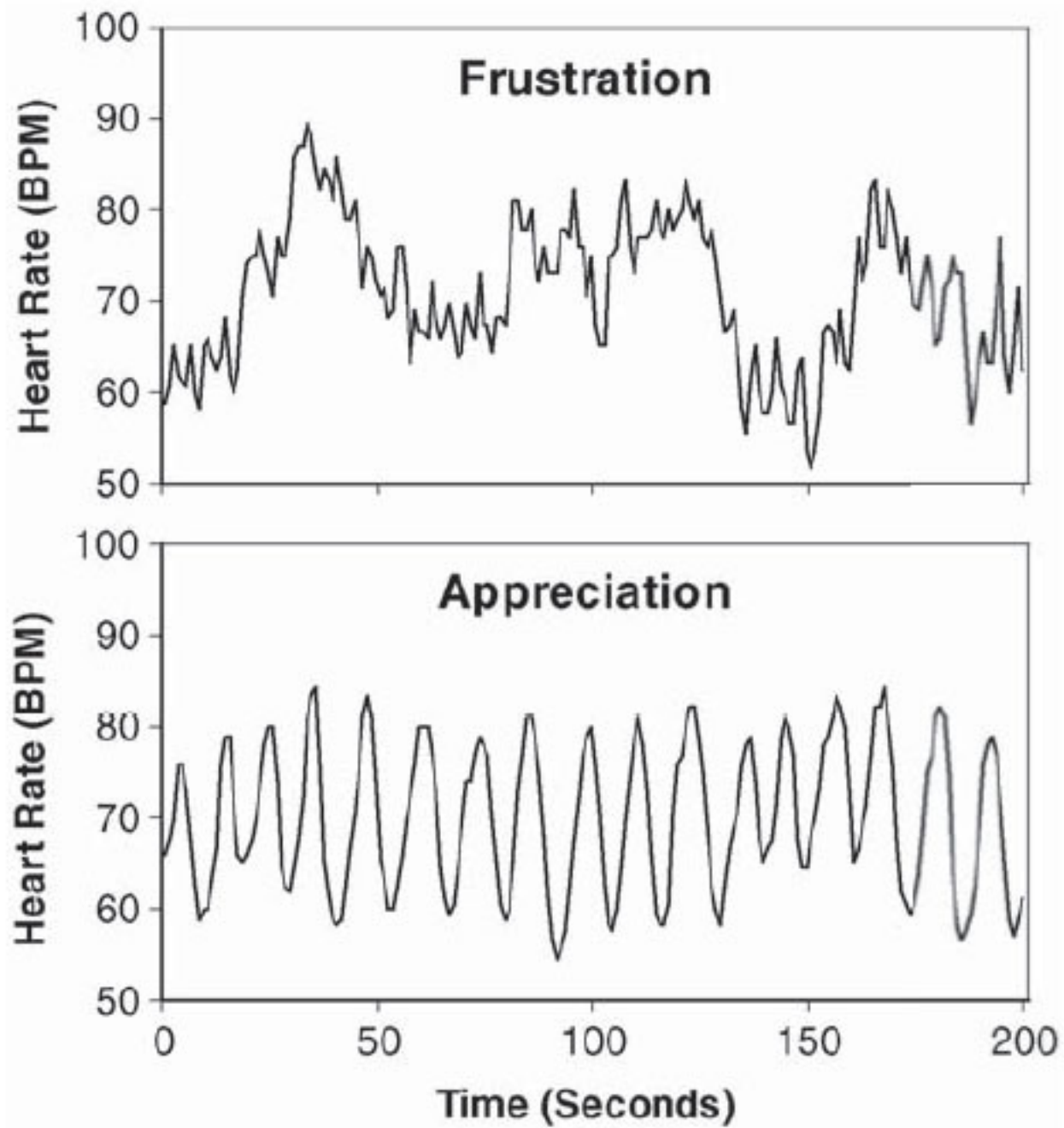
Kenneth Hamilton, *To Turn From Idols*

“If the form of the human body derives from any other source except divine faculties, then we might as well say that human form derives from purely casual causes, unrelated to the ideal mind of God. Darwinism is the logical result, namely, that God caused the animal and human forms to occur. . .without regard to any dimension of His own essence.”

John Pilkey

"Imagine God wholly employed and absorbed in it—with his hand, his eye, his labor, his purpose, his wisdom, his providence, and above all, his love which was dictating the lineaments of this creature. . . . Whatever was the form and expression which was then given to the clay by the Creator, Christ was in his thoughts as one day to become Man, because the Word, too, was to be both clay and flesh. . . ."

Tertullian cited in Custance



**Figure 1. Emotions are reflected in heart rhythm patterns.**

"The problem of value is central to the science of economics. Is value determined objectively or subjectively? Is the value of some scarce economic resource inherent in that resource, or is it derived from the evaluations of acting men? In short, is value intrinsic or imputed? . . .

How can we reconcile the fact that something objectively good, like the Bible, is worth less in a particular market than pornographic literature? . . . The Bible affirms man's ability to impute value, for man is made in the image of God, and God imputes value to His creation. . . . Men cannot make absolute, comprehensive value imputations, since men are creatures. But they can make value imputations as limited creatures which are valid in God's eyes, and before the rebellion of man in the garden, this is what man did." Gary North

Man	Woman
Subdue the earth and fill it	<div data-bbox="1066 321 1318 483" data-label="Text">עֵזֶר</div> <div data-bbox="1396 321 1816 527" data-label="Text">“helper” for subduing</div>

Gen 2:22

וַיִּבֶן יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הַצִּלְעַת  
 לְאִשָּׁה וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים  
 מִן-הָאָדָם לְאִשָּׁה וַיִּבְרָא  
 אֱלֹהִים מִן-הָאָדָם :

Revelation of Christ	Revelation of “feminine” divine characteristics (Mt 23:34) and the Church
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Logical  
Sequence

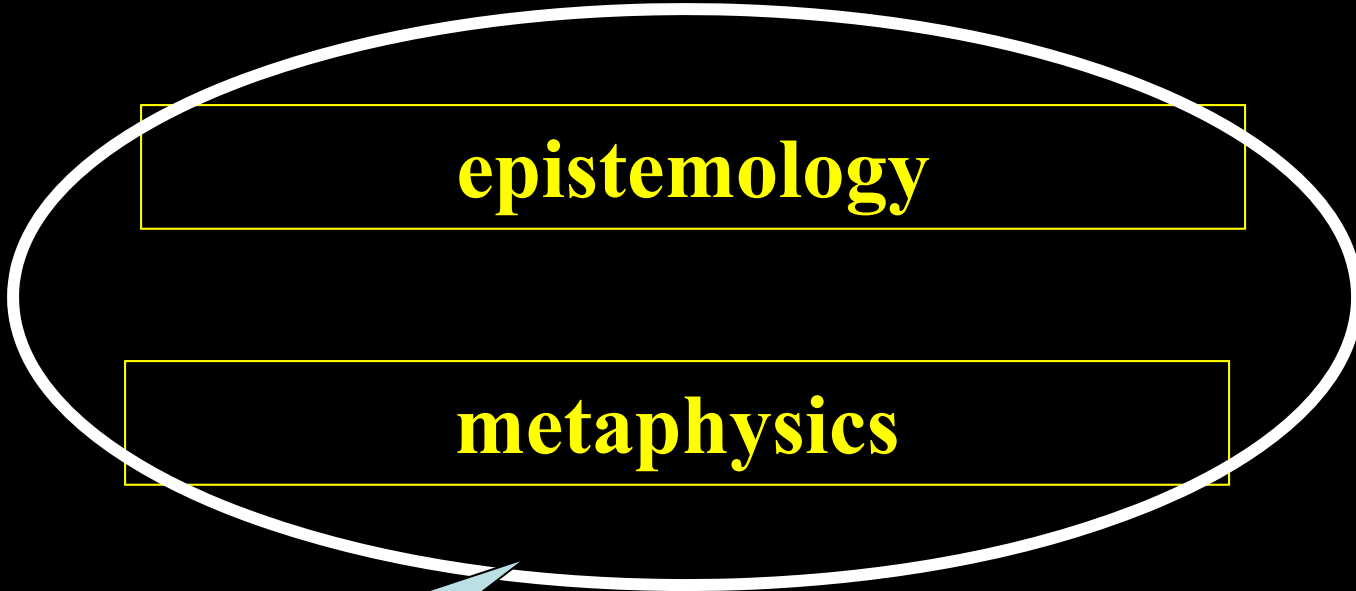


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Pressure of Life

Yahweh or an idol?

The “nuclear” family (Gen. 2:24)

Locus of cultural transmission  
(Deut 6:6-9; 21:18-21)