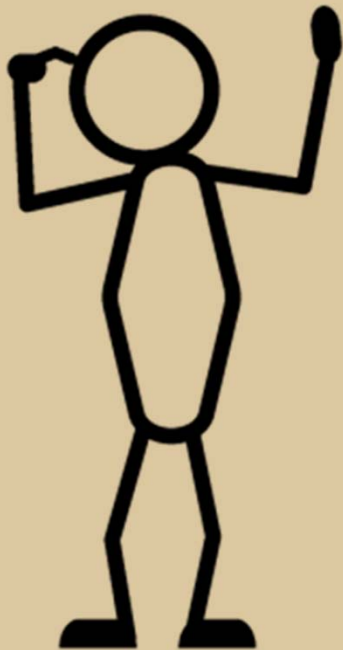


Christian World View

Truth

the discovery of a world view

life is perplexing ... many questions ???



how did life begin?

who are we · mankind?

why are we here · meaning?

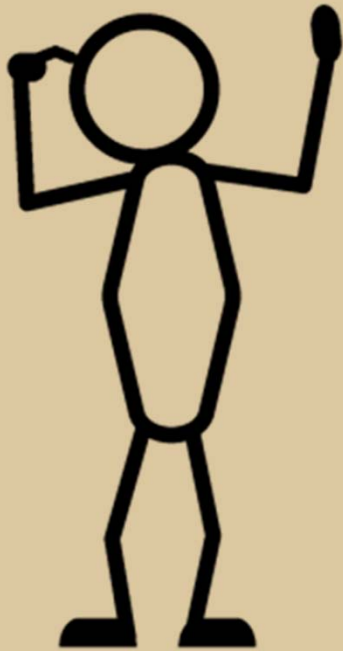
what do we believe · truth?

how shall we live · values?

how will life end?

the discovery of a world view

a world view addresses the following questions:



my origin · how did I come to be?

my identity · who am I?

my purpose · why am I here?

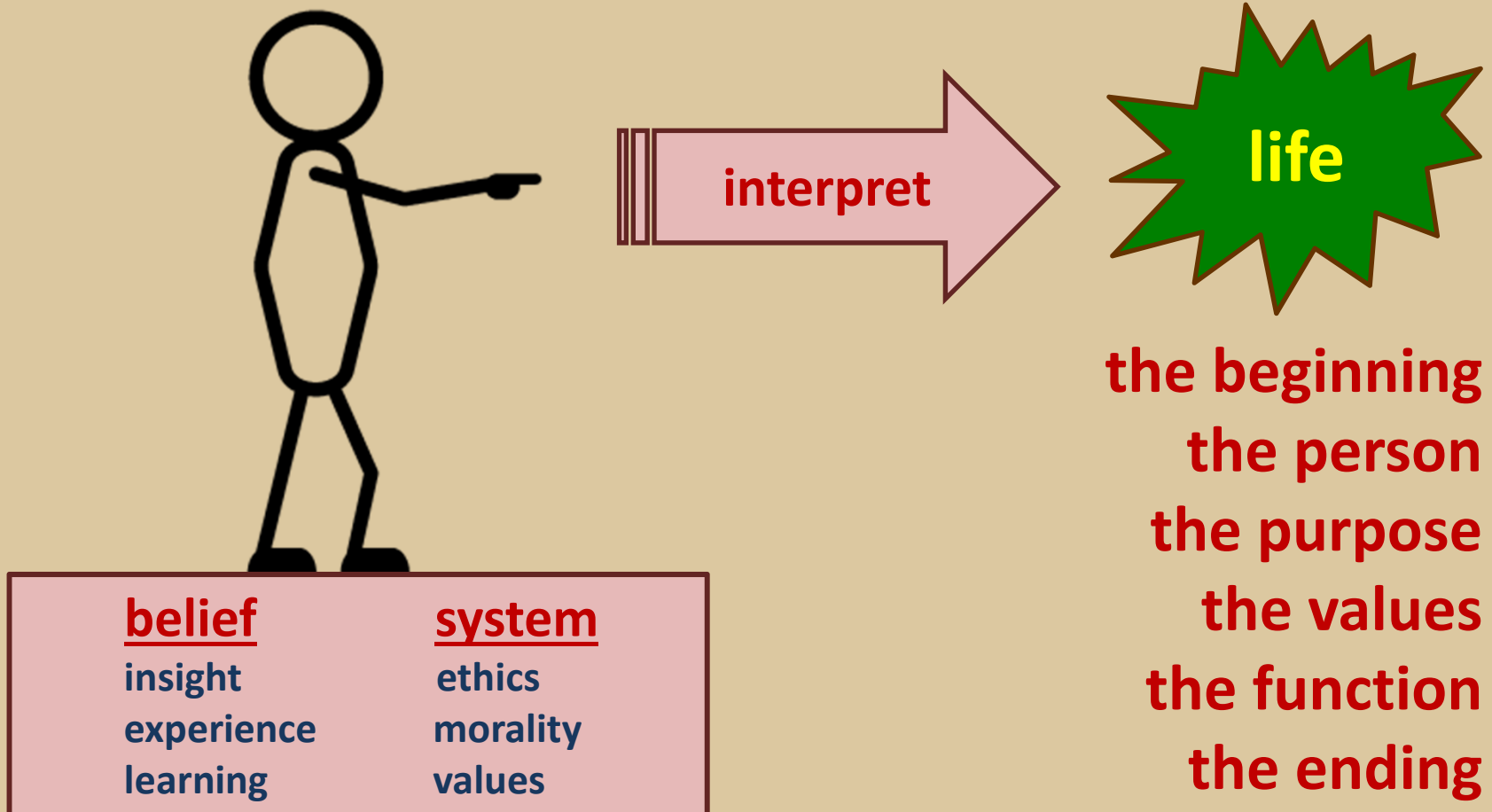
my values · what do I believe?

my function · how shall I live?

my future · where will I end up?

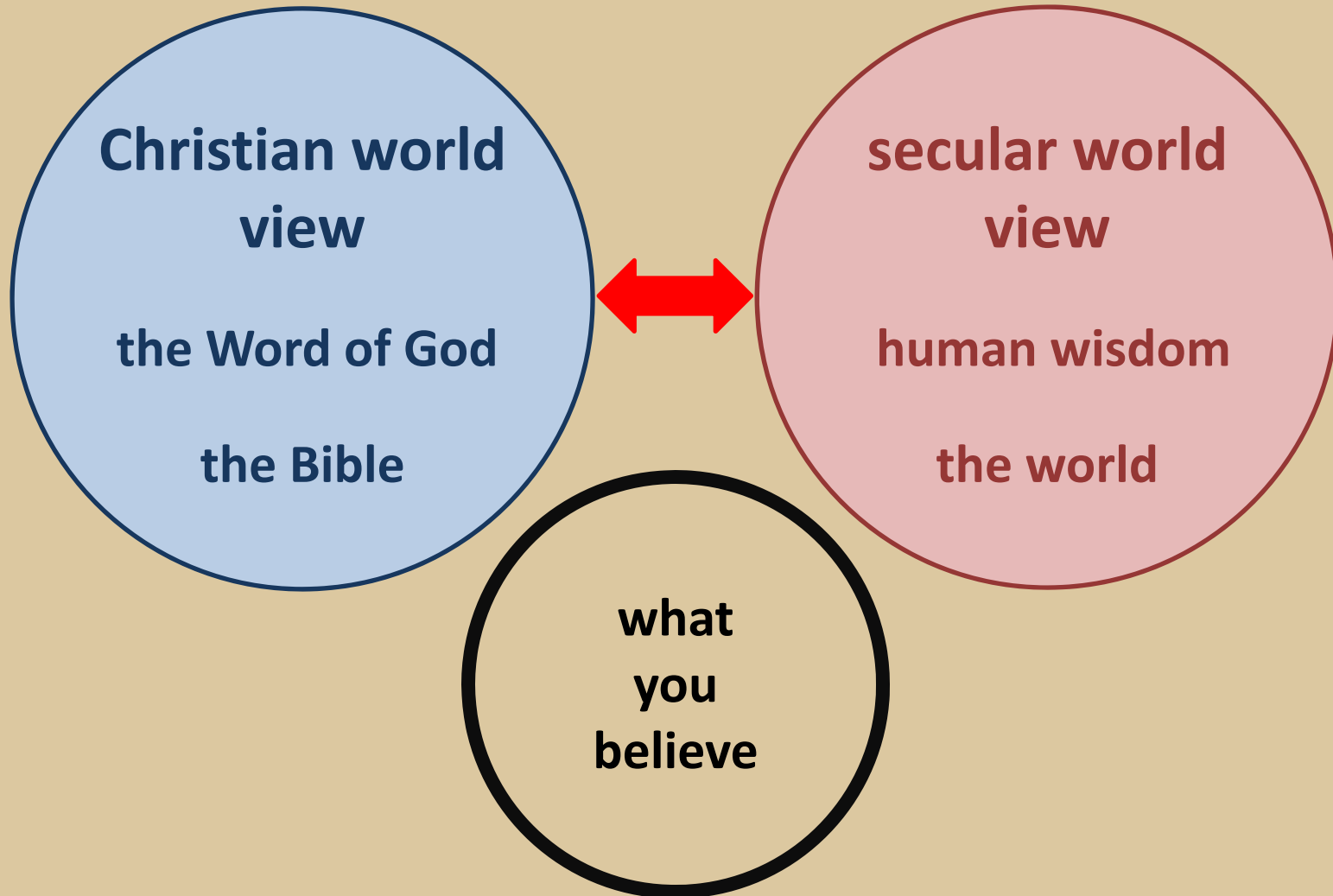
the definition of a world view

a world view is a belief system used to interpret life



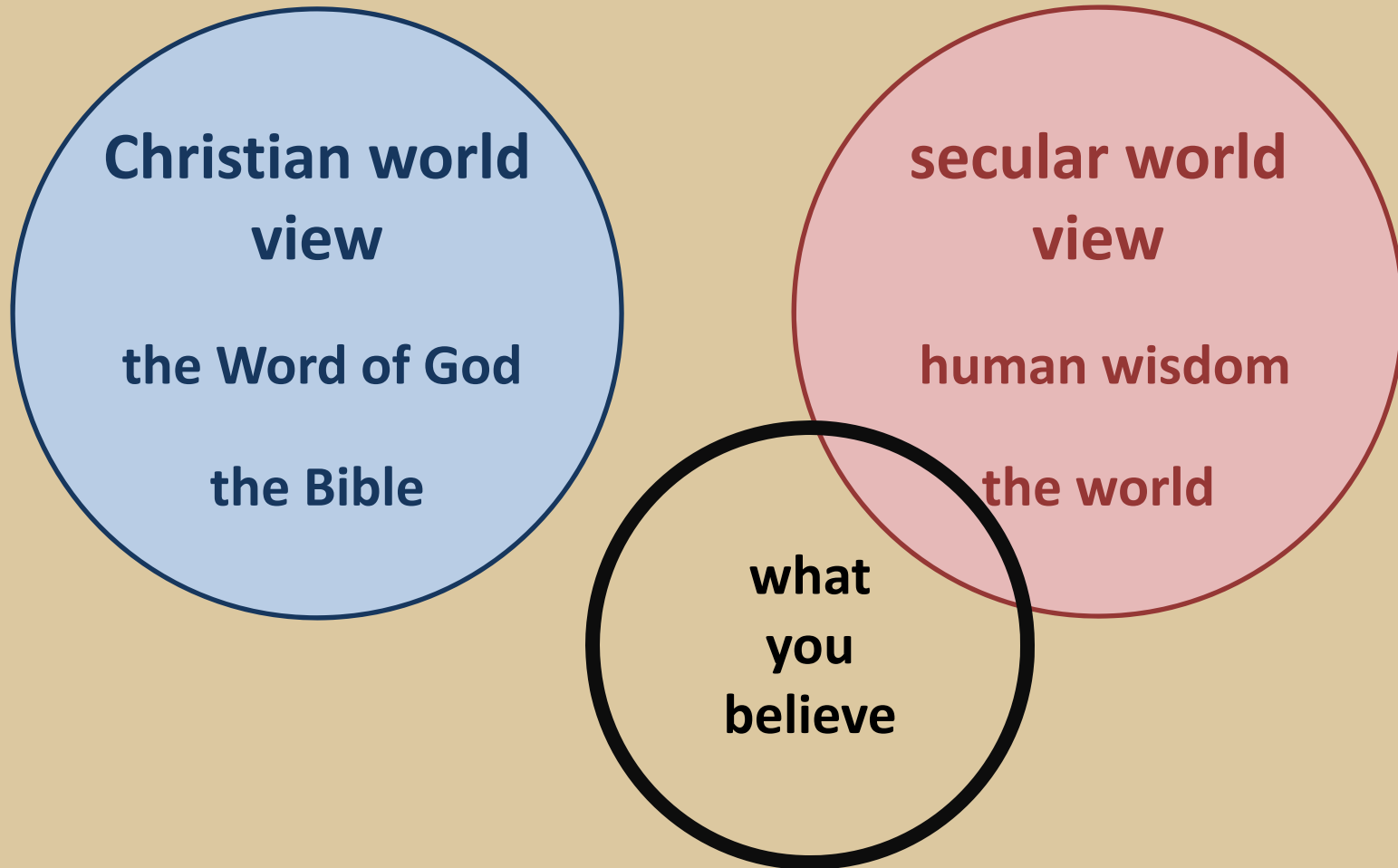
the foundation of a world view

the battle of world views



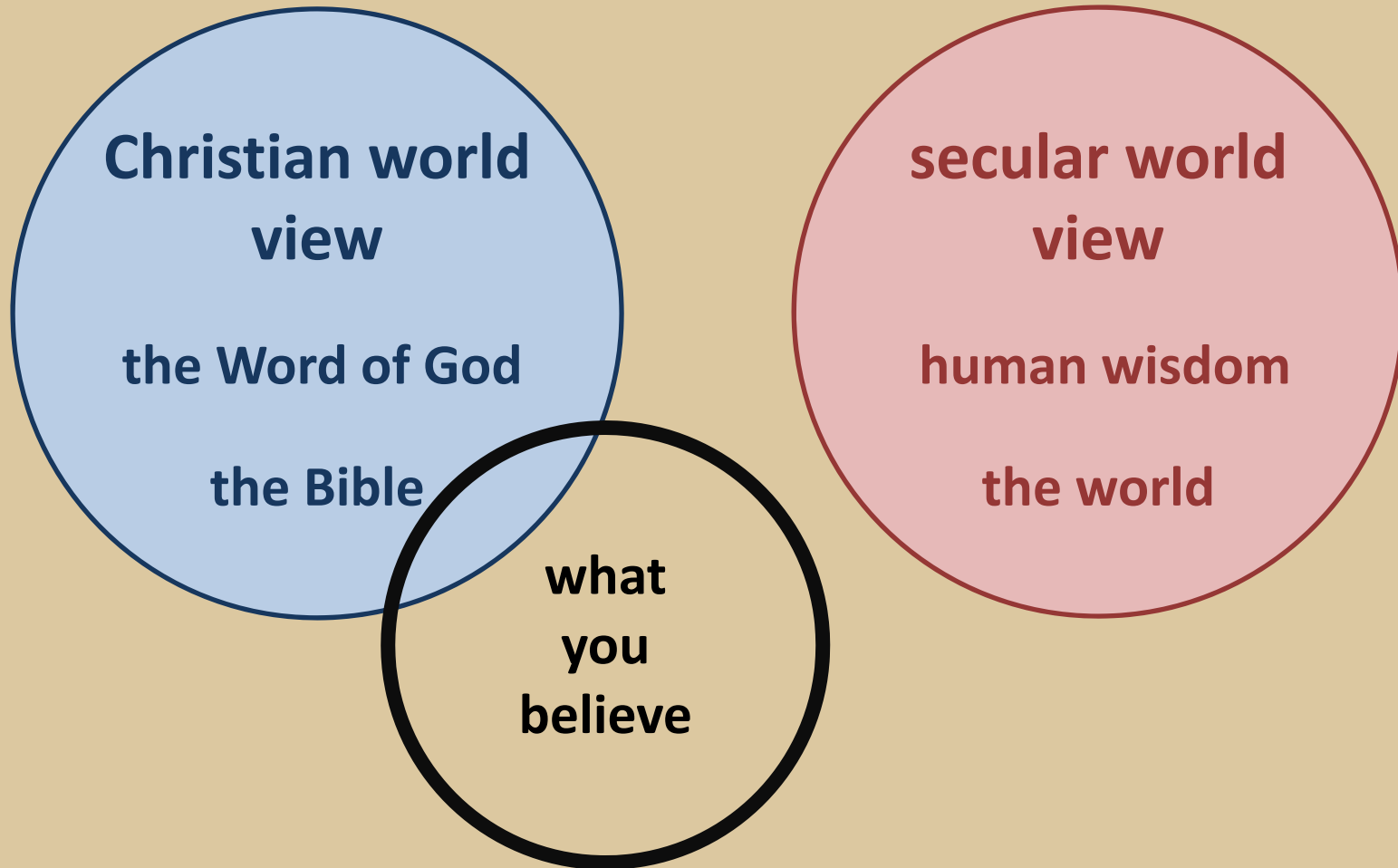
the foundation of a world view

a secular world view



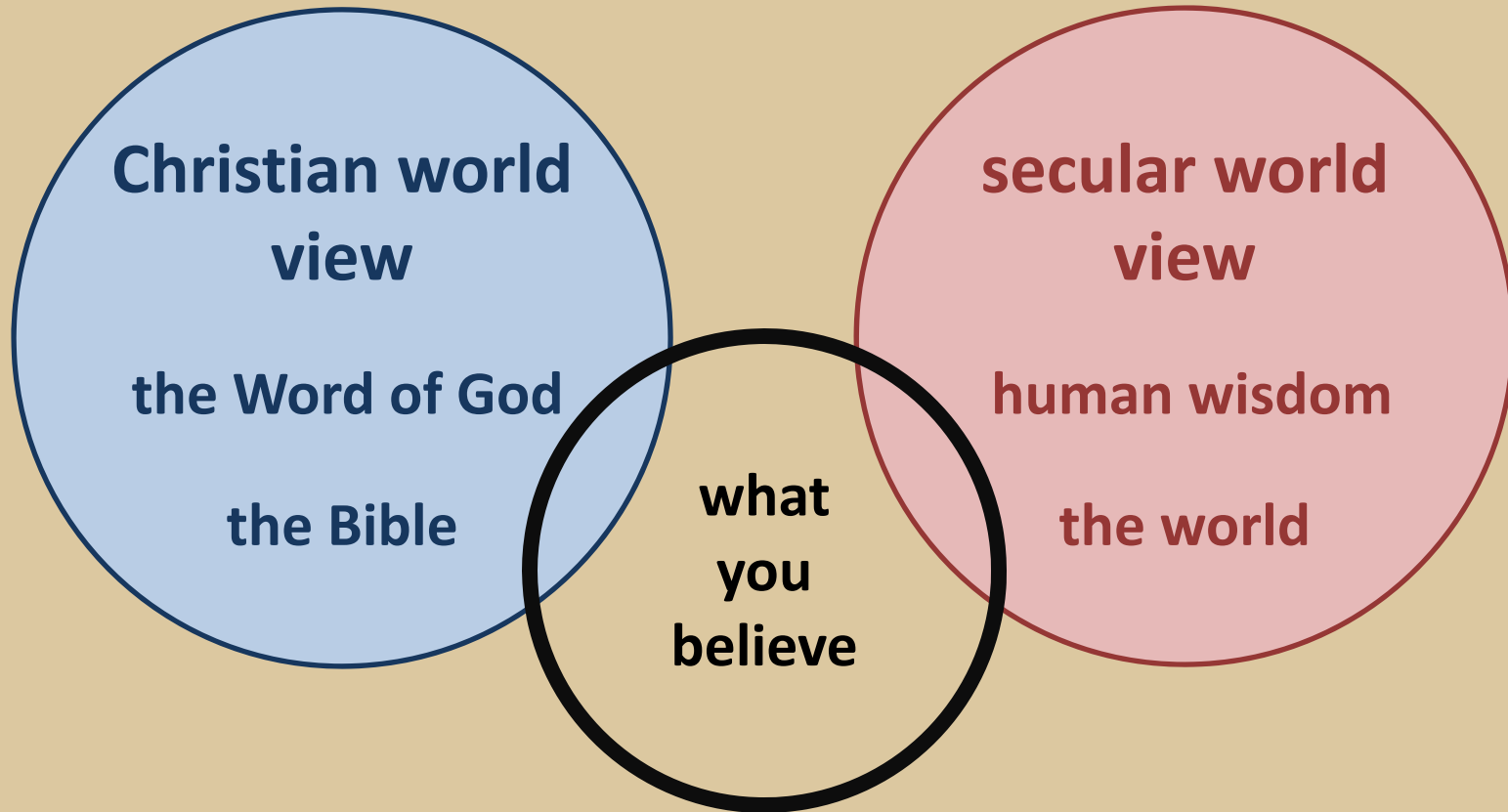
the function of a world view

a Christian world view



the function of a world view

the battle of world views



the foundation of a world view

a world view is based on faith in God or faith in man



theism

faith in God = the God of the Bible

absolute truth exists in God
absolute truth is revealed by God

absolutism · Christianity · assurance

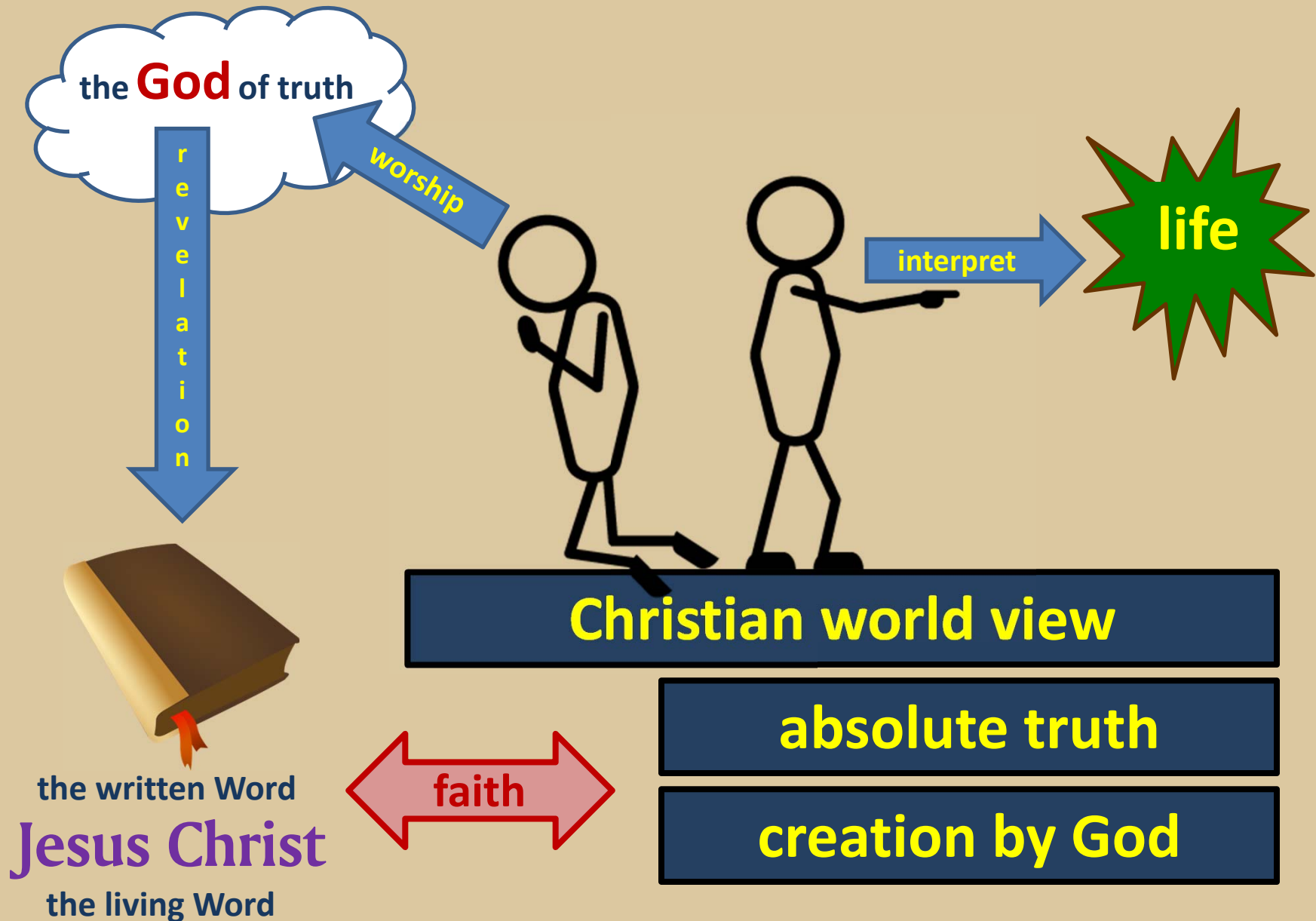
humanism

faith in man = individualism
collectivism

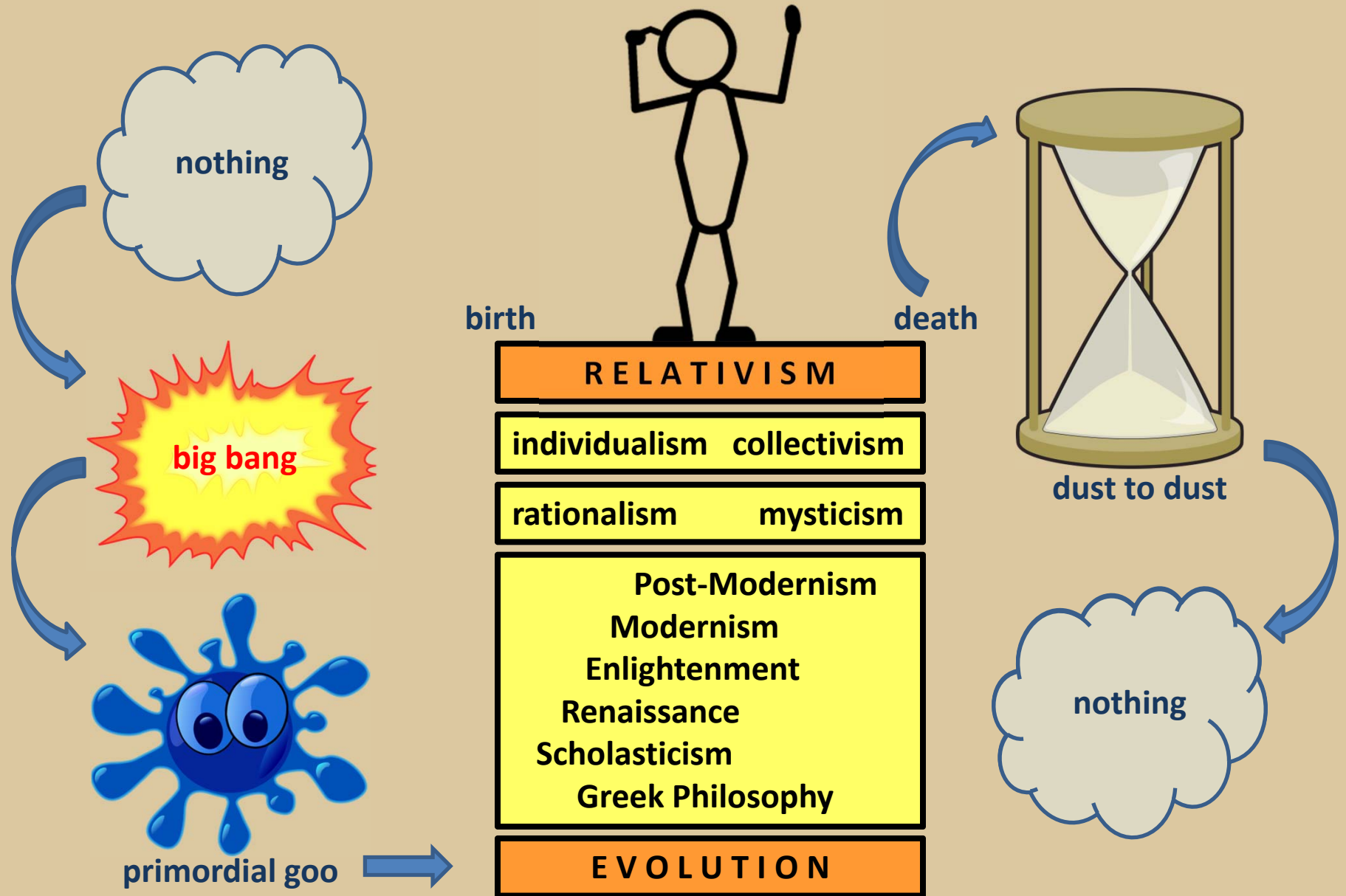
absolute truth cannot be found
values are time and place sensitive

relativism · secularism · skepticism

theism · a Christian world view

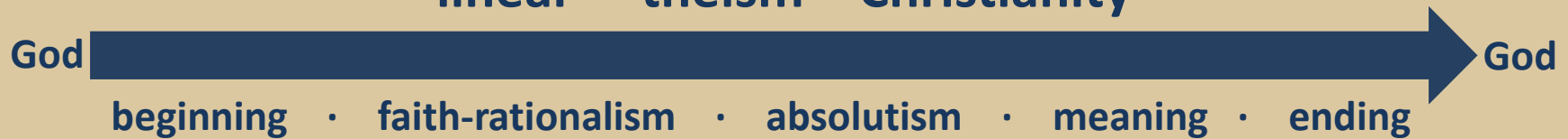


humanism · a secular world view



types of world views

linear · theism · Christianity



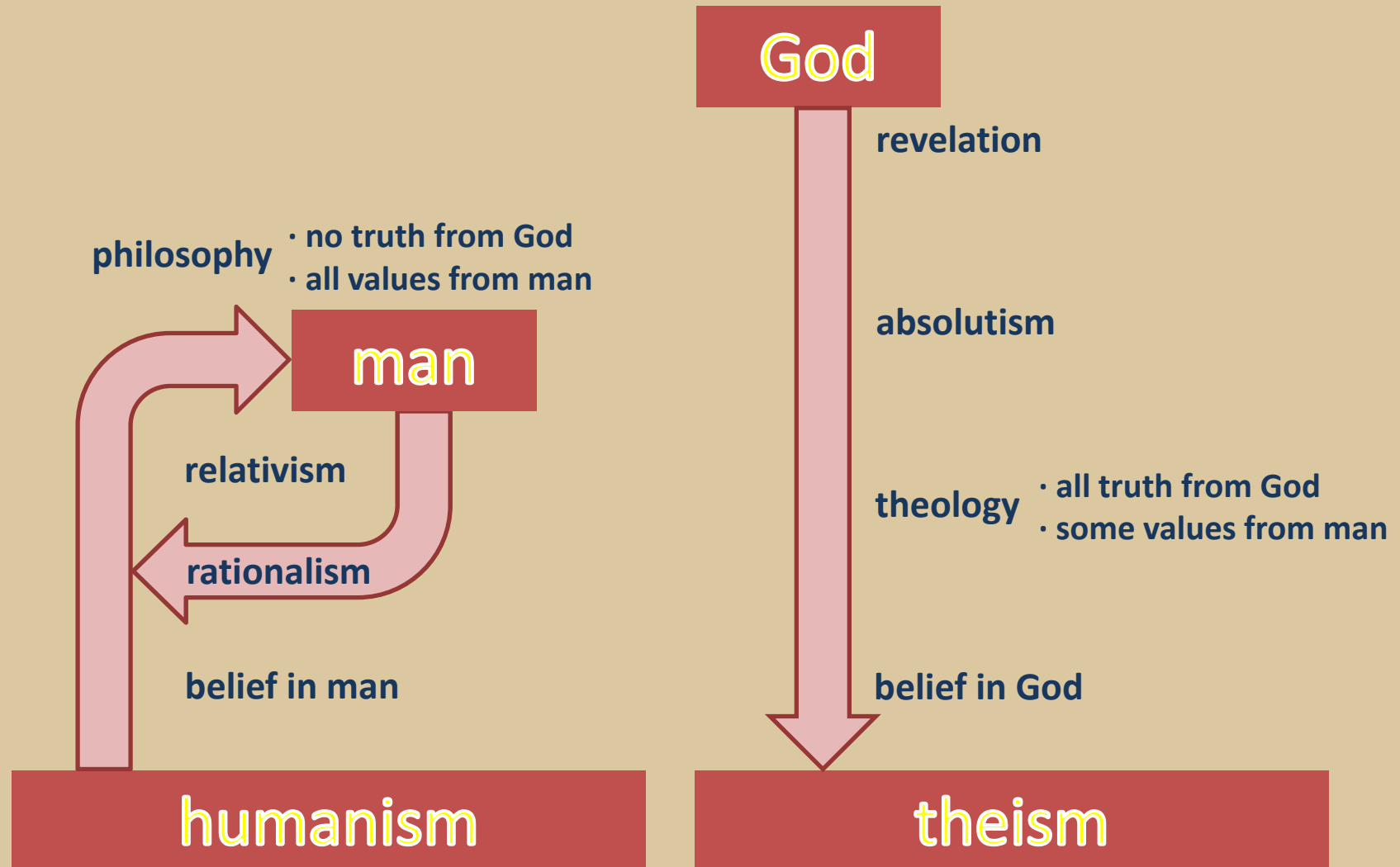
random · humanism · secularism



cyclical · humanism · mysticism



the pursuit of truth



a world view is a belief system used to interpret life

absolute truth requires an absolute God

the nature of God

the nature of absolute truth

a perfect match

Psalm 90:2

God is

eternal

forever

= absolute truth

Psalm 102:25-27

God is

immutable

unchangeable

= absolute truth

Psalm 139:7-10

God is

omnipresent

everywhere

= absolute truth

Psalm 145:3

God is

transcendent

unreachable

= absolute truth

Psalm 98:2-3

God is

immanent

revealed

= absolute truth

Psalm 19:7-9

God is

perspicuity

comprehensible

= absolute truth

Psalm 119:103-104

God is

omniscient

relevant

= absolute truth

Psalm 119:89, 160

God is

omnipotent

preserved

= absolute truth

God is absolute truth

absolute truth → the attributes of God

the attributes of God

spirit
holy · perfect
infinite & eternal
aseity & self-sufficient
omniscient · all knowing
omnipotent · all powerful
omnipresent · all present
absolute & immutable
incomprehensible
sovereign & free
love
good
faithful
wisdom
grace · mercy
righteous · just

the attributes in action

love
joy
peace
patience
kindness
goodness
faithfulness
gentleness
self-control

God is absolute truth

absolute truth ← ??? → truth absolutely true

God

is absolute truth



revelation

the Word of God

Jesus Christ

all absolutely true
in the purpose of God

God is absolute truth

absolute truth ← ? → truth absolutely true

God

is absolute truth



revelation

the Word of God · Jesus Christ

all absolutely true · in the purpose of God



the
good
man

the
natural
man

the
spiritual
man

the
glorified
man



God is absolute truth

absolute truth ➡ the LOGOS

John 1:1-5 ➡ the Word / the LOGOS / the Creator / the life, the light, and the darkness

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:6-8 ➡ John the Baptist / the witness of the light

⁶ There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but *he came* to testify about the light.

John 1:9-13 ➡ the true light / the Creator / receive · believe / the children of God

⁹ There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

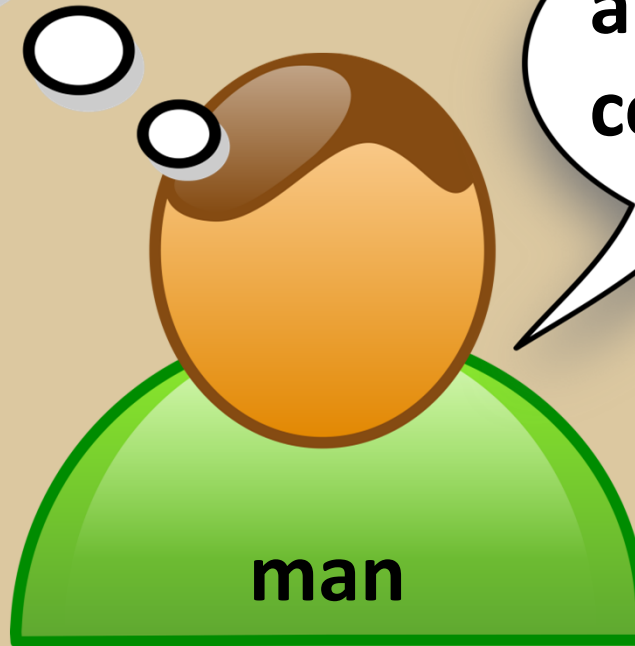
John 1:14-18 ➡ the Word / the LOGOS / flesh and glory / grace and truth / the only begotten God

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" ¹⁶ For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

God is absolute truth

the meaning of LOGOS · “Word”

a word ...
conceived



a word ...
communicated

a word is the outward form by which an inward thought is expressed

God is absolute truth

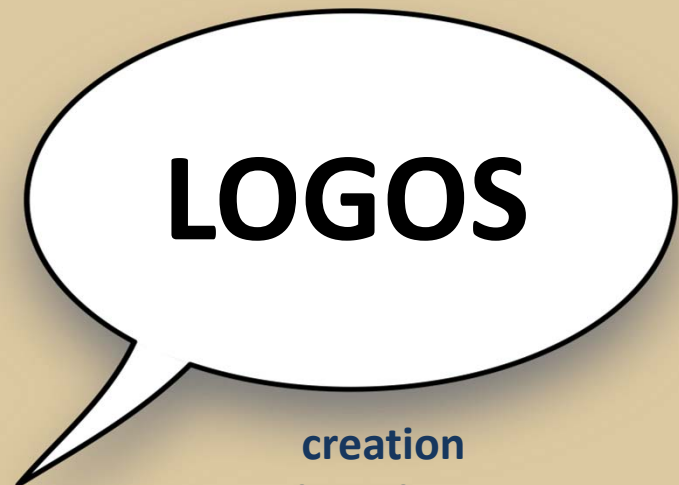
the meaning of LOGOS · “Word”

LOGOS existing in God ...
the perfect and absolute Word



truth
logic · reason
knowledge · wisdom
order · design
the meaning of life

LOGOS spoken by God ...
the powerful and authoritative Word



creation
theophany
Old Testament
Jesus Christ
New Testament
the life · the light
grace and truth

God

God is absolute truth

the seven "I am" statements

the person (present)

the call (present)

the promise (future)

John 6:35 ➔ "I am the bread of life;
he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall not thirst."

John 8:12 ➔ "I am the light of the world;
he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 10:9 ➔ "I am the door;
if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and shall find pasture."

John 10:11 ➔ "I am the good shepherd;
the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."



the Shepherd & "My sheep"
He calls His sheep by name (10:3)

John 11:25-26 ➔ "I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and
everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die."

John 10:25-30

(I call them) ➔ My sheep hear
I know them ➔ My sheep follow
I give them eternal life ➔
My sheep shall never perish

John 14:6 ➔ "I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father, but through Me."

John 15:5 ➔ "I am the vine, you are the branches;
he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears ~ much fruit;
for apart from Me you can ~ do ~ nothing."

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LOGOS · COSMOS · CHAOS

Hebrew

ToHu WaBoHu ▪ Genesis 1:3

ToHu = “formless” ➡ emptiness · nothing · no form or shape

WaBoHu = “void” ➡ emptiness · an empty area

Latin

creatio ex nihilo = “creation out of nothing” ➡ nothing comes from nothing

Greek

chaos χάος = “emptiness” ➡ complete confusion · random disorder

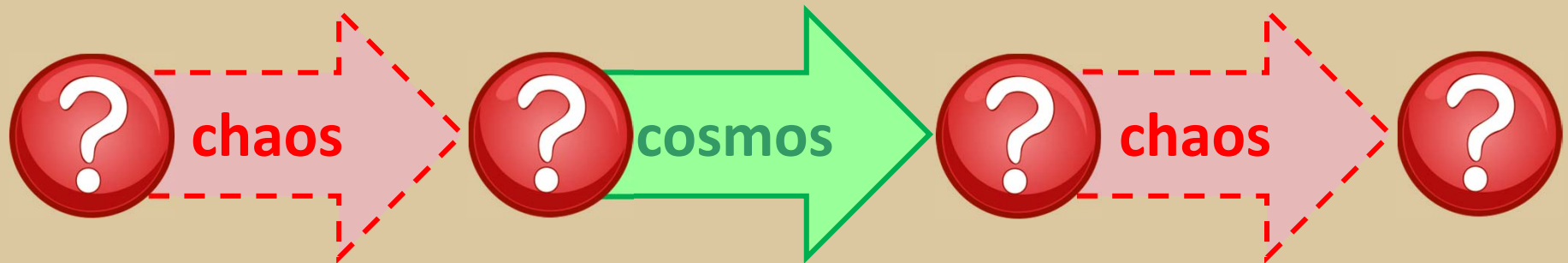
cosmos κόσμος = “world” ➡ the ordered universe

logos λόγος = “word” ➡ truth · wisdom · order · design

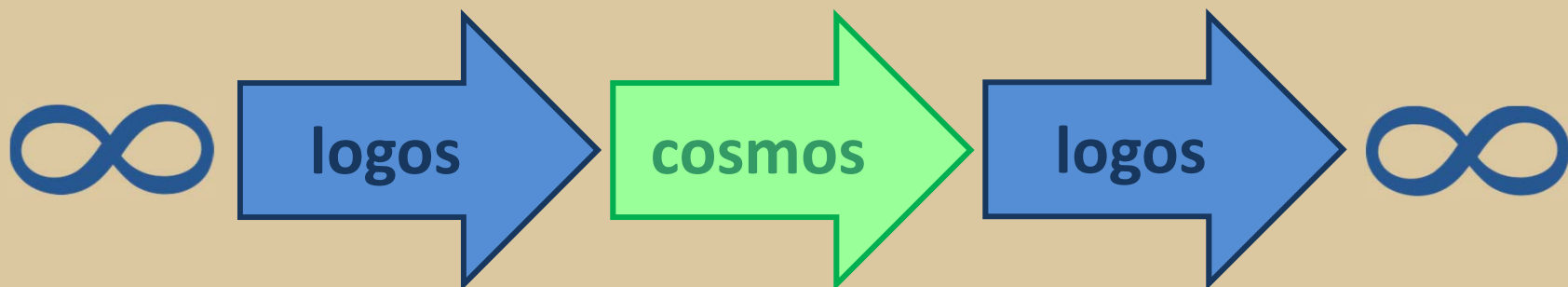
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LOGOS · COSMOS · CHAOS

humanism



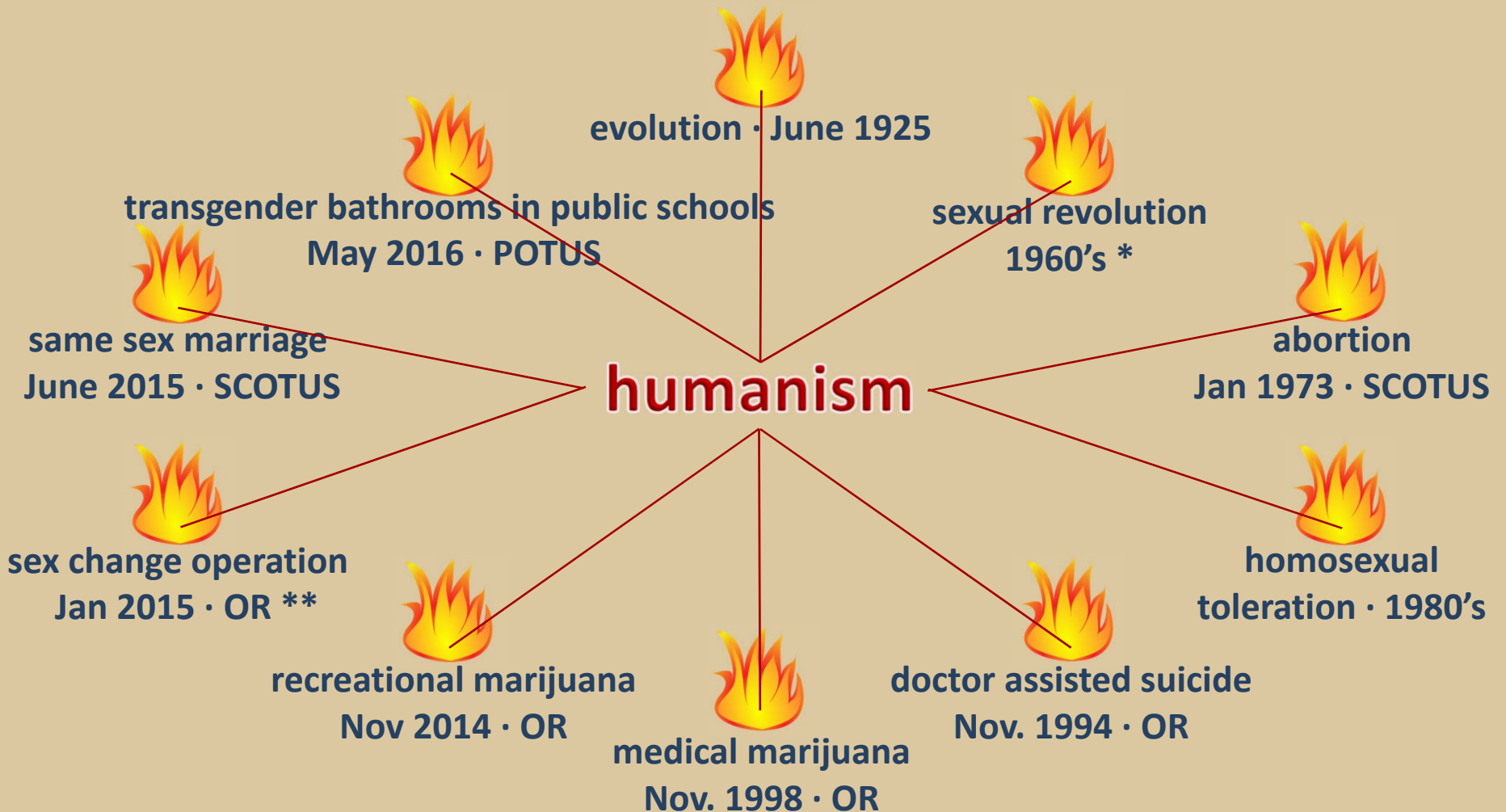
theism



chaos occurs in cosmos when logos is abandoned

Humanism

the pursuit of folly



* sex outside marriages · couples living together · soaring divorce rate 1960-1980

** for 15 year olds · without parental knowledge or consent · paid by Medicaid

Christian world view

a world view is a belief system used to interpret life

a Christian world view believes that God (the Bible) provides the true foundation for interpreting life.

the origin → how did we come to be?

we were created by God.

the identity → who are we?

we are creatures made in the image and likeness of God.

the purpose → why are we here?

we live to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

the values → what do we believe?

we believe that God is the source of all absolute truth.

the function → how shall we live?

we live by faith in God's truth as revealed in the Bible.

the future → where are we going?

we will live forever in the kingdom of God.

Christianity

