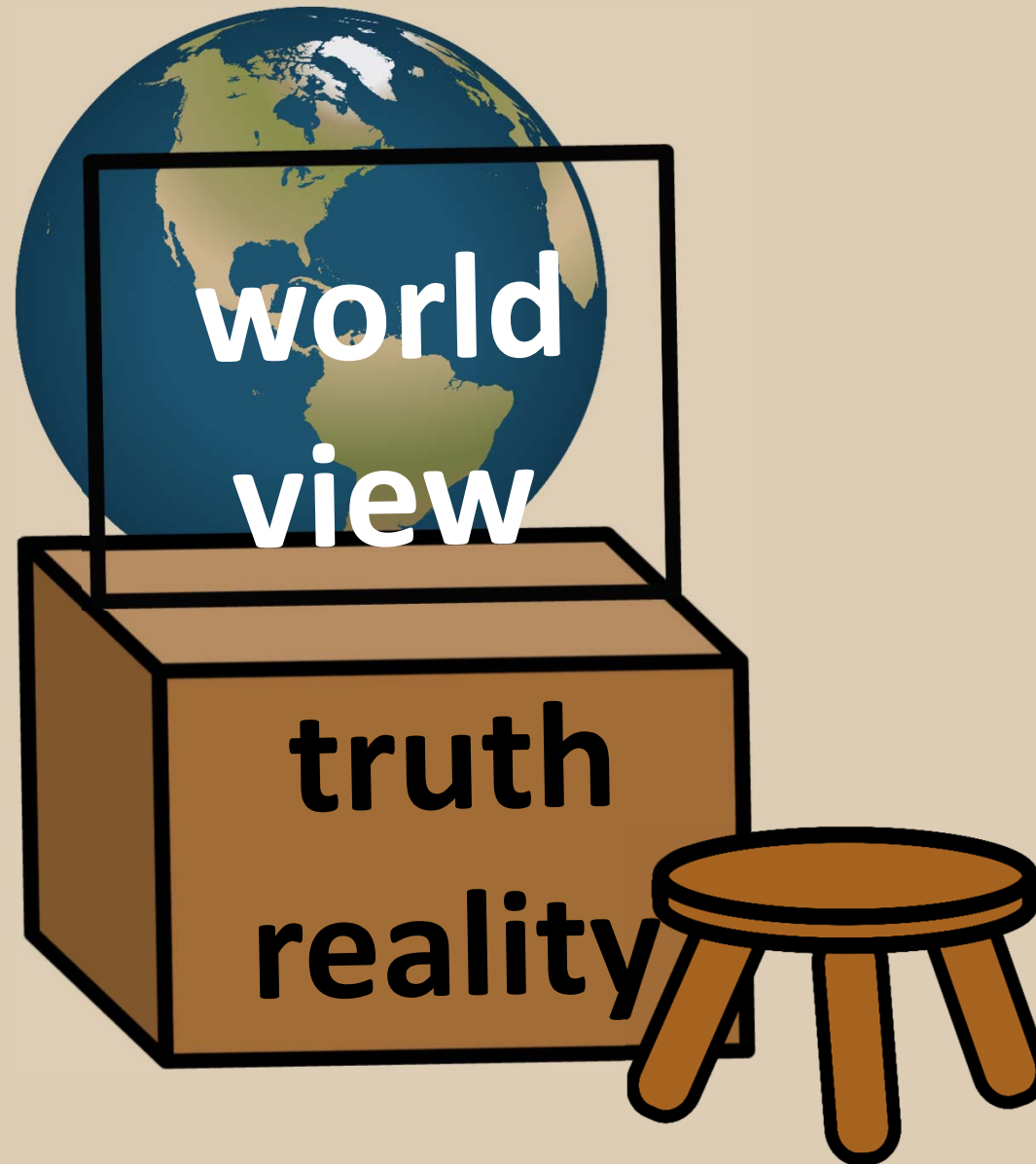


Christian World View

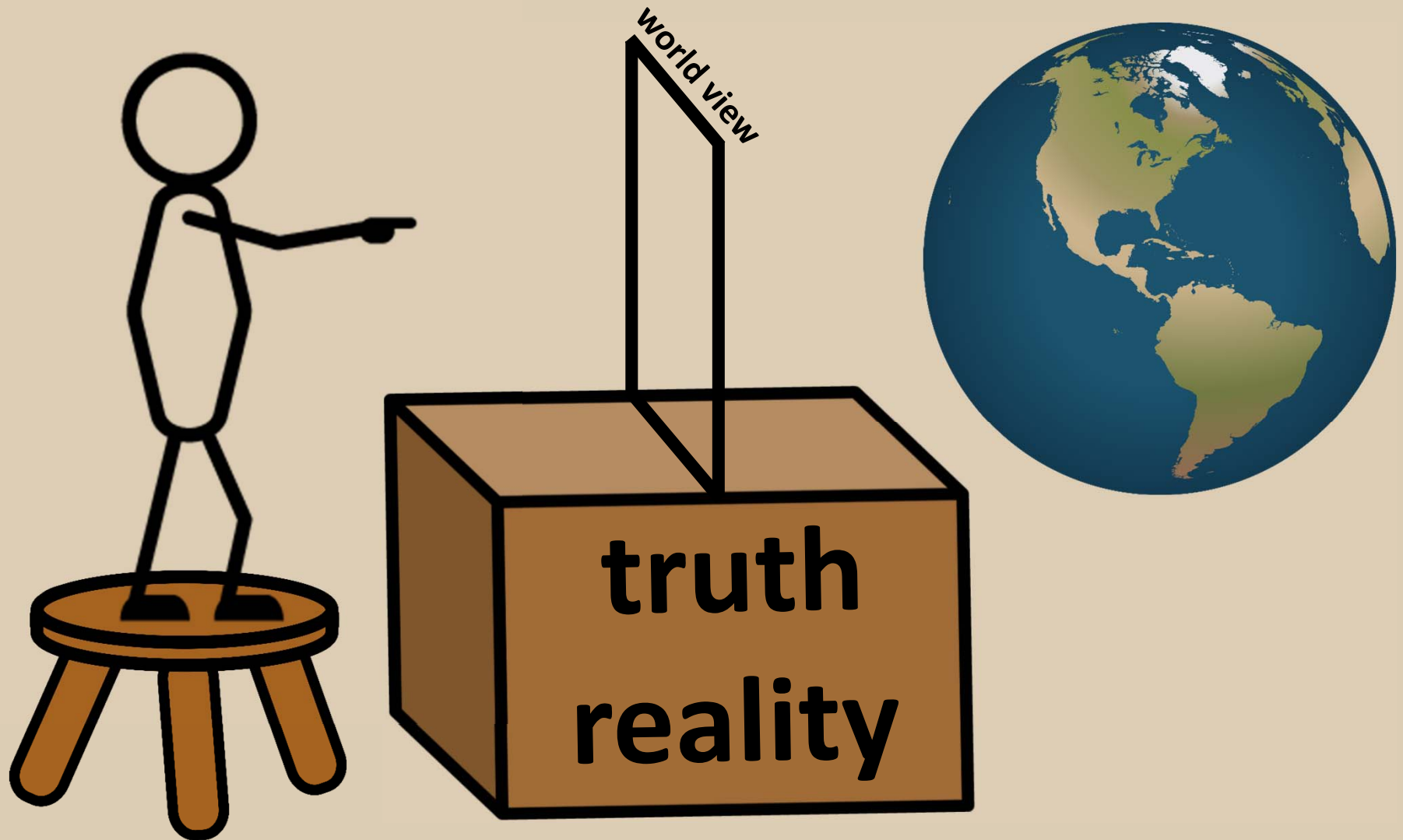
TRUTH

world views

a world view

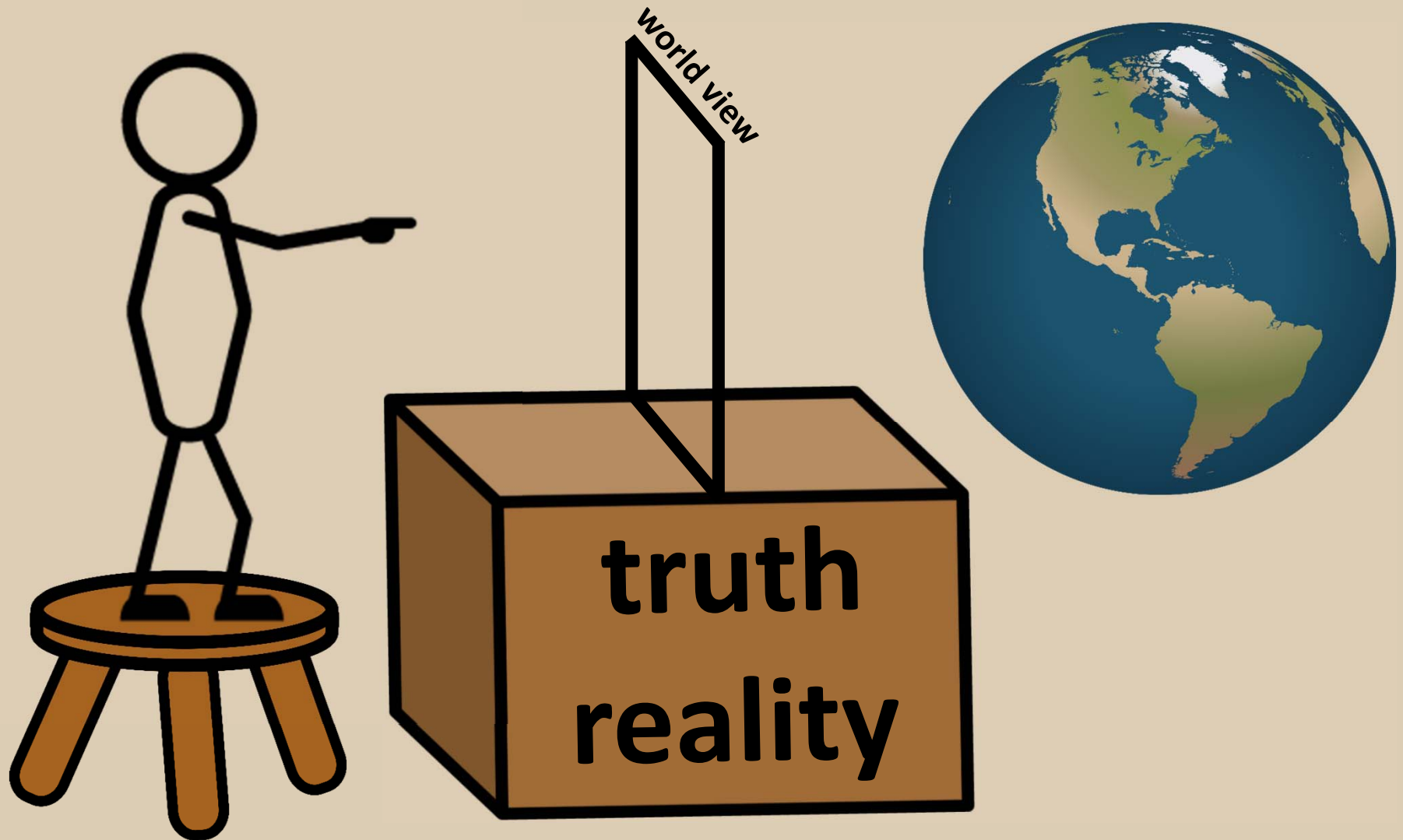


a world view



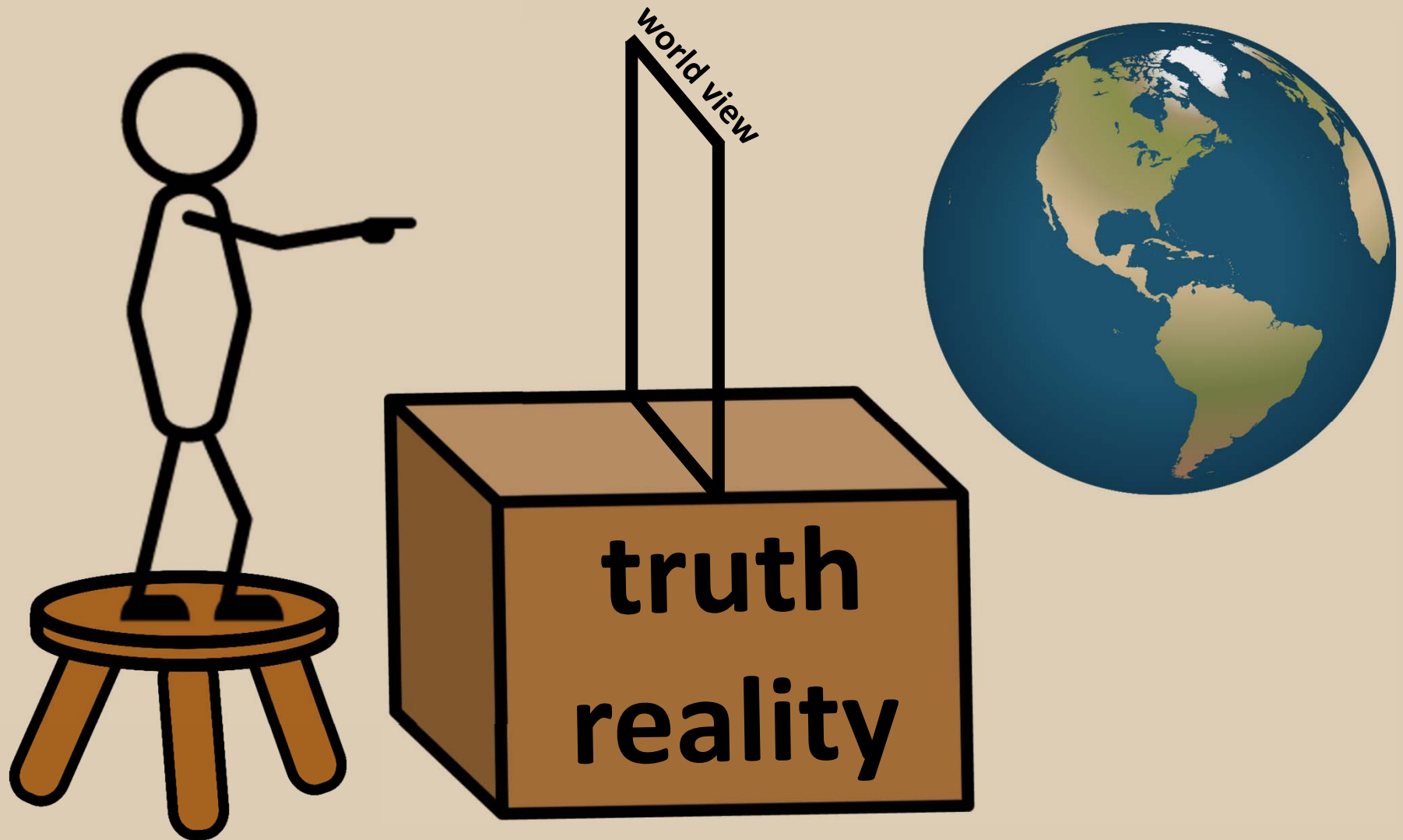
a world view is a belief system used to interpret life

a world view



the belief system is founded upon truth

a world view



truth describes reality – all that is real

a world view

the quest for truth

world view

faith

truth = reality

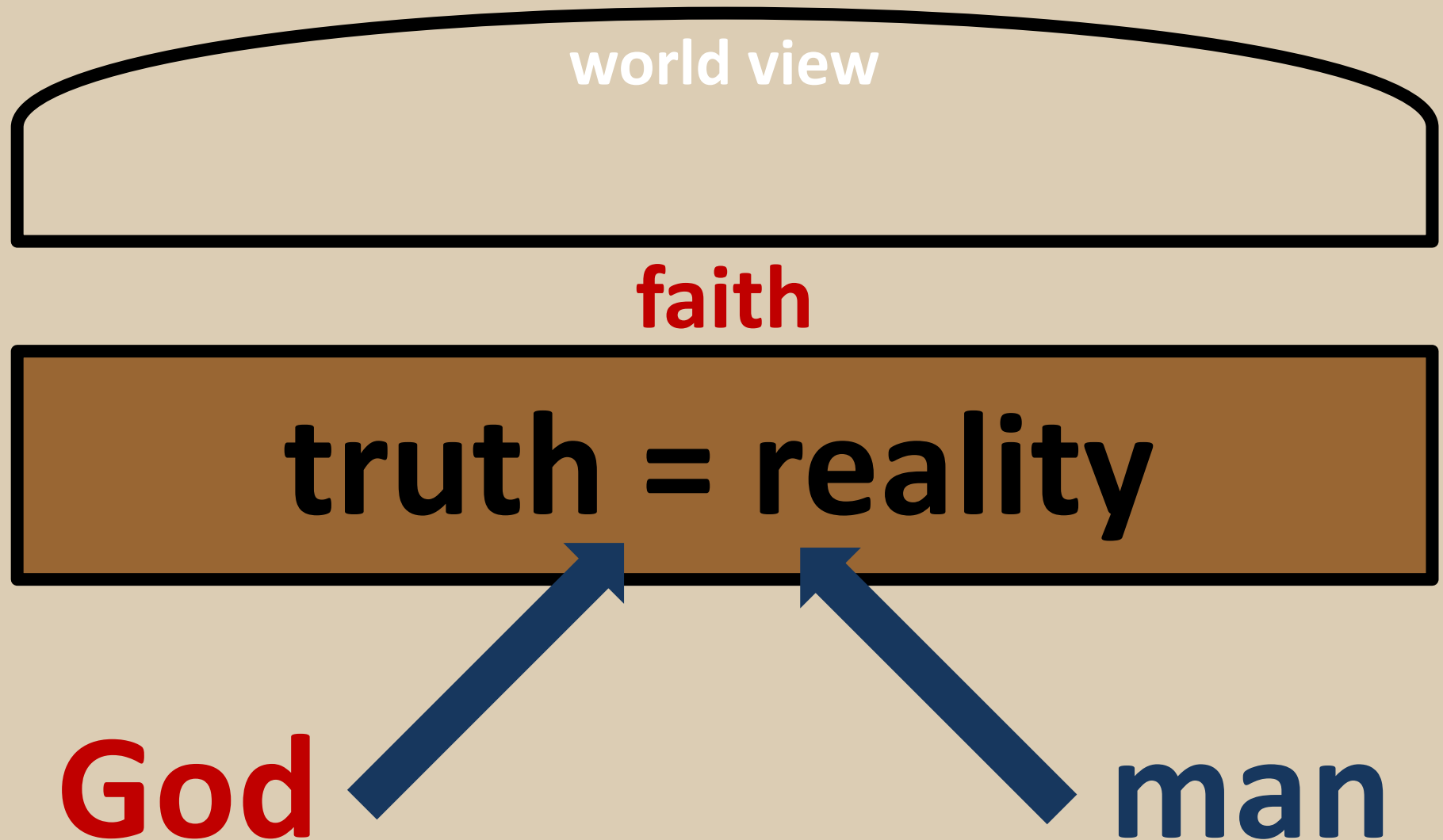
truth ... by what standard ???

truth ... by what source ???

who defines aesthetics/ beauty? • who defines ethics / morality?

a world view

the two sources of truth



a world view

God

theistic world view

faith

truth = reality

the nature of God · the Bible

ethics

the moral standard

morality

beliefs & practices

absolute truth

a world view man

humanistic world view

faith

truth = reality
the wisdom of man

social ethics

external standards

personal morality

internal beliefs & practices

relative truth

a world view

theism

spiritualism

spiritual & material

revelation & reason

science

humanism

secularism

materialism

reason

science

ABSOLUTE “truth”

RELATIVE “truth”

world view

world view

truth = reality

theism

truth = reality

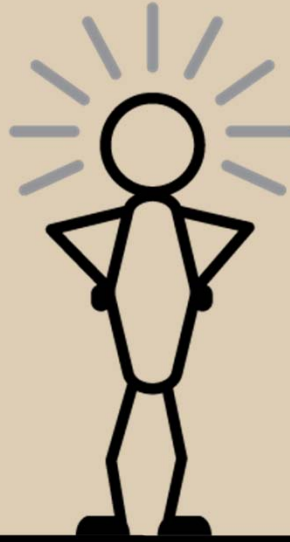
humanism

faith in God

faith in man

all world views are based on faith in God or man

a world view



the material world
the visible domain

the spiritual world
the invisible domain

truth = reality

reality includes the material and spiritual worlds

a world view

world view
God-centered
theism

world view
man-centered
humanism

faith

the material world
the visible domain

the spiritual world
the invisible domain

truth = reality

there are two fundamentally different world views

a world view

God

world view

**the material world
the visible domain**

**the spiritual world
the invisible domain**

truth = reality

God is the authority of a theistic world view

a world view

man

world view

humanism
secularism
materialism
reason
RELATIVISM

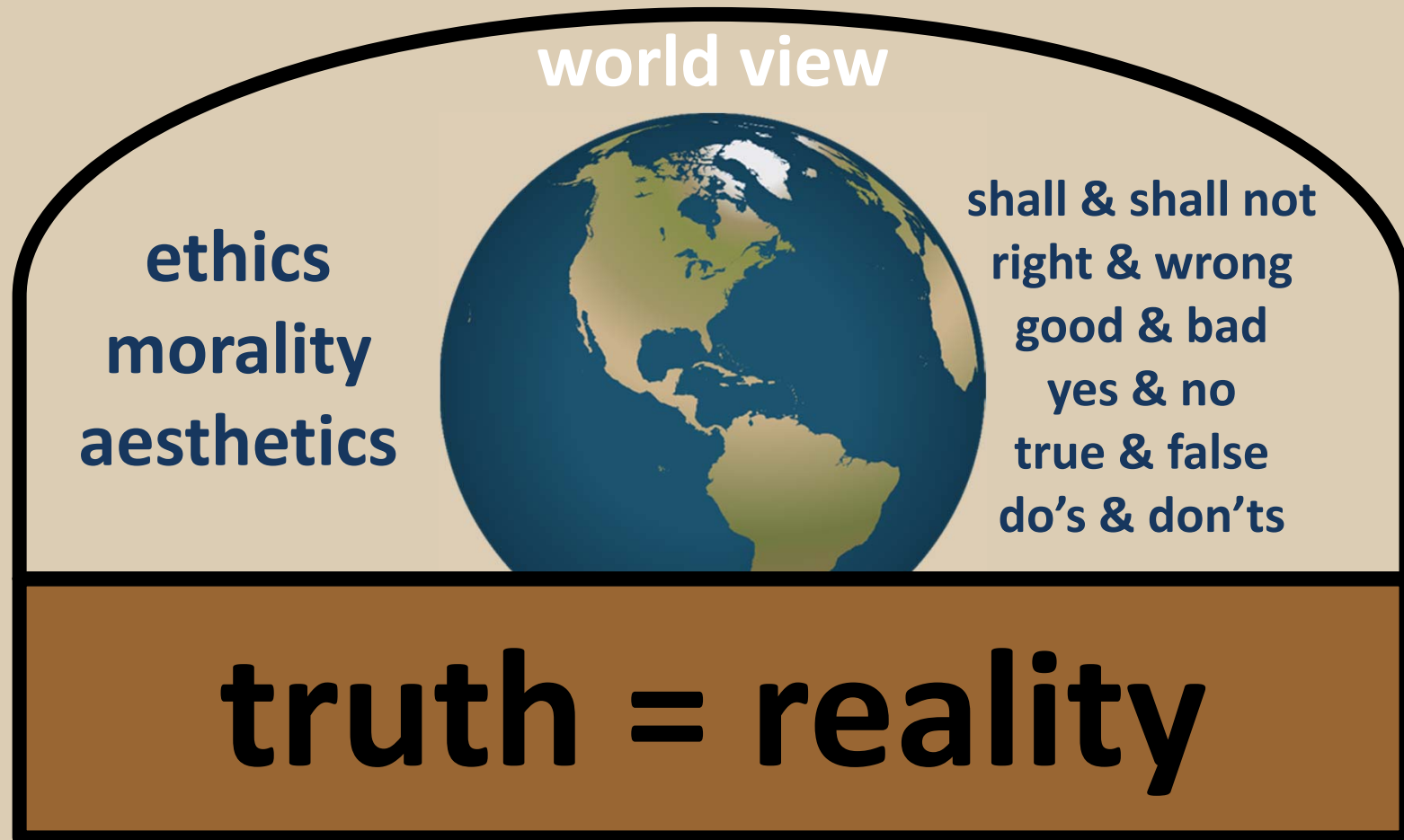
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truth = reality

man is the authority of a humanistic world view

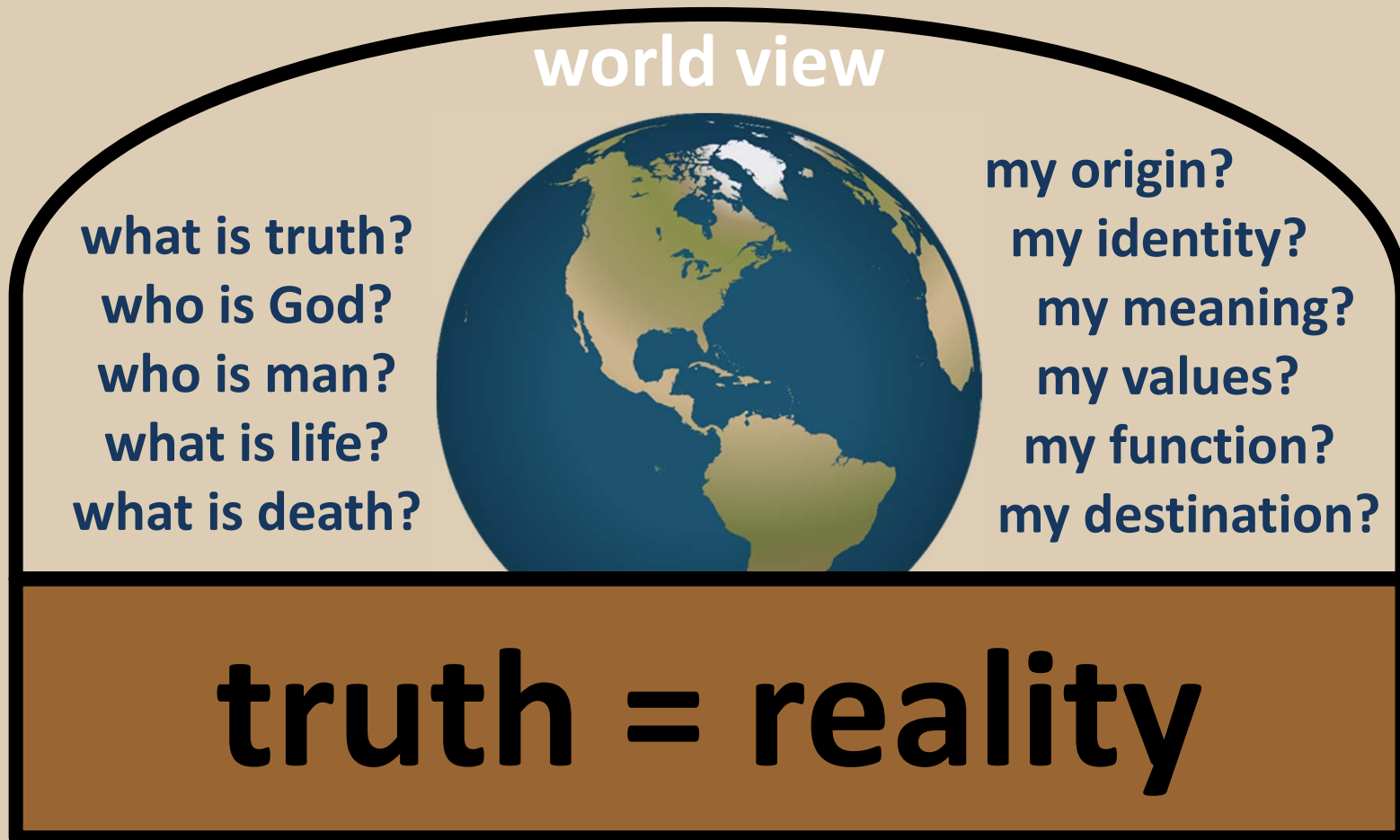
the foundation of a world view



foundation

a world view arises out of the foundation

the foundation of a world view

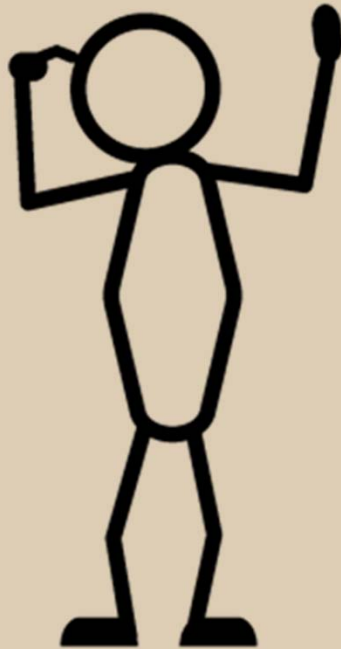


fundamental issues

a world view addresses fundamental issues

the formation of a world view

the fundamental issues



what is truth? • what is real?

who is God? • who is ruling?

who is man? • what is being?

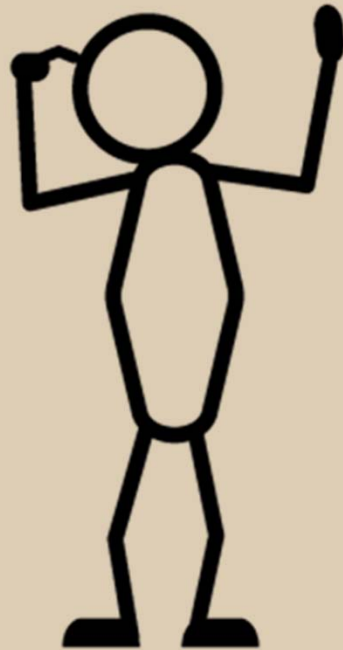
what is life? • what is living?

what is death? • what is dying?

the formation of a world view

TRUTH: what is truth? what is real?

the reality of truth



GOD → theism = faith in God

- ① God exists · truth eternally exists in God
- ② truth is derived from God

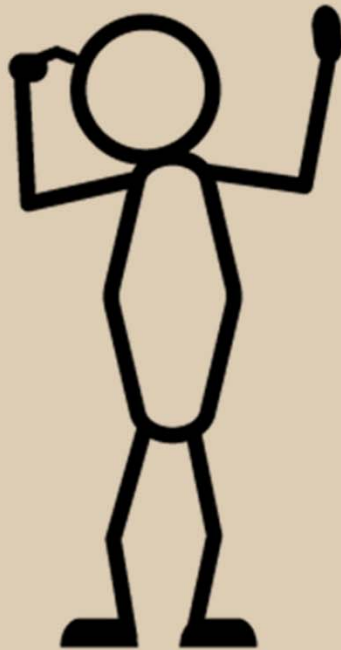
MAN → humanism = faith in man

- ① the material world exists
- ② truth is discovered by man

the formation of a world view

GOD: who is ruling? who is the authority?

the reality of God



GOD → theocracy = God-rule

① God is YAHWEH / “I AM” / aseity

God is ELOHIM / almighty power

② God is creator · owner · ruler

MAN → autonomy = self-rule

① man is the highest material life form

② man is god over the material world

the formation of a world view

MAN: who is man? what is being?

the reality of being



GOD → theocentric = God-centered

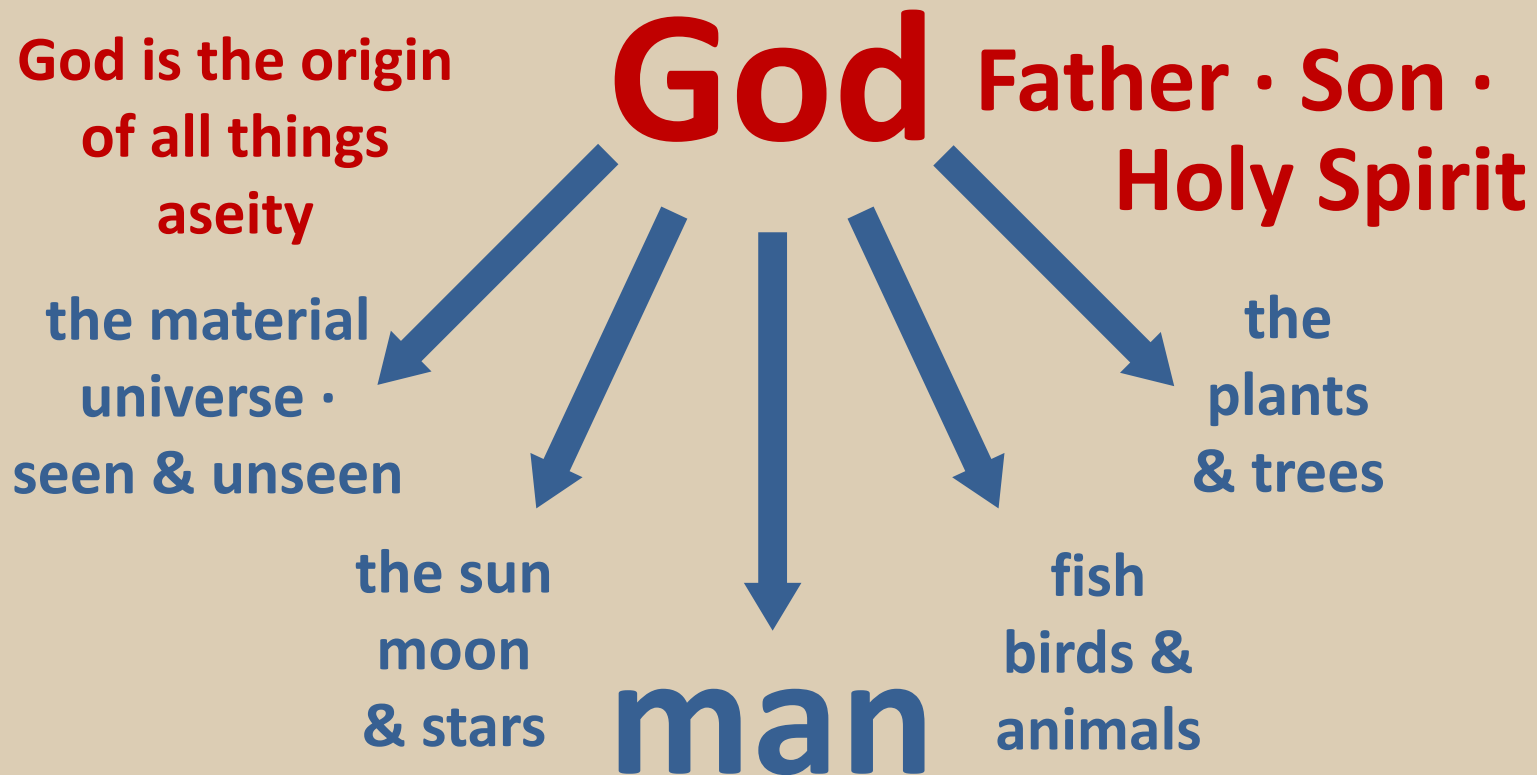
- ① man is the special creation of God
- ② man exists as a person from/like God

MAN → anthropocentric = man-centered

- ① man is a chance organism
- ② man only exists in time and space

the formation of a world view

existence and personhood

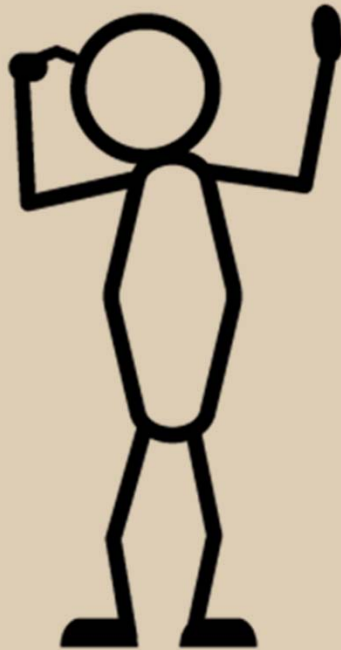


man was created in the image and likeness of God
finite man derives his **existence** from the infinite God
man derives his **personhood** from the personal Triune God

the formation of a world view

LIFE: what is life? How shall we live?

the reality of life



GOD → divine purpose

- ① life is precious = the gift of God
- ② life is defined = the virtues of God
- ③ life is meaningful = the divine purpose

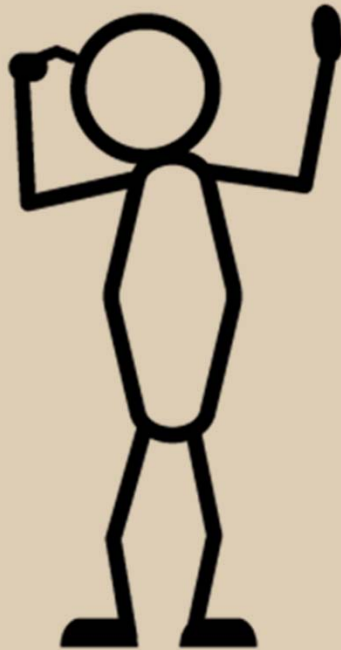
MAN → human philosophy

- ① life is a mystery
- ② life is for life = an enigma

the formation of a world view

DEATH: what is death? what is after death?

the reality of death



GOD → divine revelation

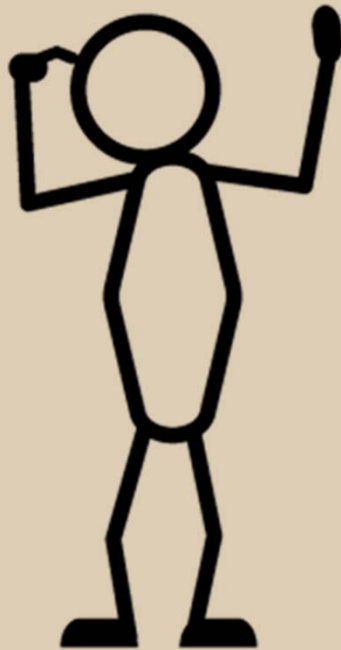
- ① the end of the beginning
- ② the separation of body · soul · spirit
- ③ the resurrection to life or judgment

MAN → human speculation

- ① the end of existence
- ② the annihilation of man

the formation of a world view

the personal issues



my origin · how did I come to be?

my identity · who am I?

my meaning · why am I here?

my values · what are my virtues?

my function · how shall I live?

my future · where will I end up?

Christian world view

a world view is a belief system used to interpret life

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

the origin → how did I come to be?

we were created by God · in the image and likeness of God

the identity → who am I?

we are fallen creatures · enslaved by sin and cursed by death

the meaning → why am I here?

we live to know God · to enjoy Him · to glorify Him forever

the values → what are my virtues? ethics · morality · aesthetics

we believe that God is the source of all absolute truth

the function → how shall I live? salvation and kingdom

we live by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone

the future → where will I end up?

we will live forever in the kingdom of God

the foundation of a world view

world view

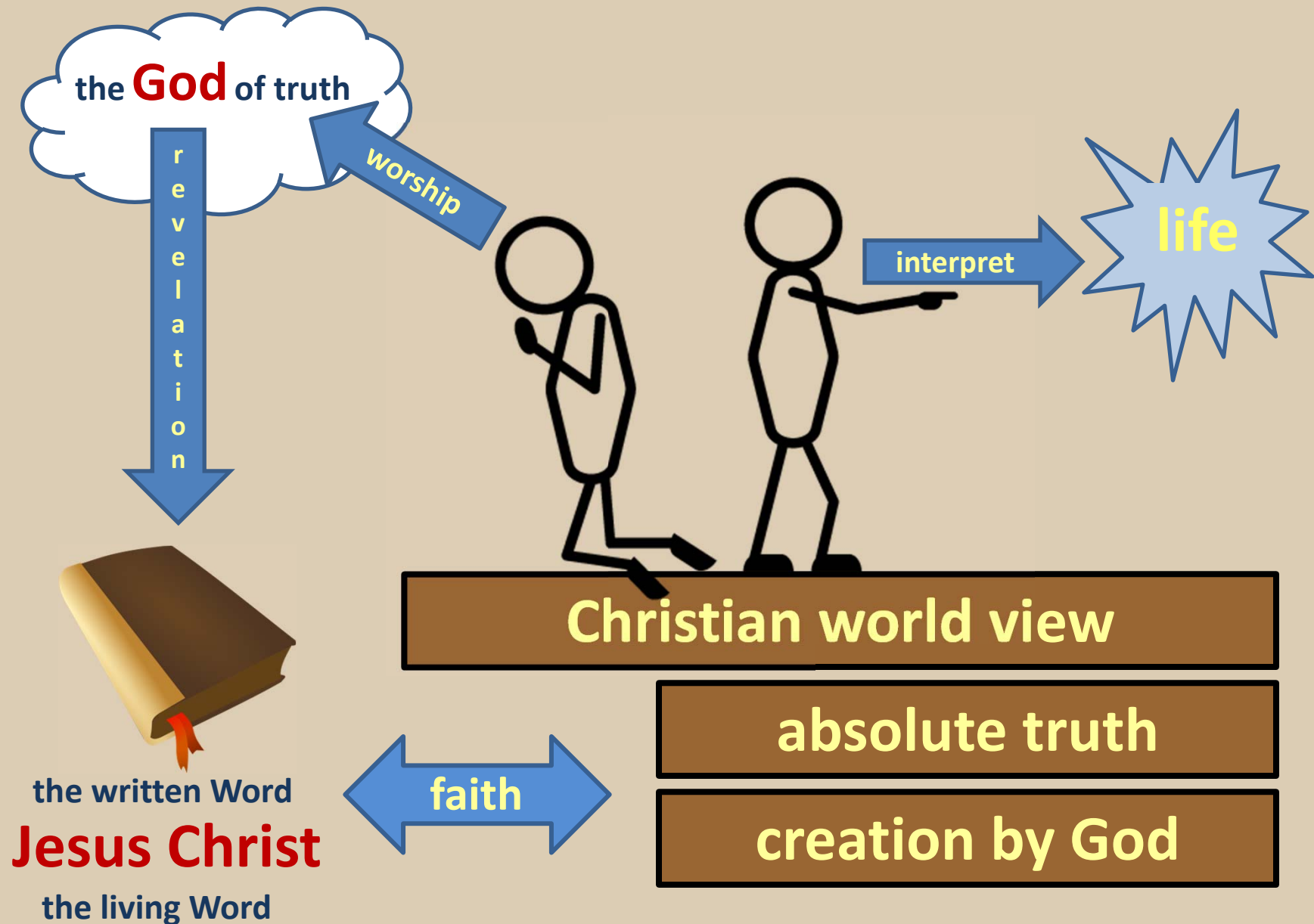


CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW
the authority of Scripture

the Bible

a Christian world view is based on God

theism · a Christian world view



the foundation of a world view

world view

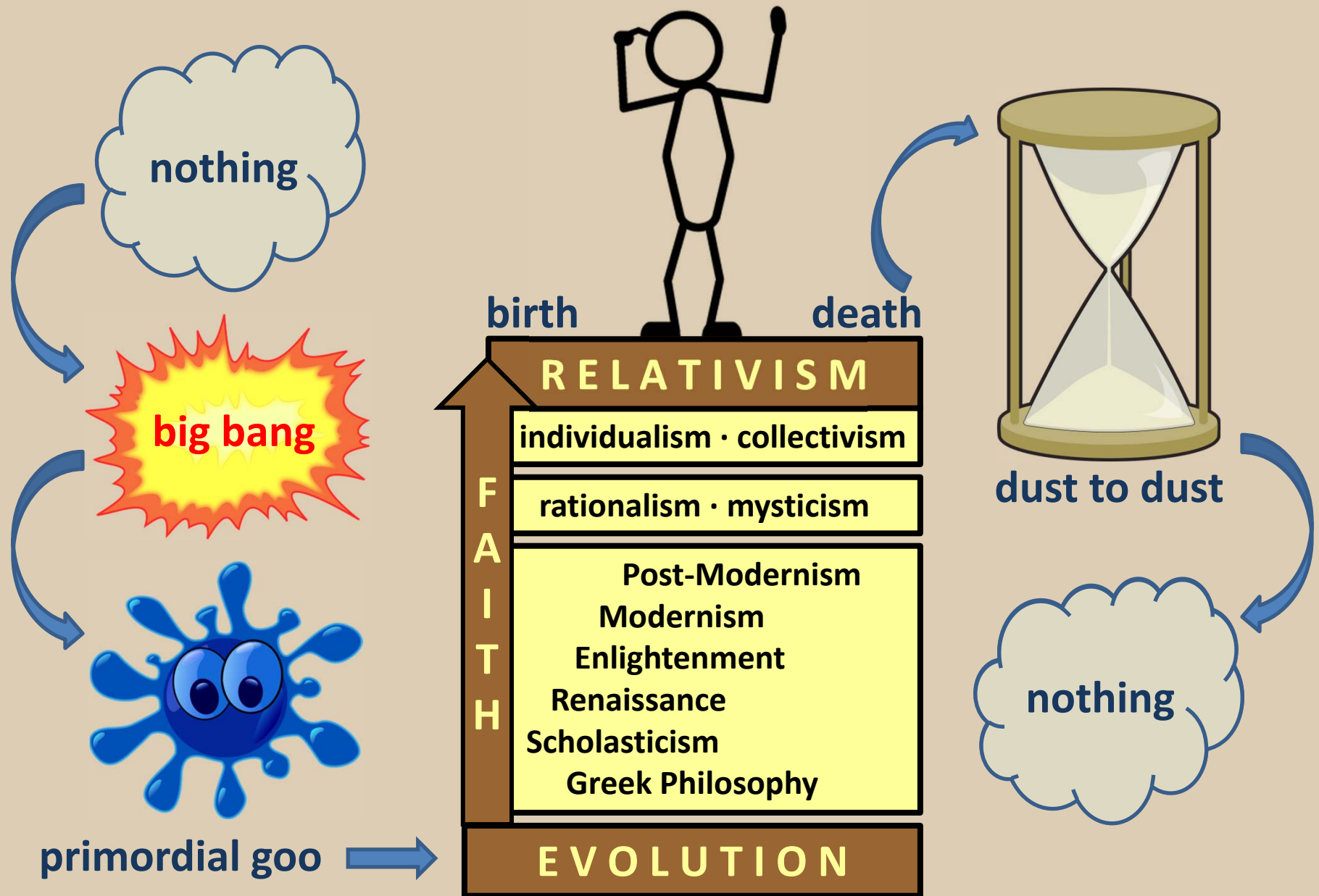


SECULAR WORLD VIEW
the authority of mankind

man

a humanistic world view is based on mankind

humanism · a secular world view

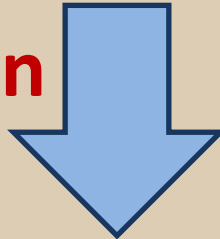


mankind lives in God's world

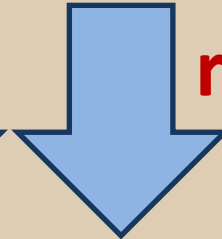
God

God is real · God is Spirit · God is truth

creation



revelation



the material universe
the physical reality

the Bible · Jesus Christ
the spiritual reality

the truth of God



humanist

theist

