



Analyzing the Problem

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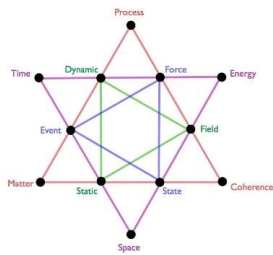
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Understanding Worldviews

Basic Questions

Metaphysics:
What is Real?

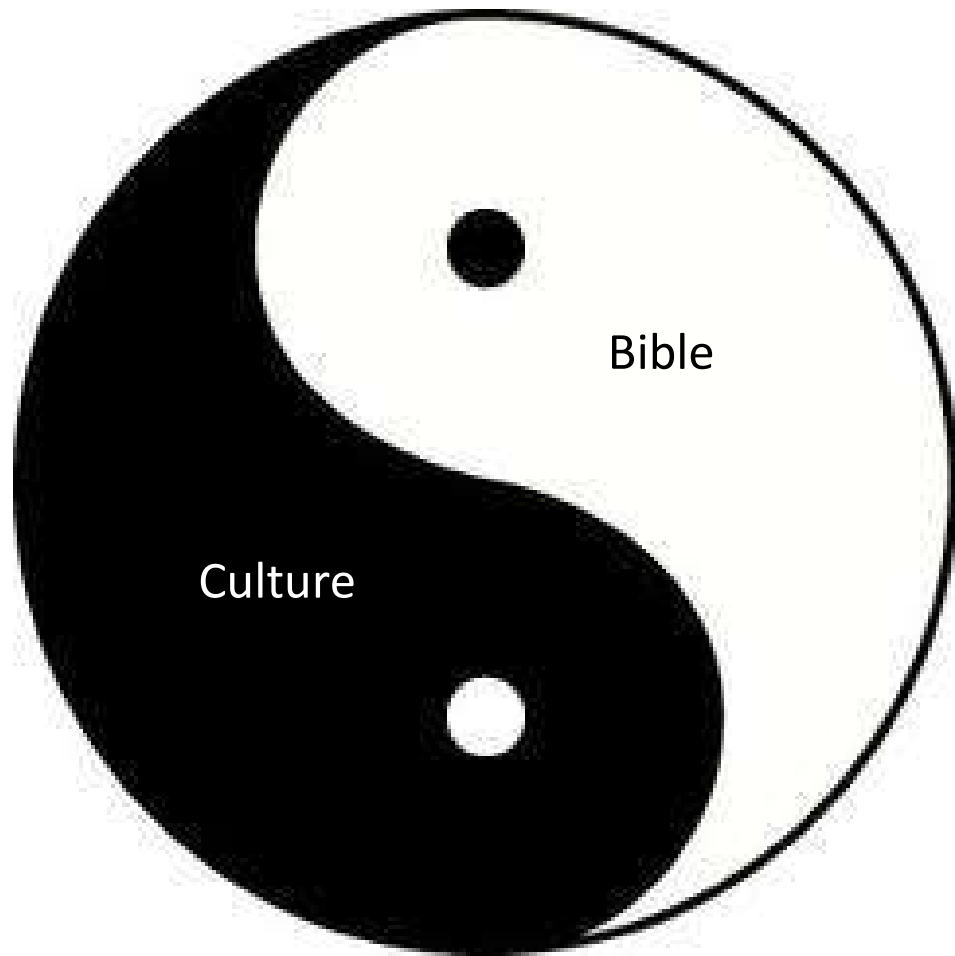


Epistemology:
What is True?



Ethics: What is
Right and Wrong?





Where Do We
Get Our
Worldviews?

Identifying Your Real Worldview

Your Worldview is Revealed by What
You Do by Default
NOT by What You Think You Think

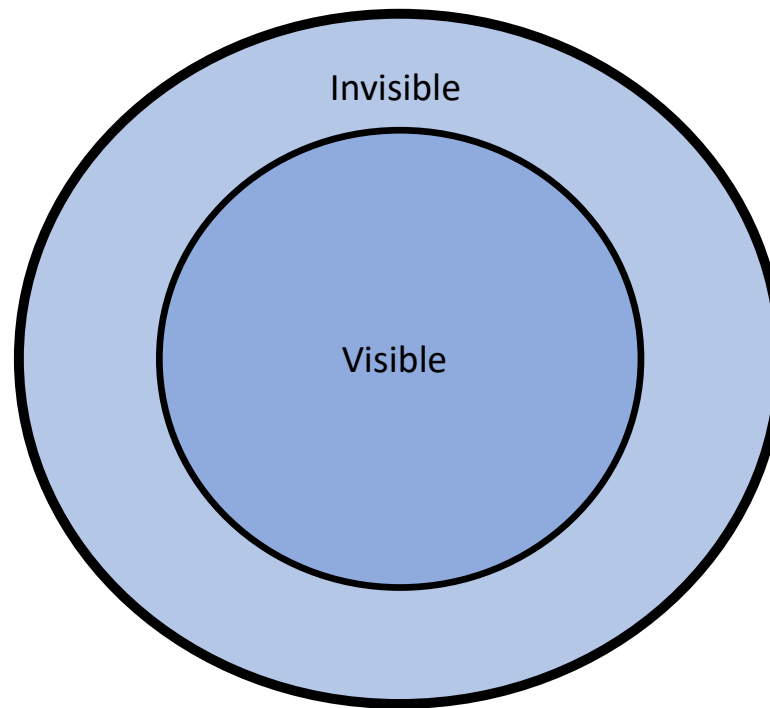


Therefore Look at Practice and
Work Backwards

Biblical Metaphysics

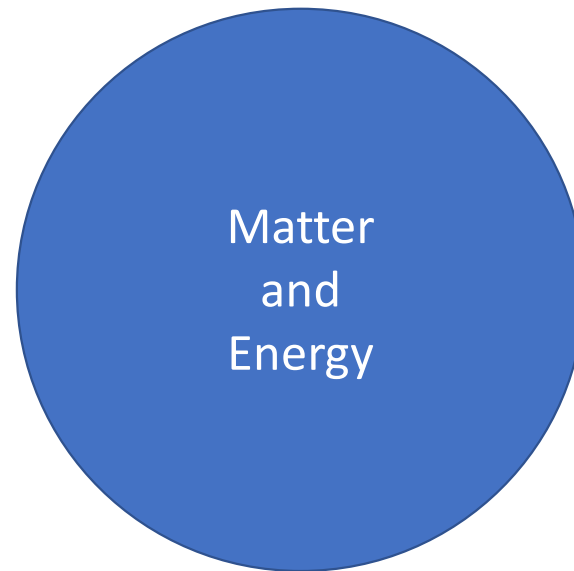
GOD

The Creation includes both the Visible and Invisible Worlds. The Visible World exists within the Invisible World, which permeates but goes beyond what we can see.

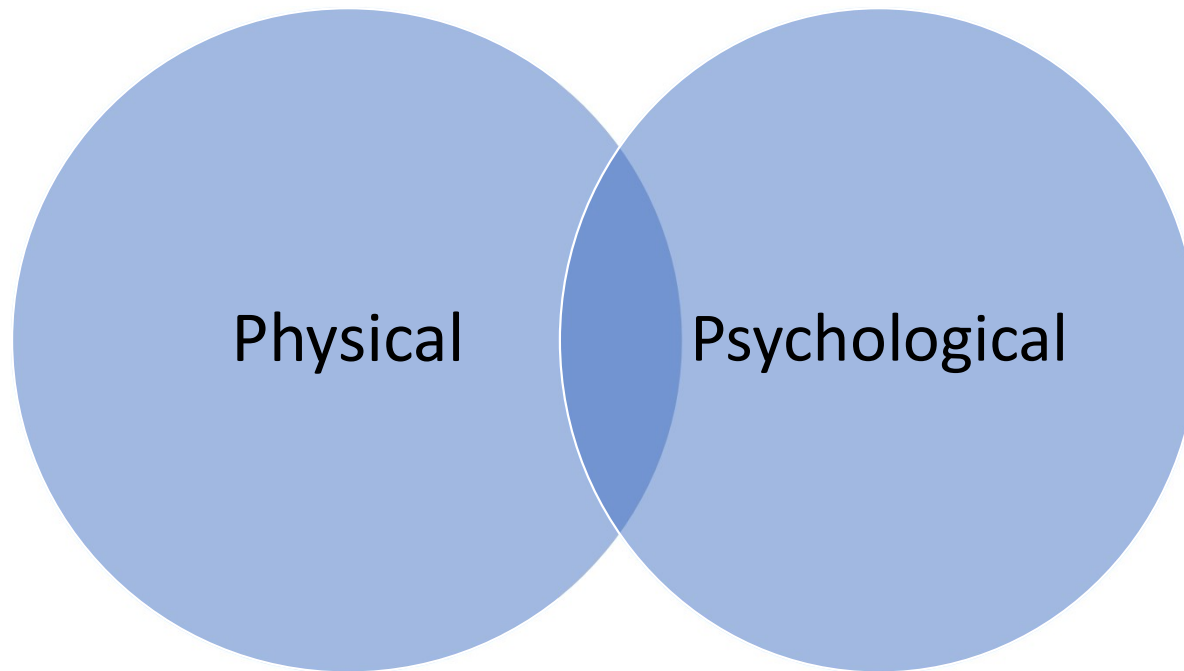


God is transcendent, that is, he is not part of the Creation, and his being and existence is of a completely different order or type than ours. His existence is *necessary*, whereas everything else is *contingent*.

Cultural Metaphysics

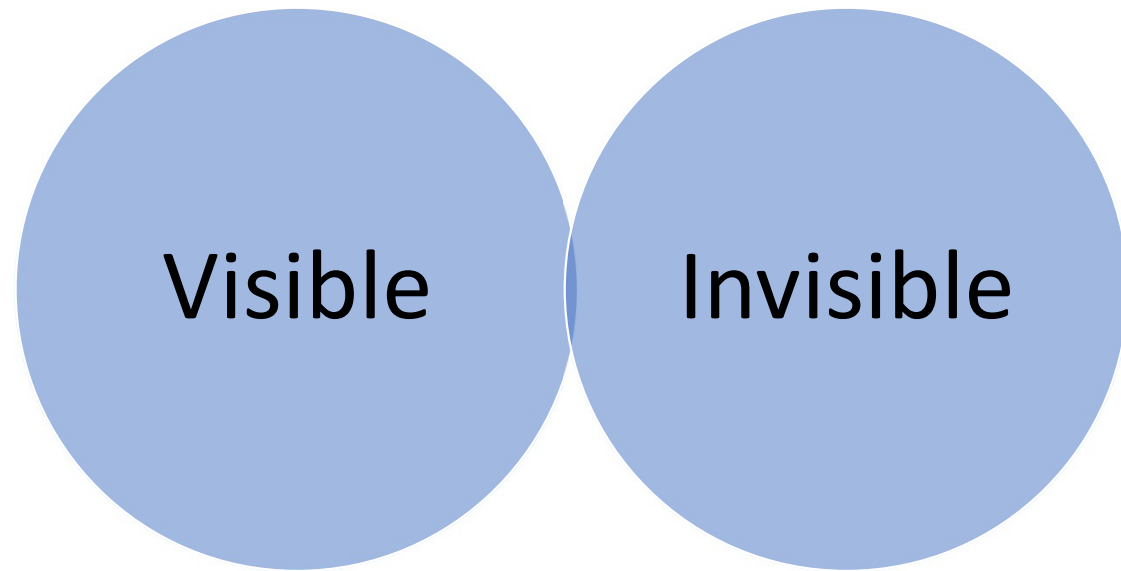


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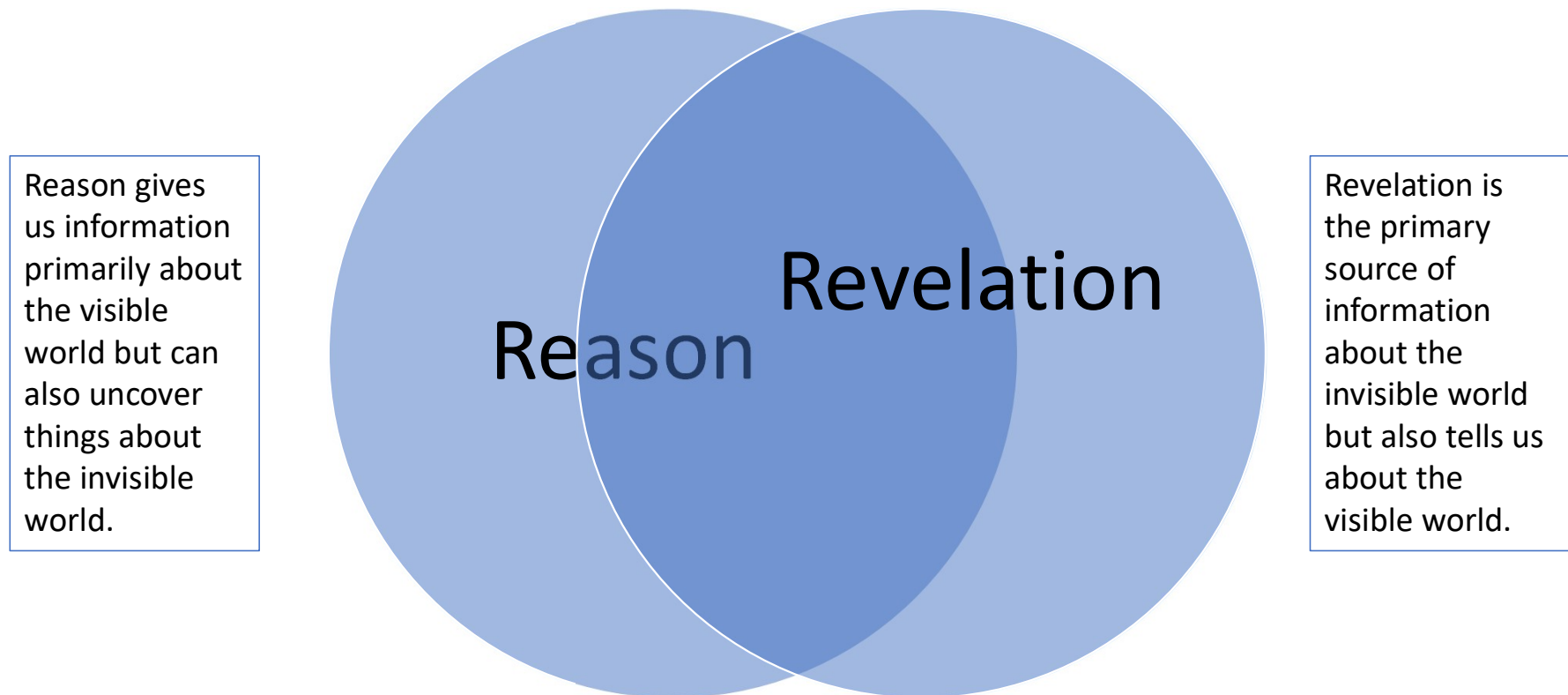


Transgenderism argues that our psychological state is as important as our bodies in determining what we are.

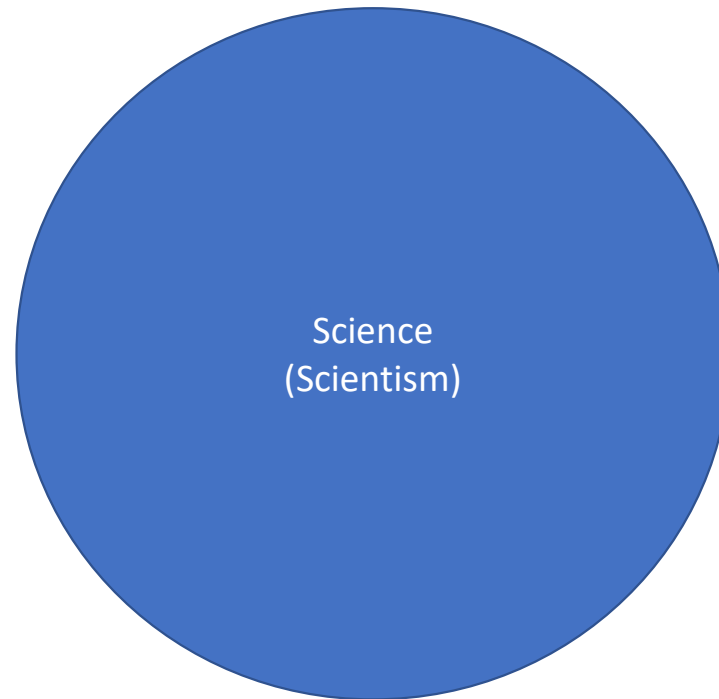
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Biblical Epistemology



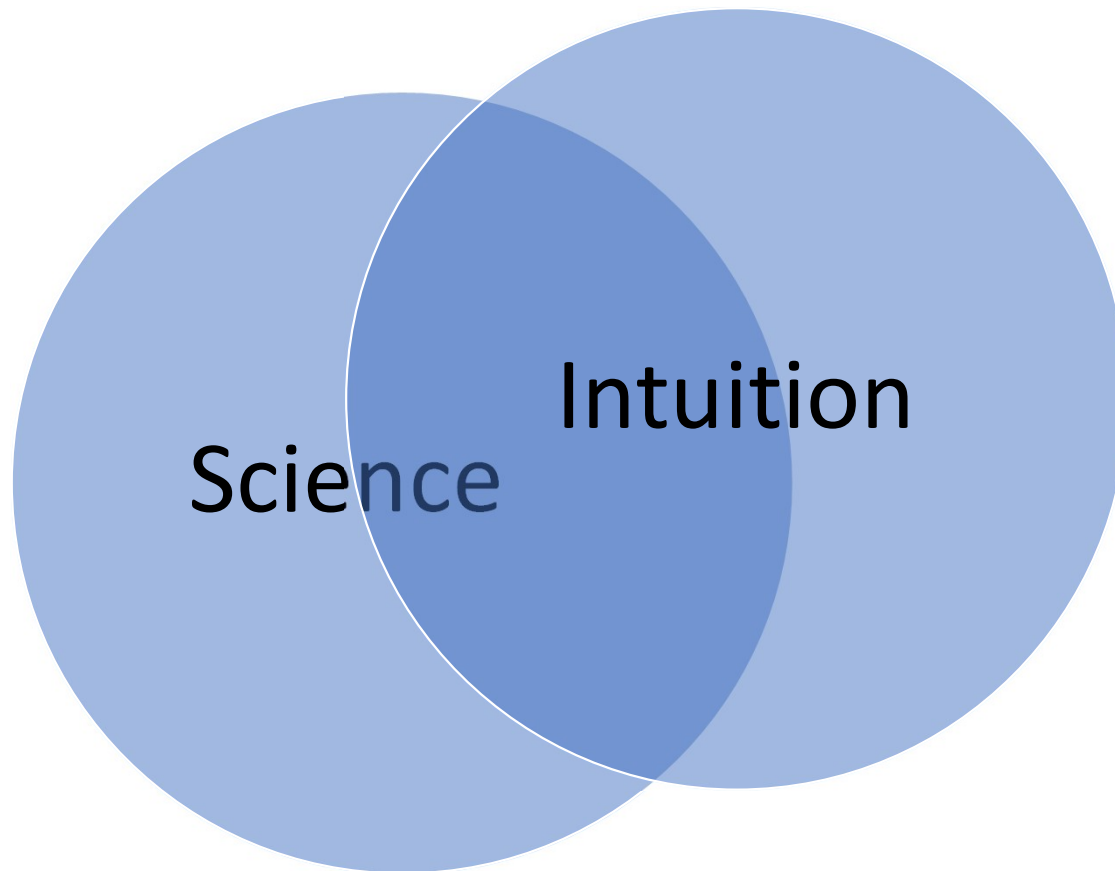
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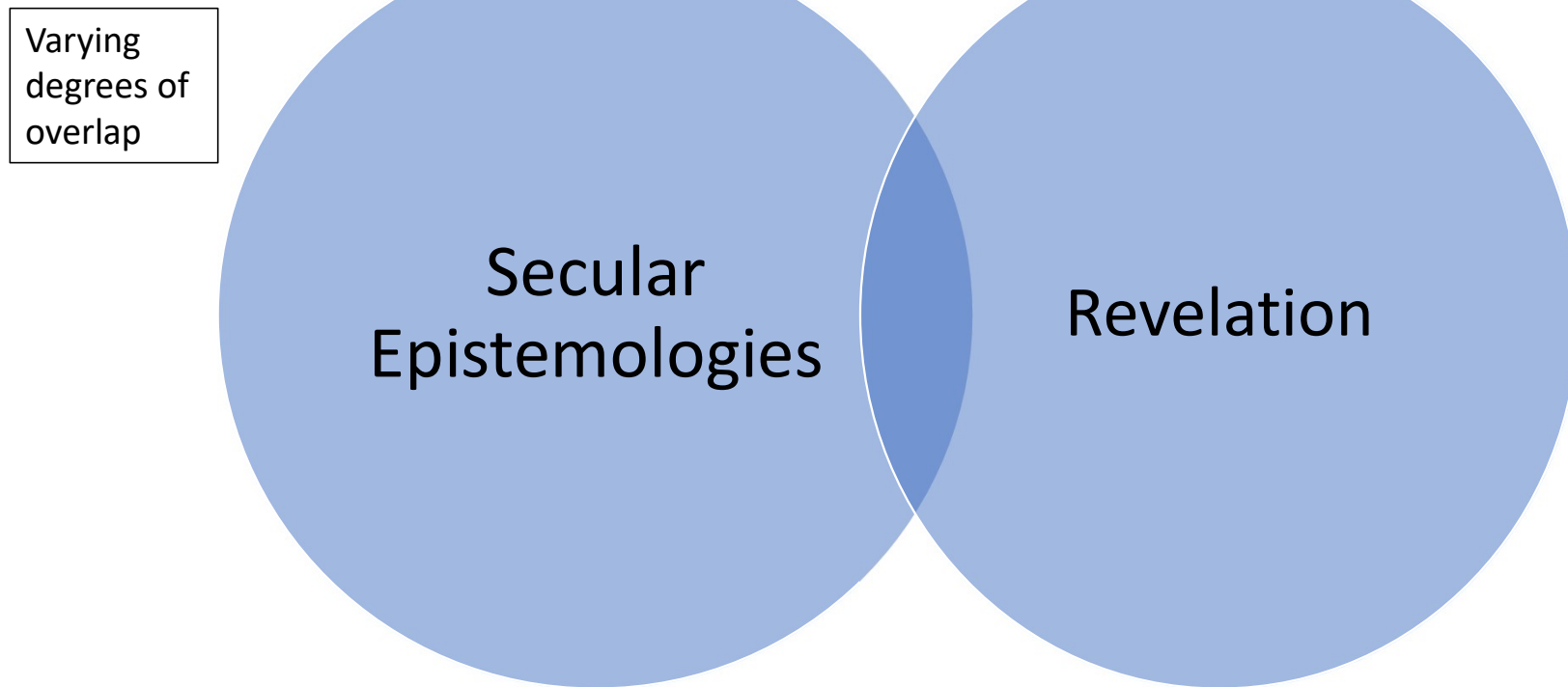


Cultural Epistemology



Transgenderism
inverts the
relationship
between objective
and subjective,
making intuition
the primary
source of truth
about identity.

De Facto Evangelical Epistemology



Biblical Ethics

The Good is Grounded in the Character of God

- Objective
- Absolute
- Non-Arbitrary

Evil is that which does NOT Conform to the Character of God

- Truth?
- Faithfulness?
- Mercy?
- Justice?
- Life Giving?
- Etc.

Cultural Ethics

Utilitarianism?
Consequentialism?
Consent?
Critical Theory?
Not Offending Anyone?
Being Nice?



De Facto Evangelical Ethics

Love without Truth

- Avoid Controversial Issues
 - “Hurts Witness”
- Avoid Offending Anyone
 - “Unloving”

Critical Theory

- Oppression is Sin
- But Fails Truth Test
 - Not the Only Sin
 - Faulty Identification of Oppressors and Oppressed

Truth without Love

What is Wrong with the World?

Which Sins Do We Focus On?

- Right: Abortion, Sexual Sin
- Left: Racism—"America's Original Sin"

Where is Sin Primarily Located?

- Individual?
- Corporate?
- Institutional/Systemic?

Your Solution Shows What You Believe

Solution: Sin
as an
Individual
Problem

Gospel of Personal Salvation

- Accepting Christ
- Private Morality
- Individualism

Implications

- Gospel has Nothing to Say about Public Life
- Compartmentalization
- Bifurcated Gospel: Conservative Side

Solution: Sin as a Corporate Problem

Politics

- Solution is Electing the Right People or Not Electing the Wrong People
- Implies Problem is Political
 - Law
 - Regulation
 - Policy

Bifurcated Gospel: Liberal Side

Solution: Sin as a Cultural/ Systemic/ Institutional Problem

- Critical Theory
 - Promoted in Schools, Popular Movements
 - SBC: “Analytical Tool”
 - Oppressors (Group Identity) are Guilty
 - Sin is NOT Primarily Individual
 - “Wokeness” as Salvation
 - Or No Salvation Possible
 - Oppressed (Group Identity) are Innocent
- Bifurcated Gospel: Liberal Side

The Problem with the Solutions

All Secularized

- Privatized Gospel
- Politicized Gospel
- Liberationist Gospel

Syncretistic Christianity

- Keep Culturally or Politically Acceptable Parts
- Distance Itself from More Difficult Parts
- Robs Church of Power
- Recipe for Irrelevance