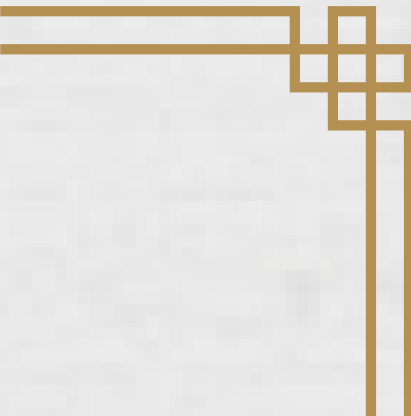
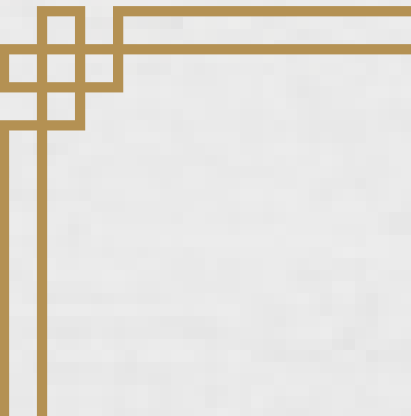
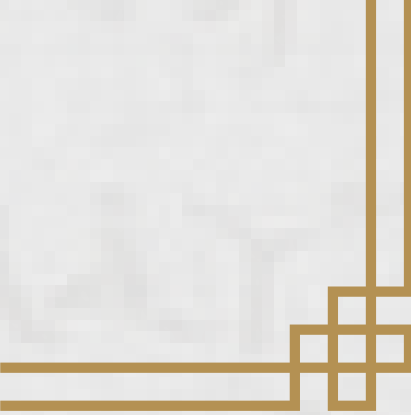
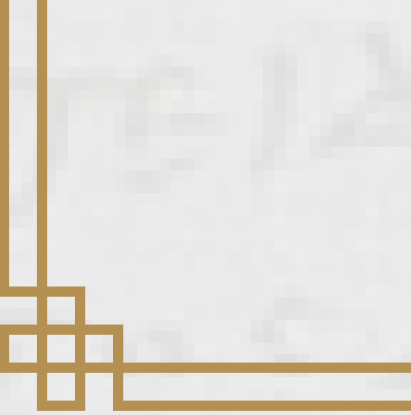




1 John

An Exegetical Series

1 John 2: Worldview Formulation



Summary of 1 John 2:20-21, 24-27

- The Holy Spirit is the agent by which we are able to recall the truth's of what we have “heard from the beginning” (i.e., the truths of Christ and the Gospel message) and through whom we are taught truth regarding the nature of Jesus as the Christ and all of its implications regarding our lives (confession of sin, keeping his commands, loving brothers and sisters, continued faith/belief, etc).
- ➡ **The Challenge:** Will you follow the conviction of the Spirit according to God's Word or will you follow other “teachings” about who Jesus is and what he has done?

Total Summary of 1 John 2

- Throughout chapter 2, John shepherds a church wounded by division back to the certainty of the gospel. He reminds them that while Christians still battle sin, they have a righteous Advocate whose atoning sacrifice secures their fellowship with the Father.
- Because they belong to Christ, they continue in the apostolic message they heard from the beginning—a perseverance confirmed by the Holy Spirit who bears witness to the truth.

Total Summary of 1 John 2

- This abiding is made visible through obedience to Christ, love for fellow believers, rejection of the world's competing loves, and steadfast confession that Jesus is the Christ.
- Unlike the antichrists who abandoned both the church and the truth, genuine believers remain in Christ...
- *And by remaining they may look forward to His appearing with confidence, knowing that the righteousness of Christ has been counted as their own and is now bearing its fruit in lives marked by faithful obedience and persevering love (1 John 2:28)*

Total Summary of 1 John 2

The Reality: If we, today, hold fast to the Gospel delivered to us by the Apostolic witness, we can have confidence that we have the truth and true fellowship with God, the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit, who is our anointing, is the witness of the true Gospel and identity of our Advocate, Jesus Christ, who will not deceive us with lies but will affirm within our conviction—our whole being—truth because, as God, he is truth and guides us into all truth

Apologetic Formulation

God alone grounds objective morality.

- The God of Scripture is both **transcendent** and **immanent**!
- Because God *IS* light and walks in his own light (1 John 1:5, 7), truth and morality are rooted in His character—God is both the standard for truth and its **ontological** source (i.e., God's being and conduct is the source and example).
- Naturalism **attempts** explain the survival of behaviors, but it cannot explain why anything is **objectively good** or *evil*.

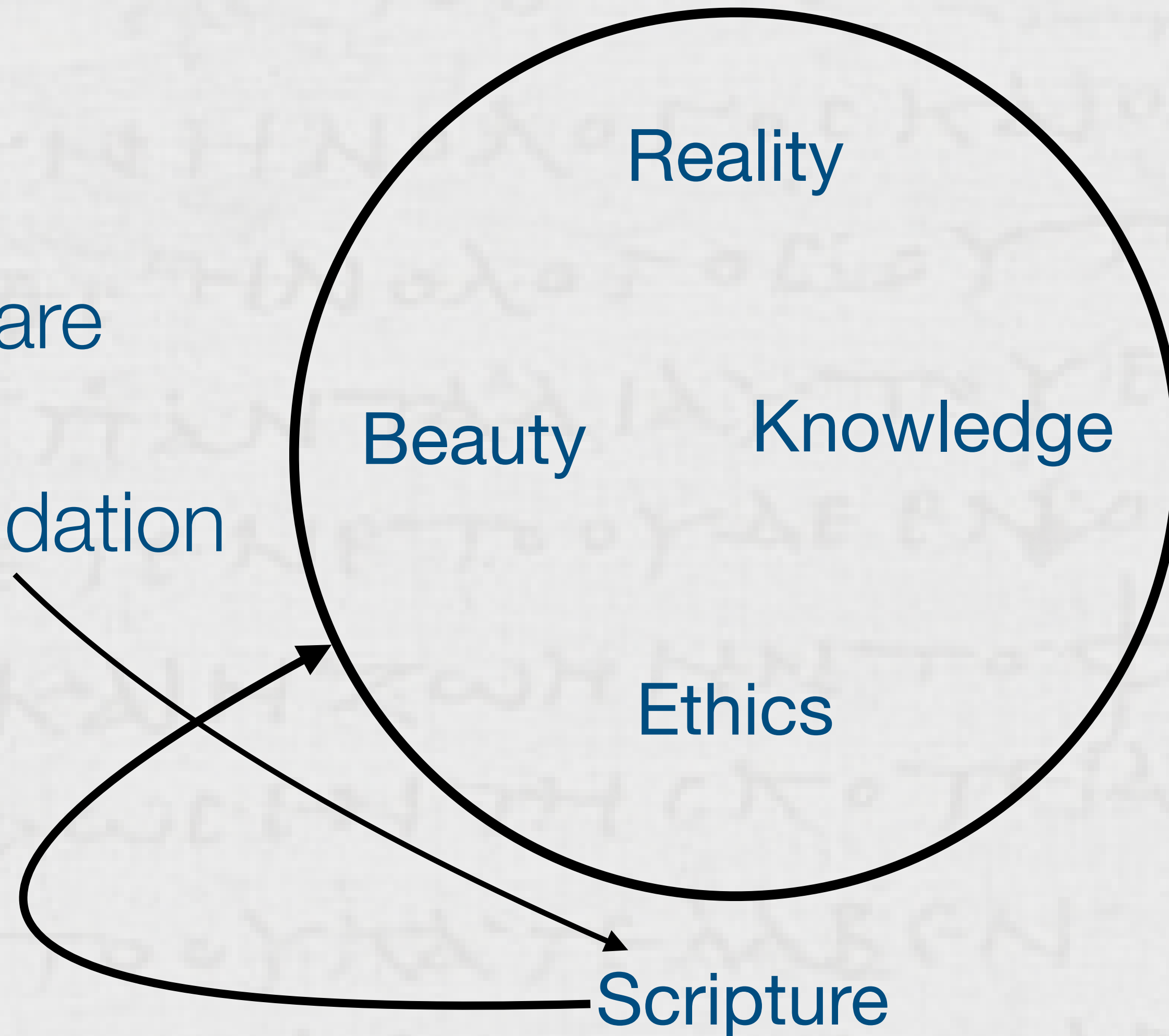
Worldview Formulation

The Goal: To “work backwards,” as it were, and build from our practical application a theological philosophy (or worldview) that grounds us in reality, and both provides further substance in and a vindication of the Christian faith that we profess as sane, rational people

The Resource: John Frame’s “Triperspectivalism,” from his numerous books—but, specifically his *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Christian Belief* and *A History of Western Philosophy and Theology*

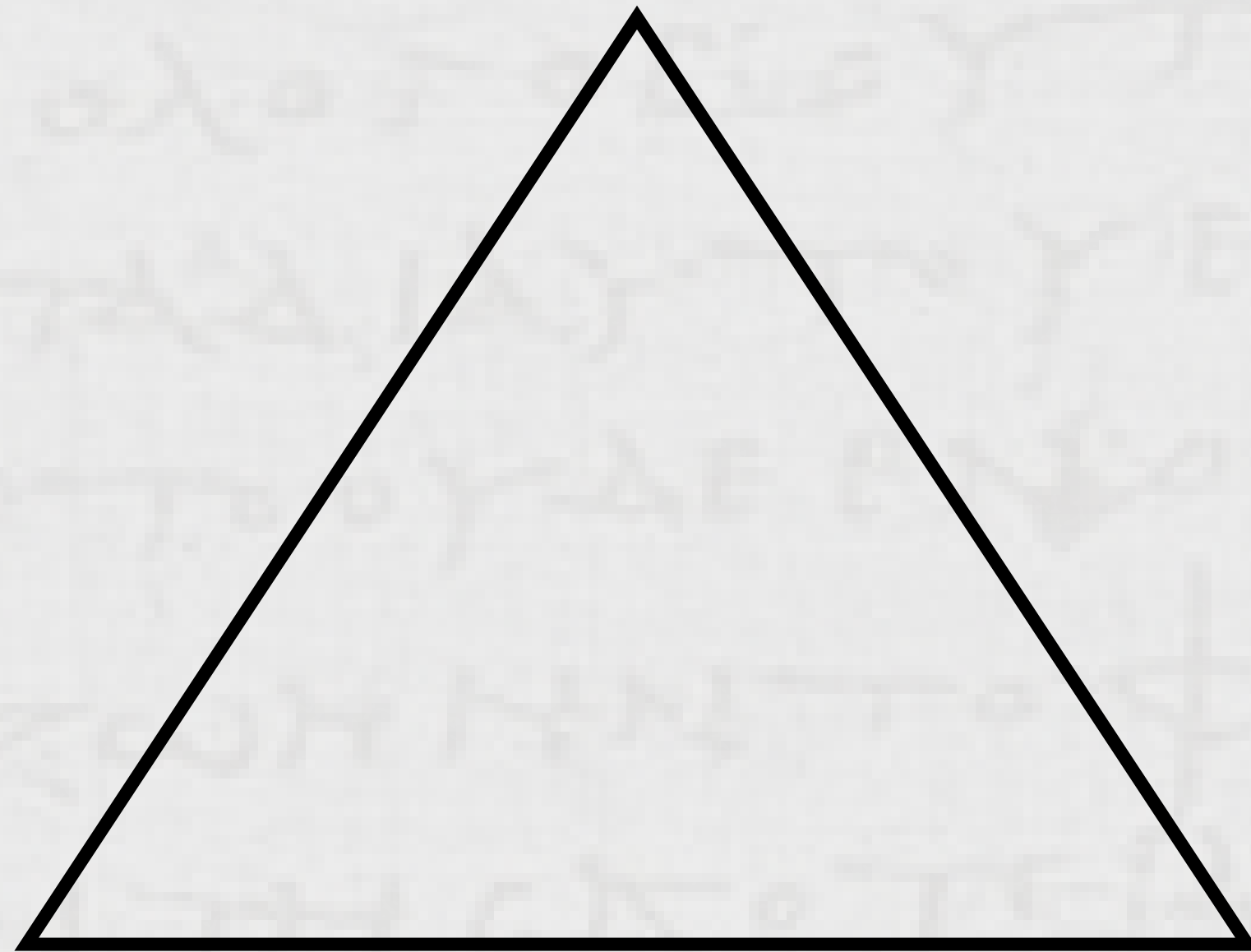
Worldview Illustration 1.0

Worldviews are
informed
by their foundation



Worldview Illustration 1.1: Triperspectival

Epistemology (Knowledge)



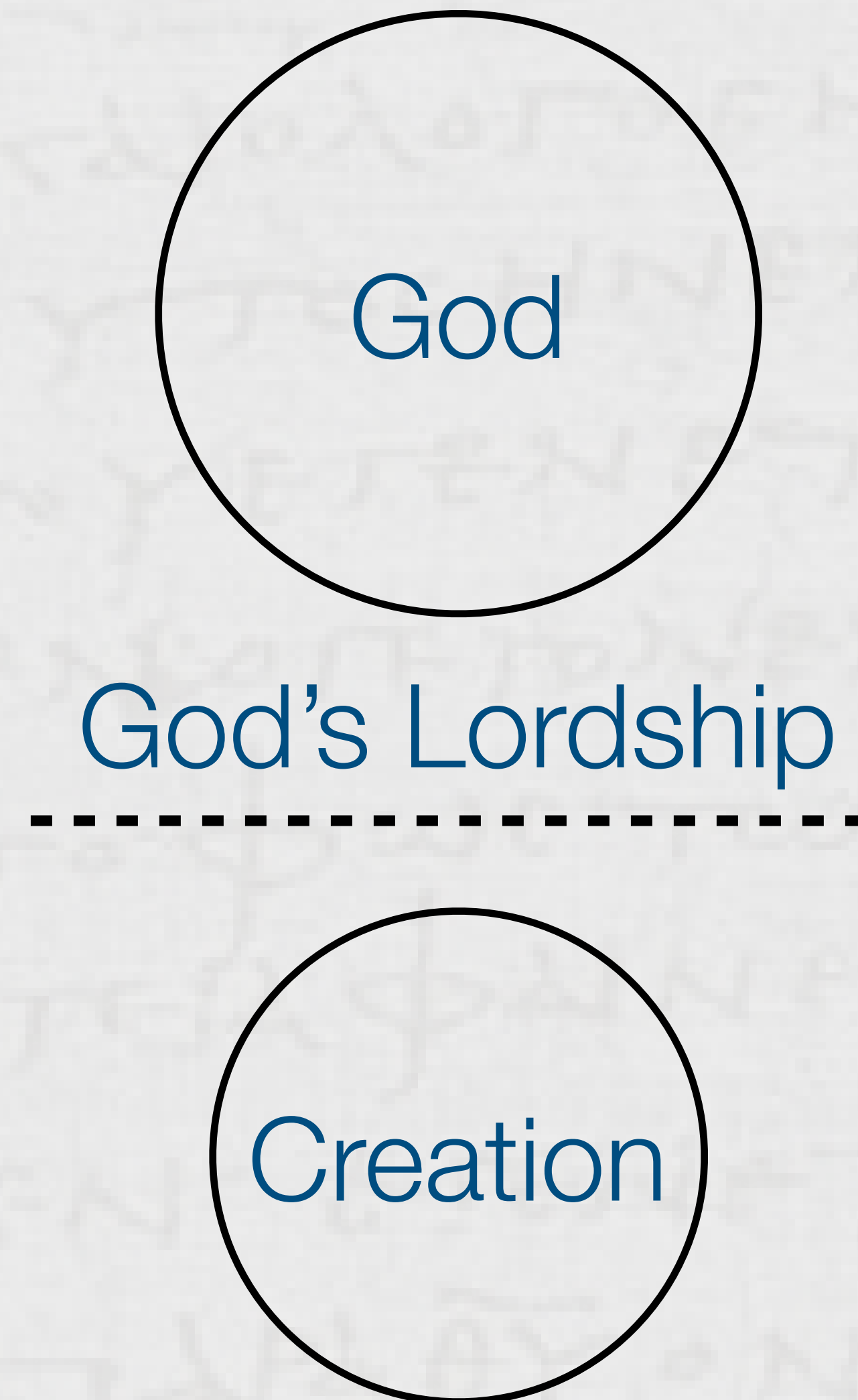
Metaphysics (Reality)

Value Theory (Ethics/Beauty)

We Start with God, Not Self (1 John 1:1-3)

Creator–Creature Distinction

- God is Creator; everything else is creature.
- God is above and distinct from creation.
- Creation depends on God for its existence.
- There is no overlap between Creator and creature.



Worldview Illustration 1.1: Triperspectival

Authority (God is Light)

*God's Lordship Attributes
and Three-fold perspective
from 1 John 1 and 2*

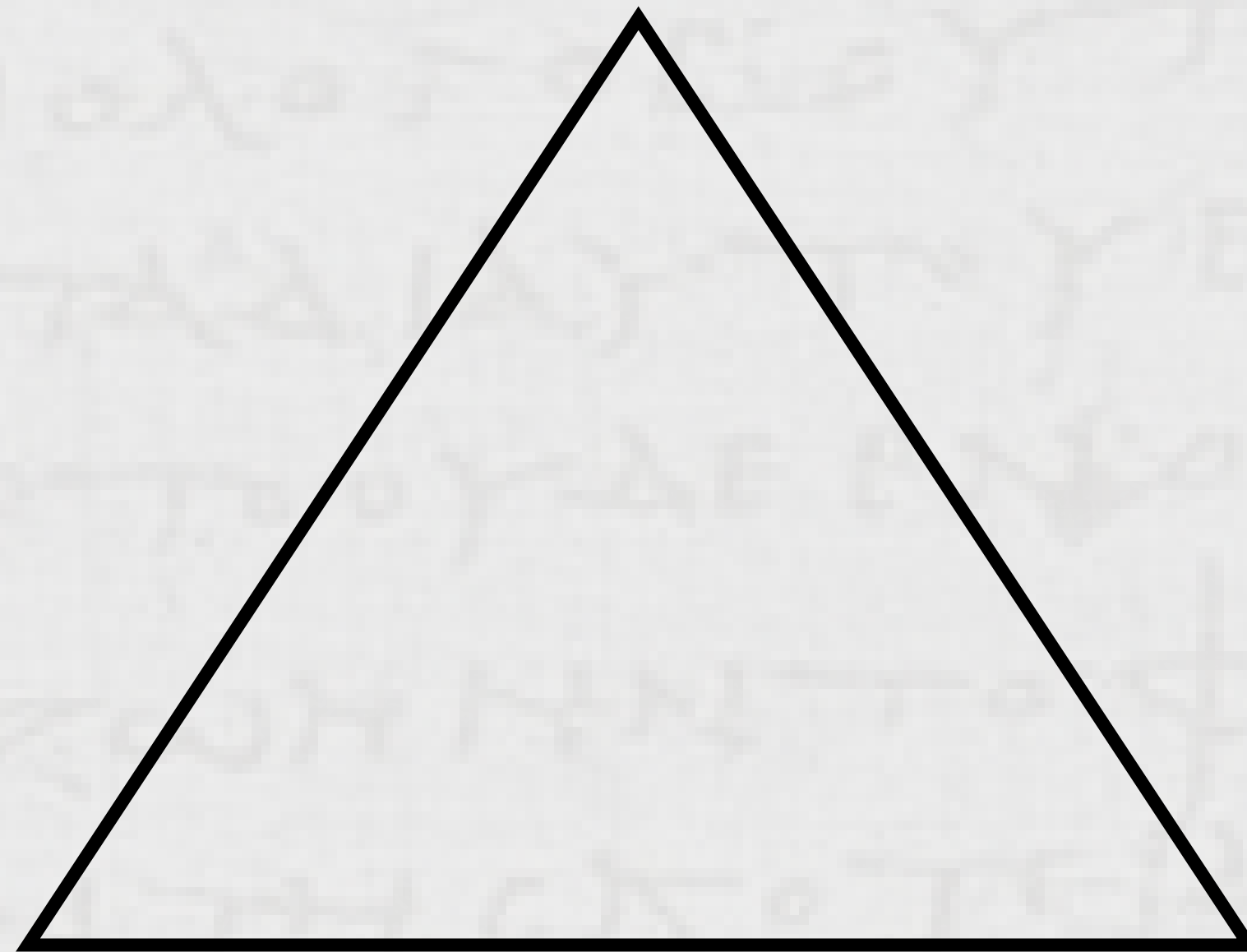
We must relate and submit
our reality through God's
Lordship and perspective

Control (God "was")

Presence (Jesus hear,
seen, touched)

Our Worldview from God's Perspective

Normative (God Speaks)



Situational (God Acts)

Existential (God Dwells)

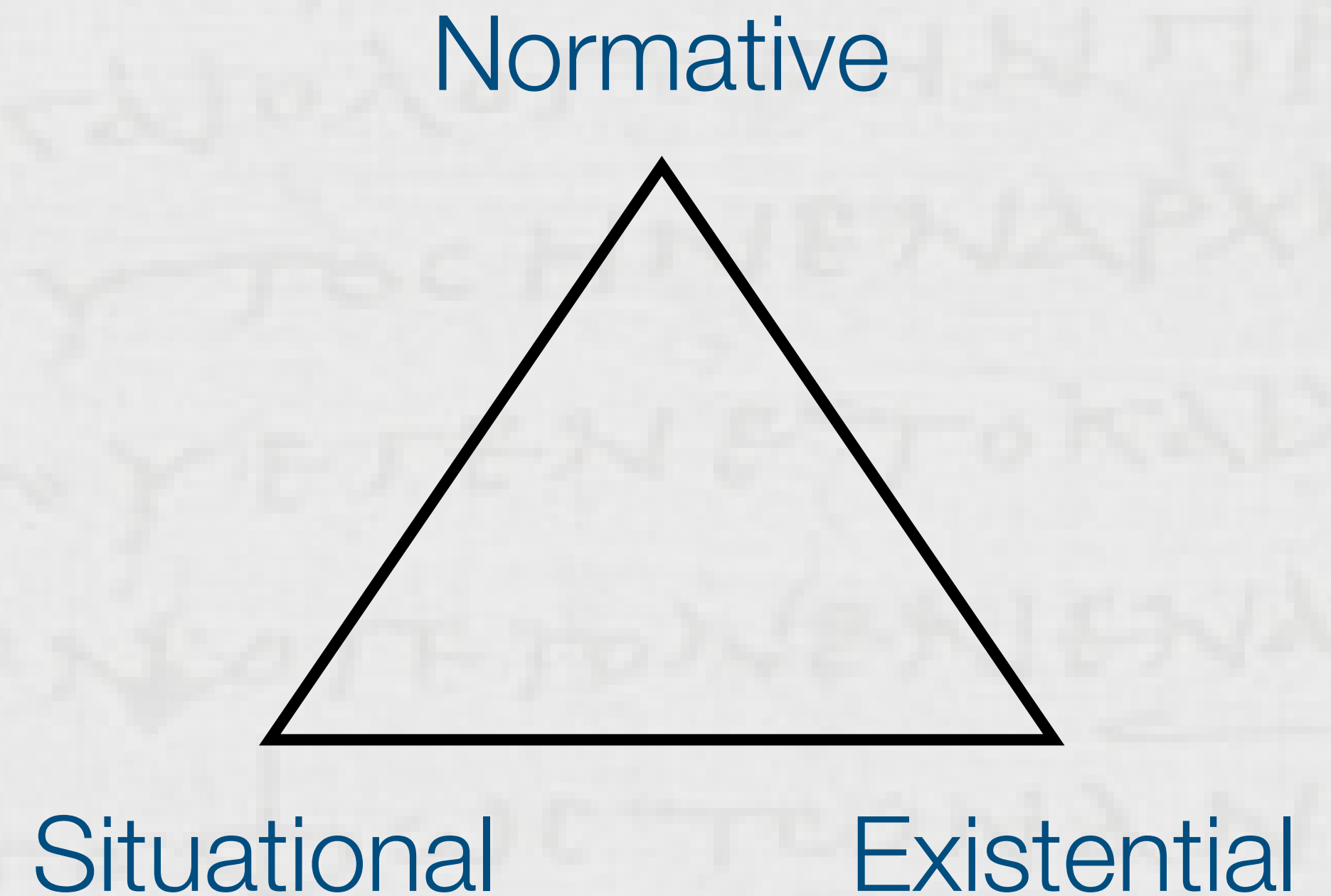
Triperspectivalism Applied

- Let's look at each perspective through the tension of the **church split and false views of Christ** (1 John 2:18-19; 22-23) and see how we can have confidence that we, like the believers who received this letter, have the **correct** understanding of God rather than the other way around!
- Remember, our goal is to see how our worldview is “worked out,” as it were, by **utilizing** the three perspectives that John Frame provides as a tool to help us understand, more deeply, what our worldview is and how it correctly understands and corresponds to God's Lordship (authority, control, presence)

Triperspectival Applied

Three Questions:

- What did the antichrists deny?
- Who did the antichrists deny?
- How did the antichrists behave as a result?



We Start with God, Not Self (1 John 1:1-3)

God

God's Lordship

Creation

Triperspectival Applied

Biblical Perspective

God's Lordship Perspective

Normative

Authority

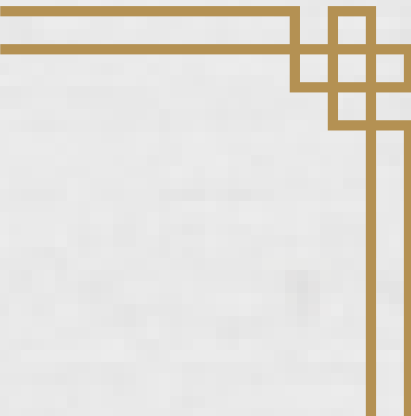
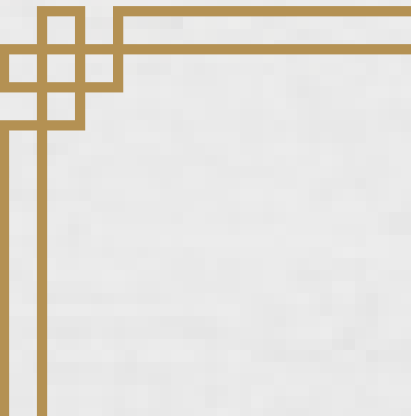
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