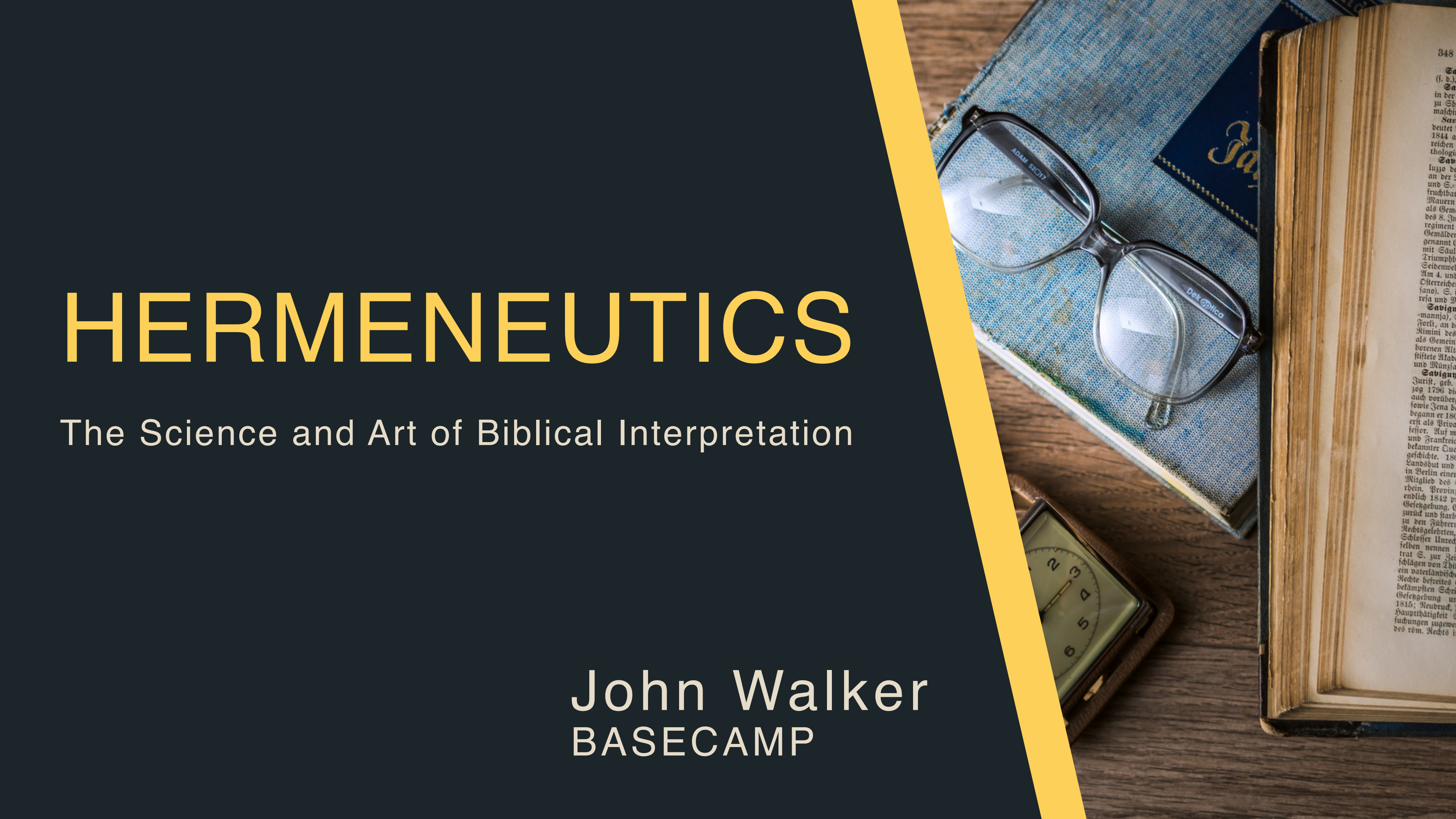


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POINTS FOR THIS CONVERSATION

- Goal for Tonight -
- Definition of Hermeneutics -
- Understanding the Communication Gap -
- When is Interpretation Necessary -
- The Communication of Scripture -
- Ways God Has Spoken -

GOAL FOR TONIGHT

BASIC GOAL

- To Inspire you to search out the mysteries of God

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory
of kings is to search out a matter. - Prov 25:2

- Each of us have the ability to know the infinite God more intimately than we currently do and He desires us to search out His mysteries.

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QUOTE...

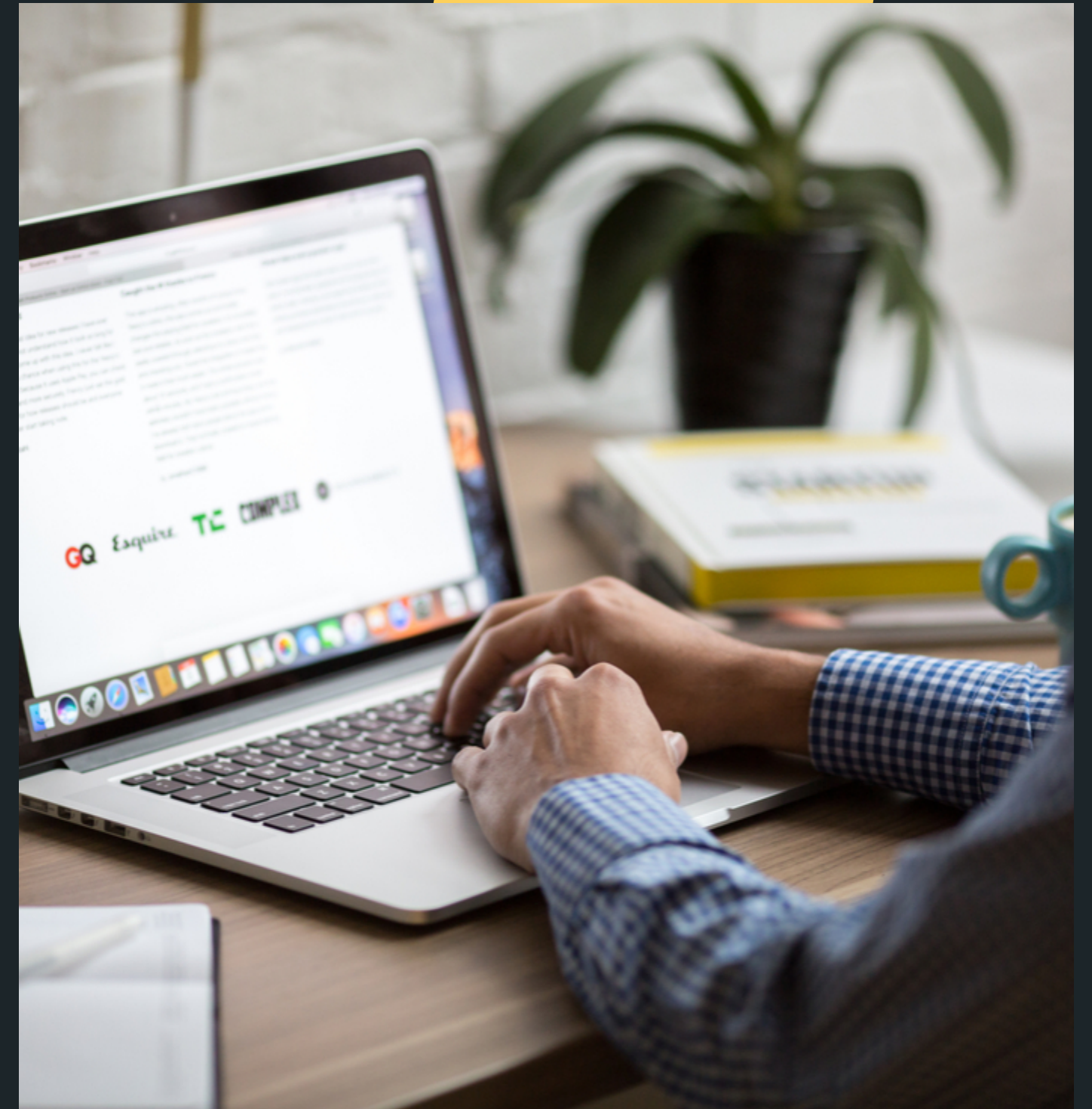
We derive no benefit from the fact that
God has spoken unless we understand
what is meant by what He said.

KEVIN CONNER

GOOGLE GENERATION

YOU CAN FIND ANYTHING...

- Google receives 63,000 searches per second
- 228 Million searches per hour
- 5.6 Billion searches per day
- 2 Trillion searches per year



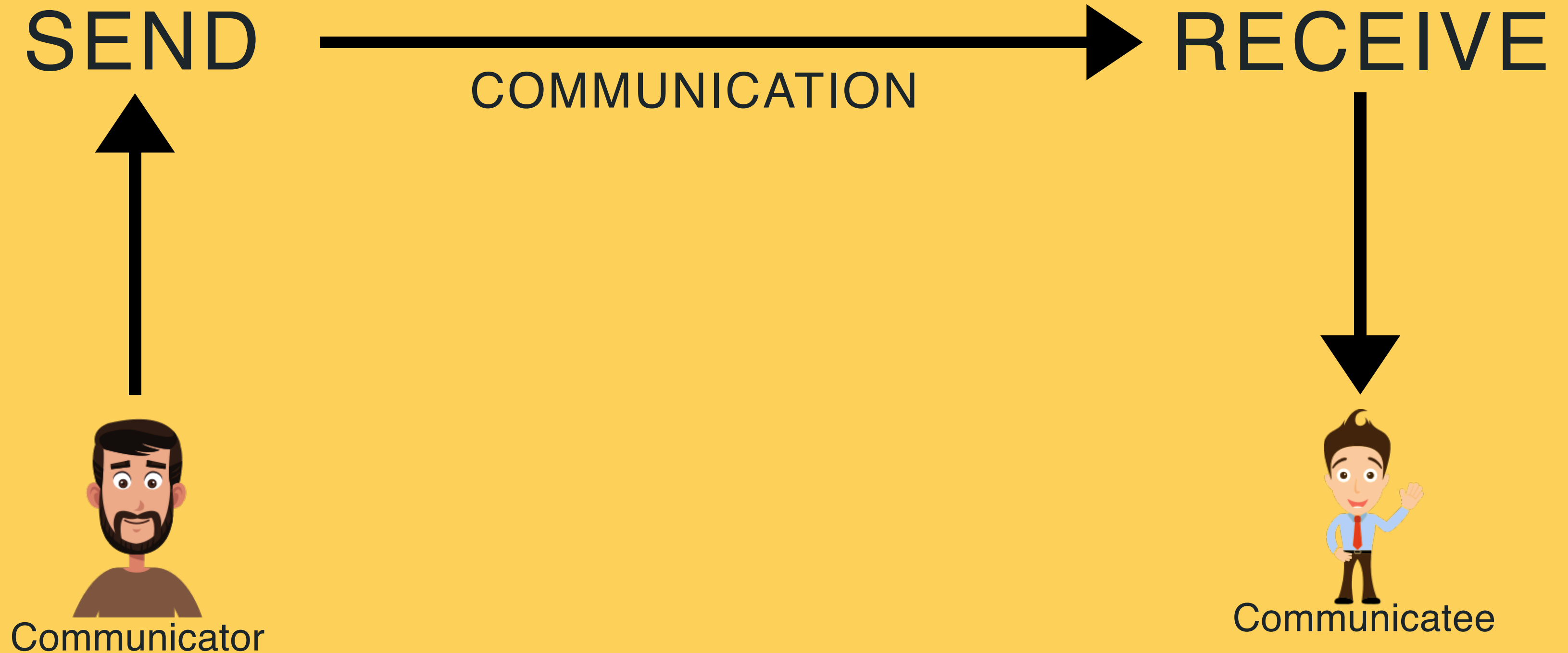
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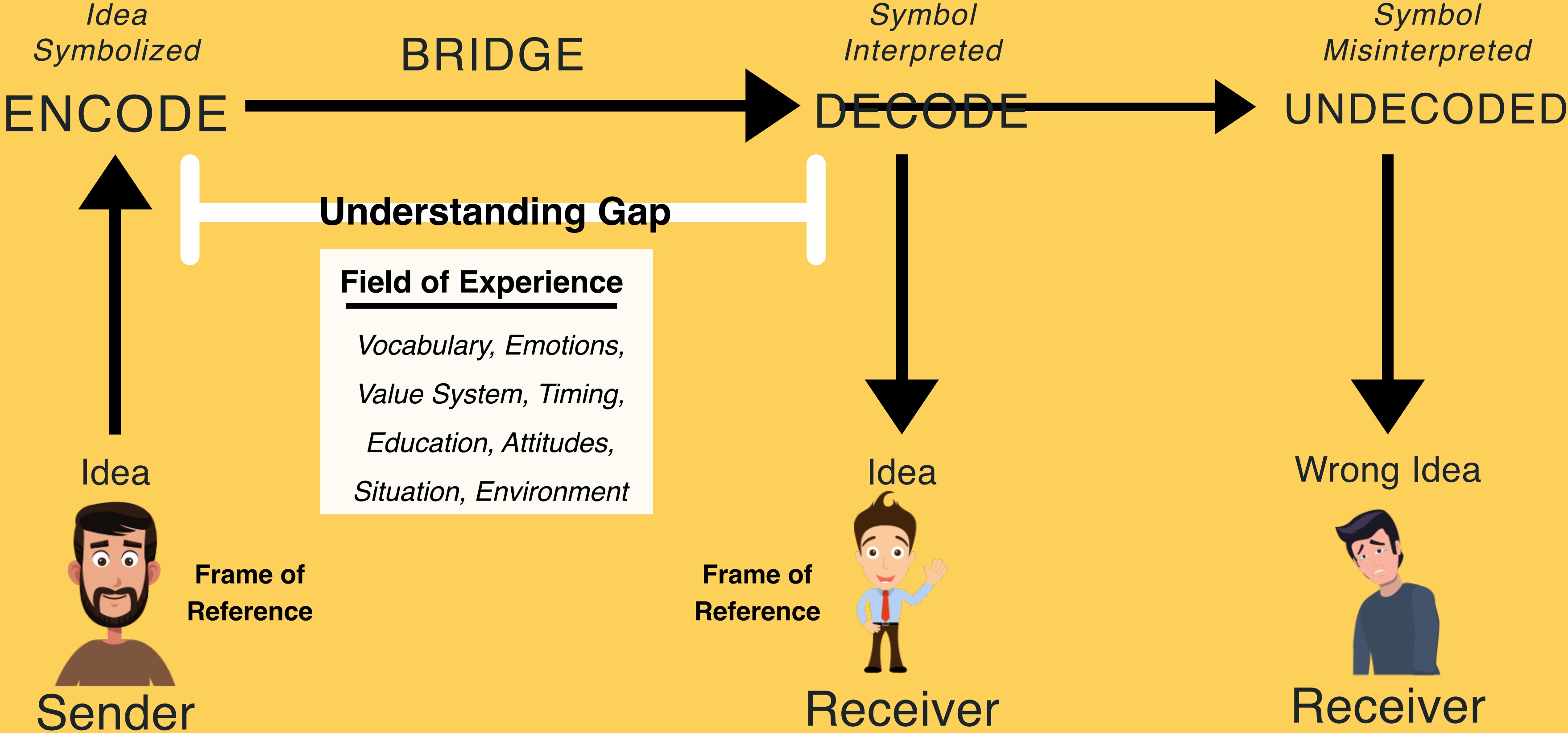
- The Science and Art of Biblical Interpretation
 - Science: Because it is concerned with principles within an ordered system
 - Art: Because it is concerned with applying the principles
 - Principles are not mechanical but requires a skilled interpreter



HOW COMMUNICATION WORKS



HOW HERMENEUTICS WORKS



EXPERTS ARE NEEDED

ART

Modern art, whether painting or sculpture leaves the untrained observer bewildered as to its significance.

MUSIC

Many compositions of the great composers of past days require the interpretative skill of a music expert.

LAW

In the U.S., the Legislative branch of government makes the laws while the Judicial branch interprets them. It is the sole duty of the Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution.

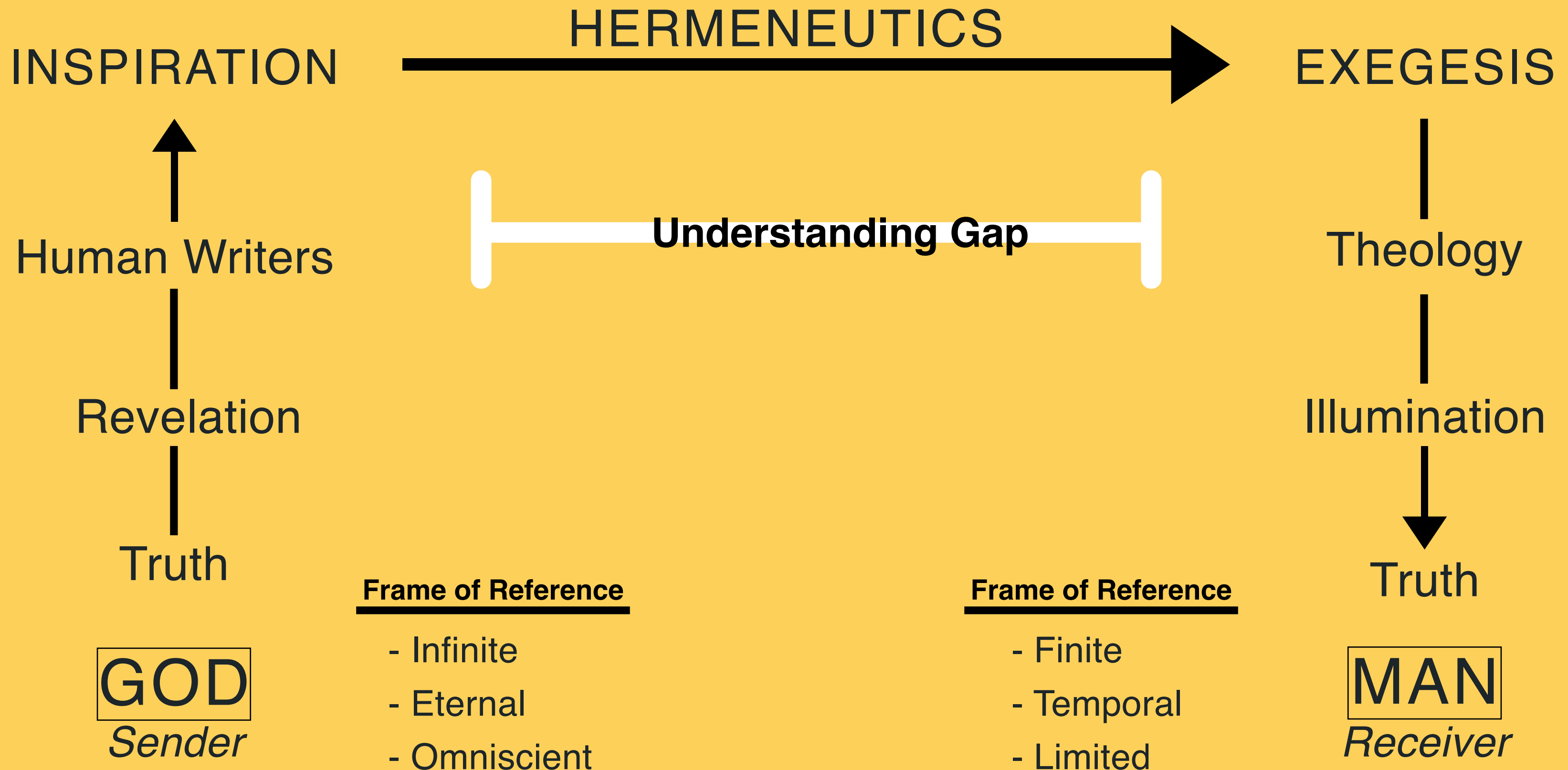
HISTORY

Every person interprets history in the light of his own philosophical and theological predispositions. Experts are needed for proper interpretation.

LITERATURE

The profoundly abstract nature of most philosophical and religious literature calls for the ability of an enlightened interpreter.

THE COMMUNICATION OF SCRIPTURE



Ways That God has Spoken

- Dreams
- Vision
- Angel of the Lord
- Similitude
- Figure
- Type
- Shadow
- Example
- Pattern
- Sign
- Signifying of the Holy Spirit
- Allegory
- Mystery
- Dark Saying
- Riddle
- Proverb
- Parable
- Voice of Words
- Prophecy
- Writing

Example of why we study

Who appeared to Moses in the Burning Bush?

A: We should study to know.

Let's look at Exodus 3:1-6

Example of why we study

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was* not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”

Exodus 3:1-6

Example of why we study

⁴So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”⁵Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground.”⁶Moreover He said, “I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exodus 3:1-6

Example of why we study

Angel of the Lord: Generally spoken of as a theophany, which is a manifestation and revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ before His incarnation; a manifestation or appearance of God to man.

(Genesis 18; Exodus 3; Judges 6 and 13)

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