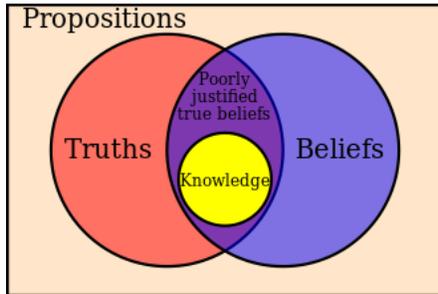


Systematic Biblical Truth

God's Word: *The Authority of Scripture*

Session 3

I. Epistemology—How do we know anything?



How do we know?

Can we know?

Can we know that we know?

Skepticism asks concerning knowledge: is possible at all? Skeptics argue that belief in something does not justify whether or not it is necessarily true.

For us to accept something as true there must be adequate proof.

II. World views—Attempt to answer the highest of life's questions:

- A. Beginnings—why is there something rather than nothing? Who did this? How did it happen?
- B. Every world view must answer “what went wrong?”—Something has surely gone wrong. Why famine, earthquakes, snakes, human misery, the condition of the human heart.
- C. Can it be fixed?
- D. How will it all end? All things that have begun have or will end.
- E. The ancient philosophers asked the four biggest questions in life: Why am I here? What am I to do? Where am I going?

III. The Christian world view answers all those questions.

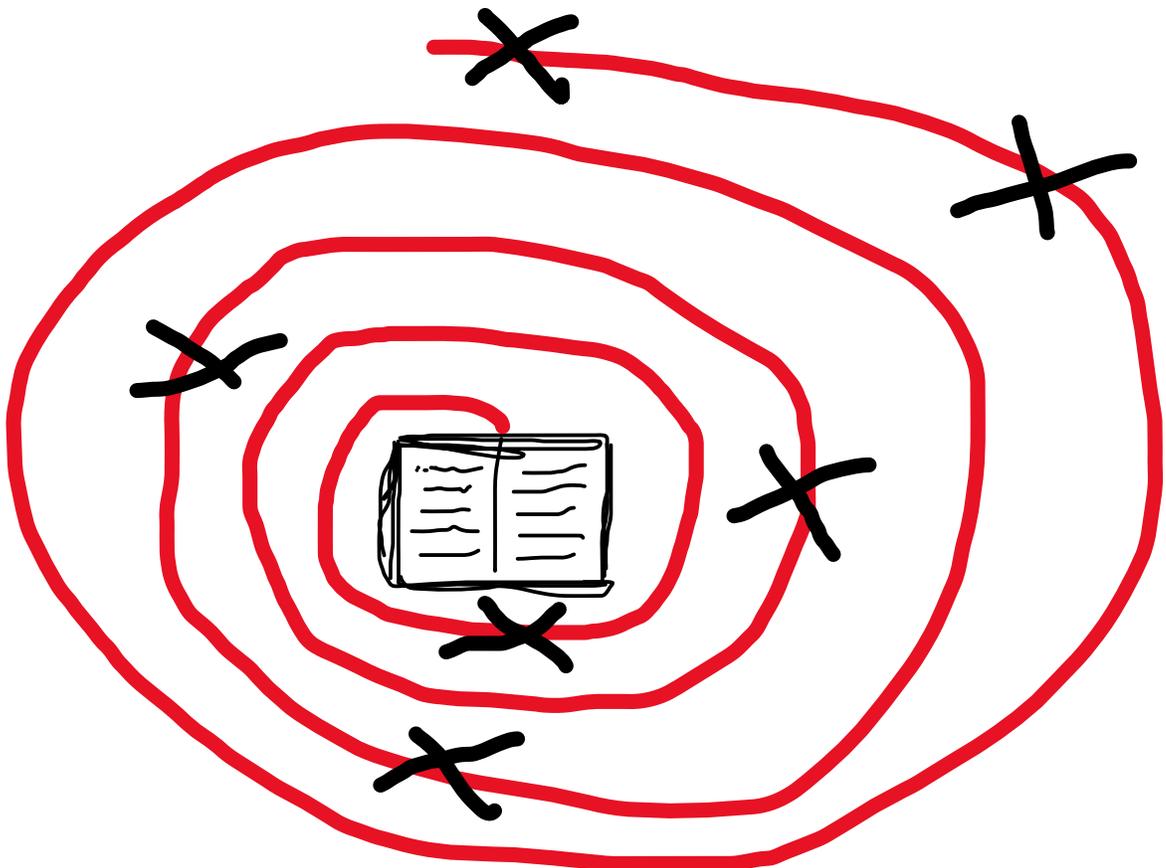
- A. CWV takes truth (that which is known-- knowledge) and forms its beliefs which answer the questions.
- B. CWV claims that this truth (knowledge) has been revealed to us by the creator Himself, God. He did so through:
 1. Revelation.

- a. God “breathed out” His Word to us to reveal Himself to us.
- C. How do we know God’s revelation is true? That’s the study of the **Authority of Scripture**.

IV. **The authority of scripture**—answers the question: How does one become convinced that the Bible is really the Word of God? Or how does a person become certain that Scripture is the truth of God conveyed through the process of inspiration **and that it thereby has the right to exercise authority over one’s life?** (Pg. 100)

Authority is more than answering the question How do we become convinced of the Bible’s truth, It suggest that after it answers the question, it will affect your life: what you will do, think, say (live). God’s Word will have authority over your life.

- A. There are two views of authority in the world:
 1. The authority of man. Man decides what is authoritative.
 2. The authority of God. God decides what is authoritative
- B. **Spiral reasoning** – Collection of supportive proofs that “spiral” into the acceptance of a proposition.



1. Areas of authority:
 - a. The Bible itself.
 - b. Jesus: What did Jesus say about the Bible?
John 10:35 Matthew 5:18 John 5:39 Matthew 19:4 Matthew 5:17
 - c. Experience
 - d. Archeology
 - e. Science
 - f. Miracles
 - g. Prophecy