

God's Design of Society

LIFE (<i>protected</i>)	LIFE (<i>jeopardized</i>)
MARRIAGE & FAMILY (strong & functioning)	MARRIAGE & FAMILY (weak & dysfunctional)
LABOR & PROPERTY (respected & productive)	LABOR & PROPERTY (demeaned & wasted)
INTEGRITY of COMMUNICATION (consistently states truth)	INTEGRITY of COMMUNICATION (deceitfully professes truth for agendas)
HEART ALLEGIANCE (to God)	HEART ALLEGIANCE (to self)

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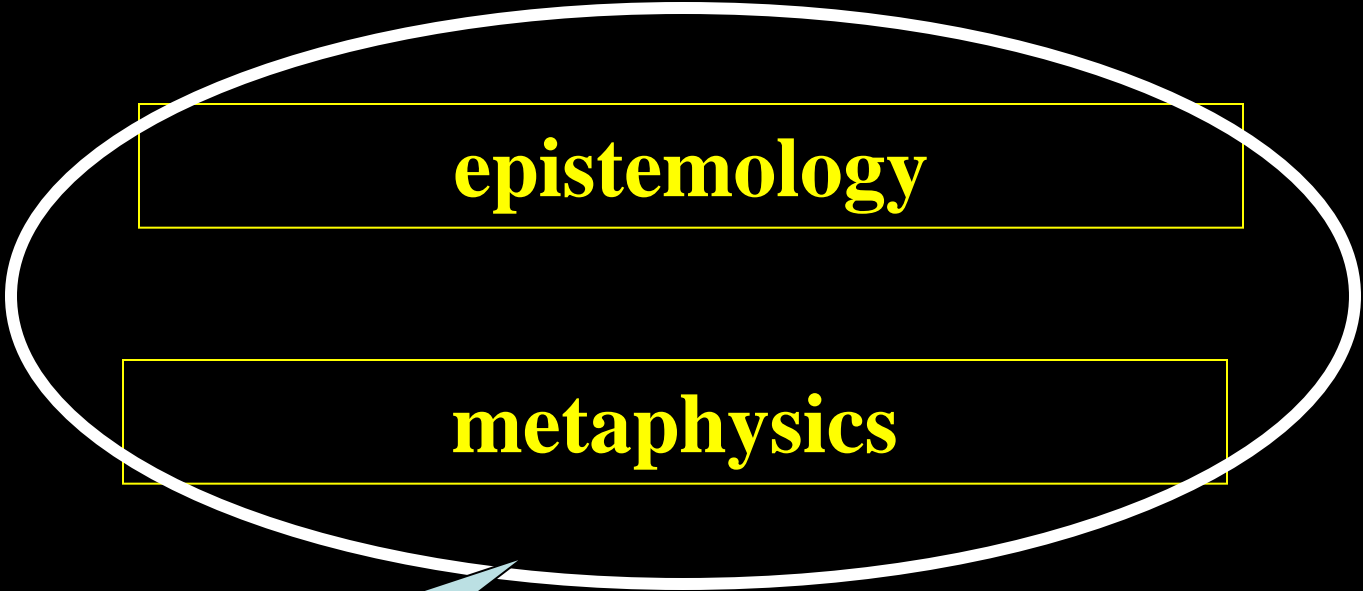


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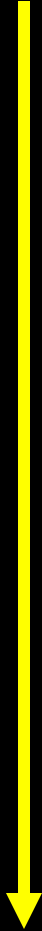
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Pressure of Life



Yahweh or an idol?

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Arguments for:

Circumstances & generation differ from person to person

Intolerant to impose one’s values on others

Two persons’ conflicting judgments can both be true because they both accurately reflect the individual attitudes

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Problems with:

Says nothing about *actions* themselves, only autobiographical expressions lacking basis for moral outrage over evil *actions*

Self-refuting since every person inevitably judges others’ actions (especially toward himself or herself)

Resulting anarchy leads to totalitarian imposition of the judgments of the stronger against the weaker to avoid social chaos

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6:1-9, 20-25 The commands & the procedures of learning them well	7:1-5, 17-26 Holy war & the procedures of executing it
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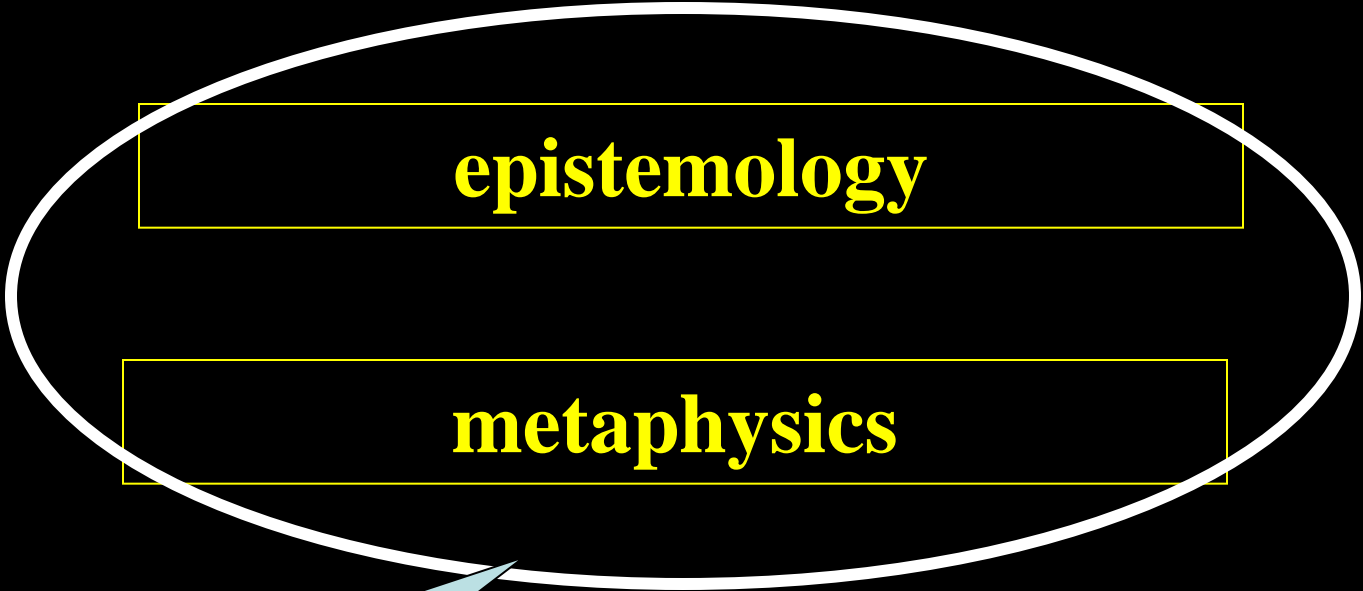


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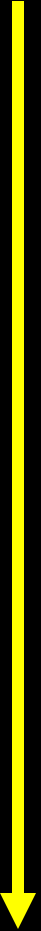
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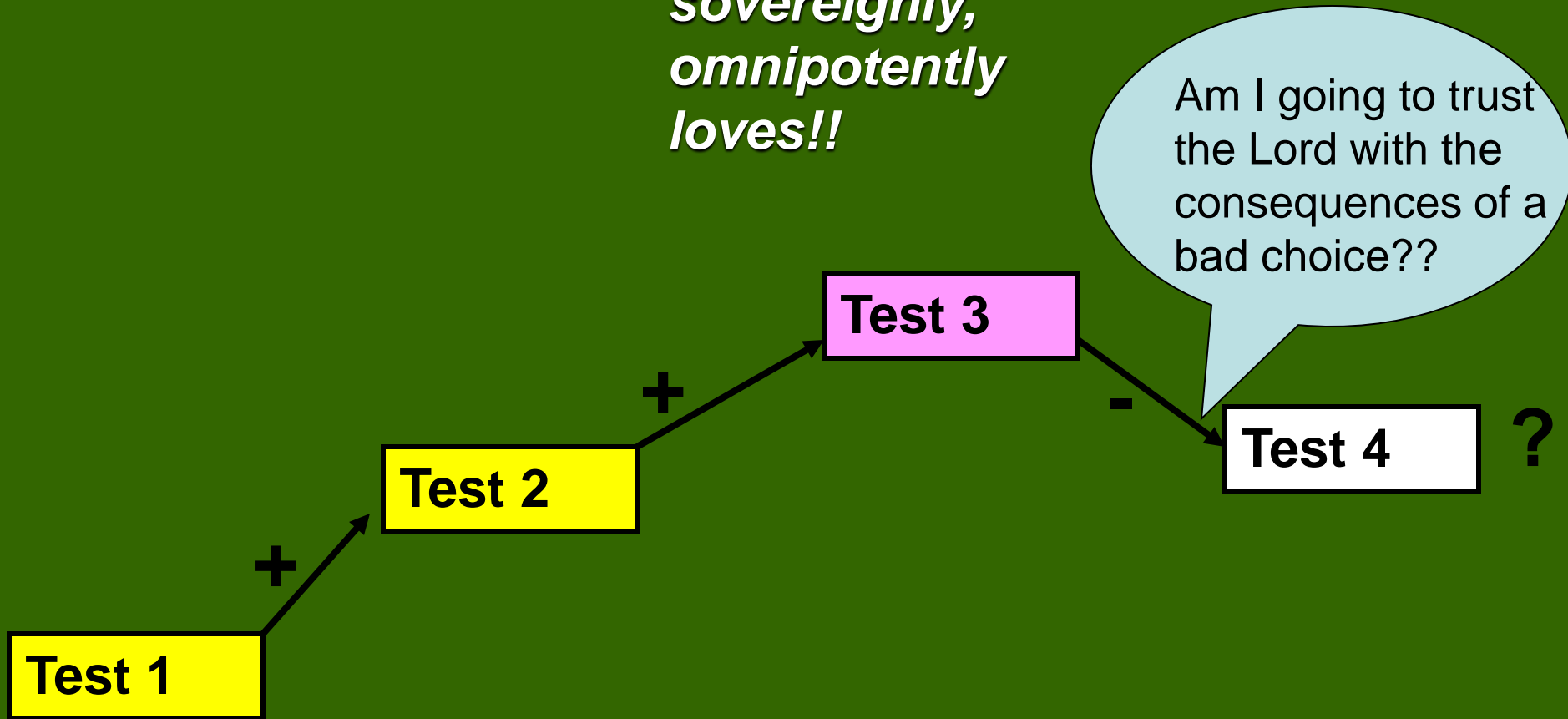
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Providence of Testing

*God changes
not—still
sovereignly,
omnipotently
loves!!*



Faith vs Unbelief

Mob

Caleb & Joshua

Fact #1 Num 13:27 land = as God promised

Fact #2 13:28-29 a fight ahead

“Grasshopper”
Interpretation 13:31 - 14:4
Occupants stronger than
we are → we’re going to
die and our families
destroyed

“Bread” Interpretation
13:30; 14:8-9
Lord is stronger than they
are → we can be victorious
IF we obey