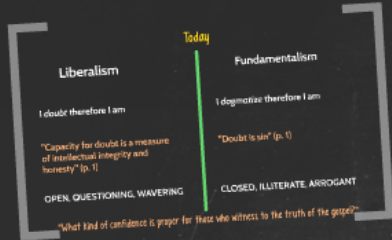


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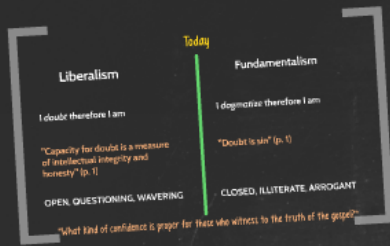
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Today

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I doubt therefore I am

"Capacity for doubt is a measure of intellectual integrity and honesty" (p. 1)

OPEN, QUESTIONING, WAVERING

Fundamentalism

I dogmatize therefore I am

"Doubt is sin" (p. 1)

CLOSED, ILLITERATE, ARROGANT

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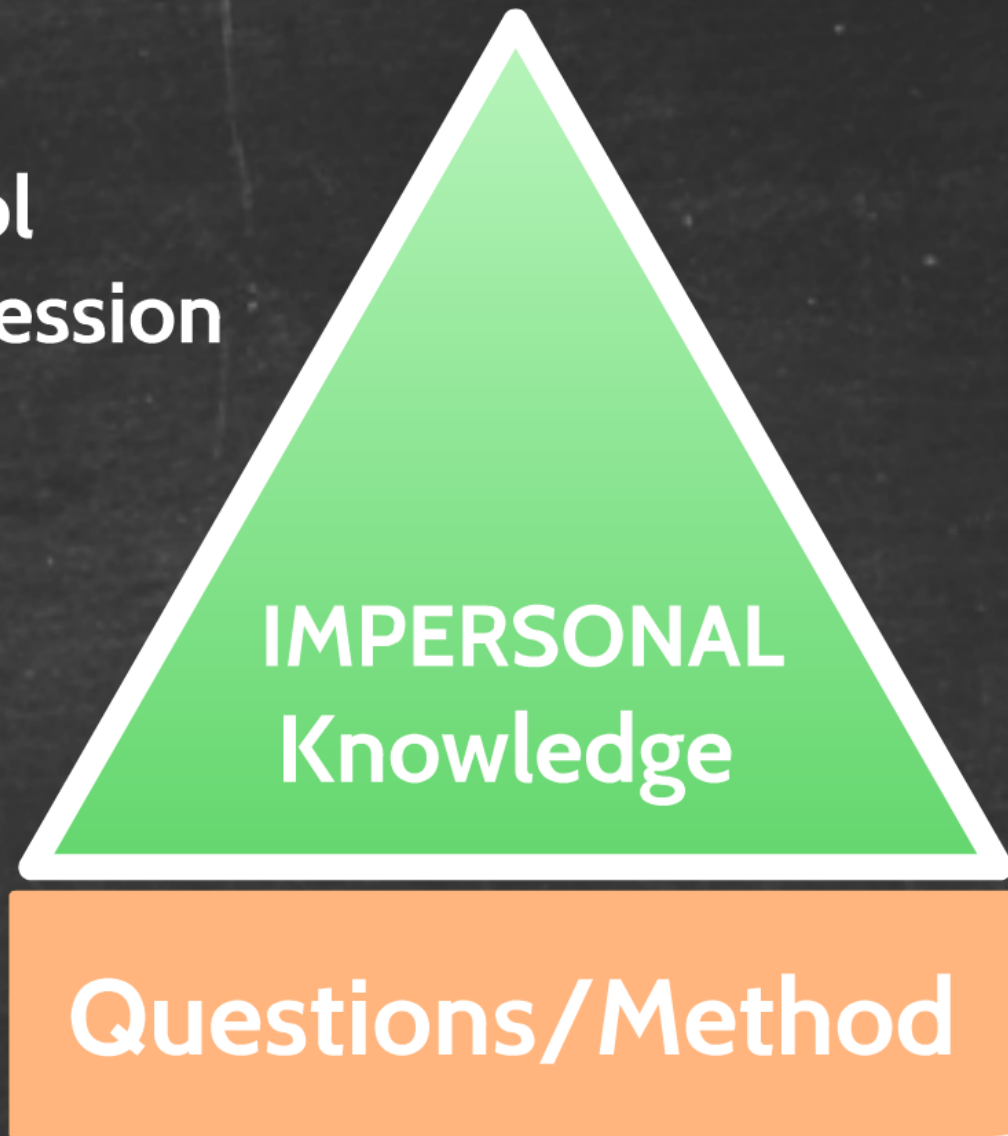
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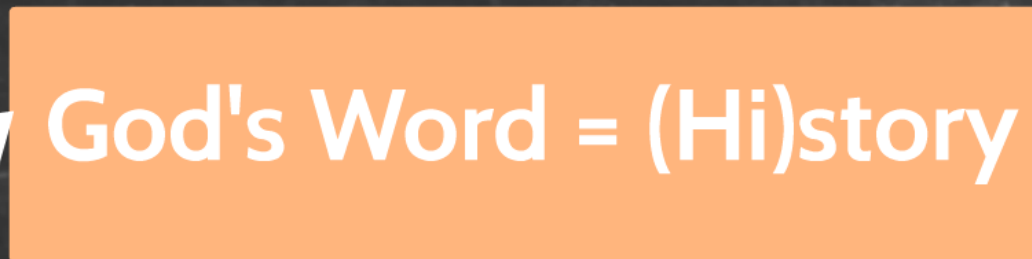
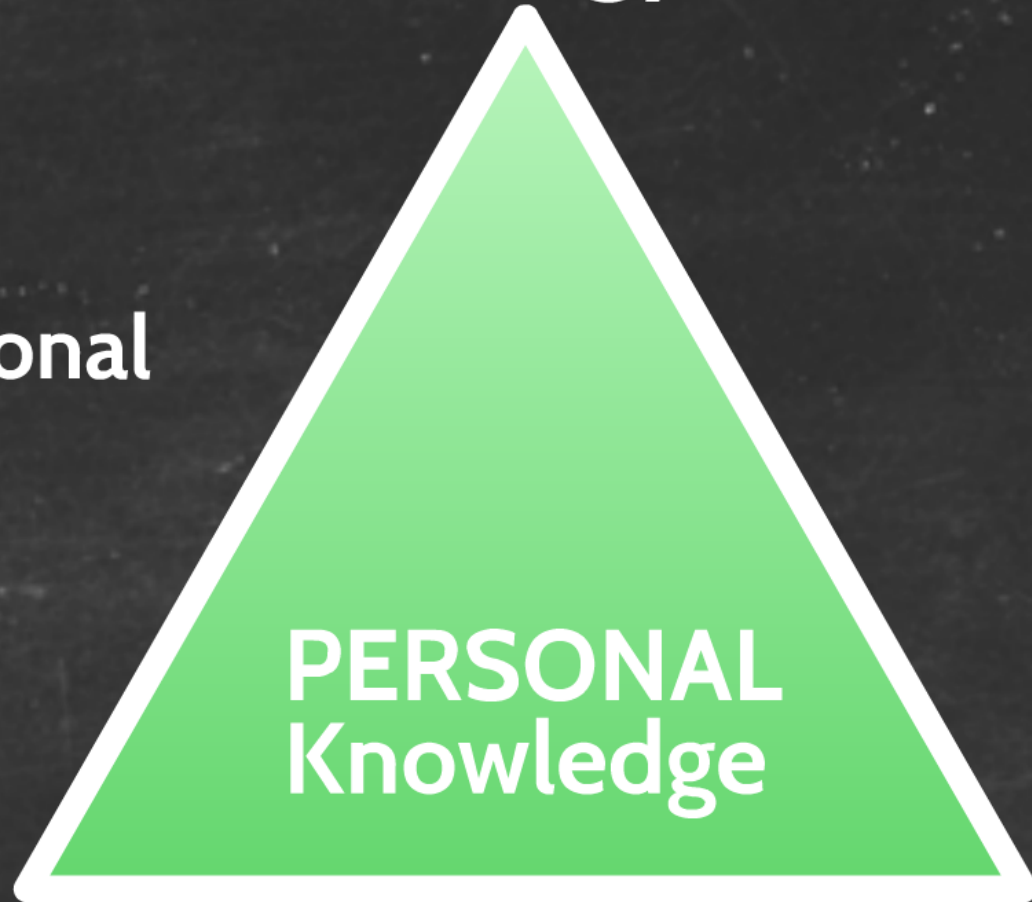
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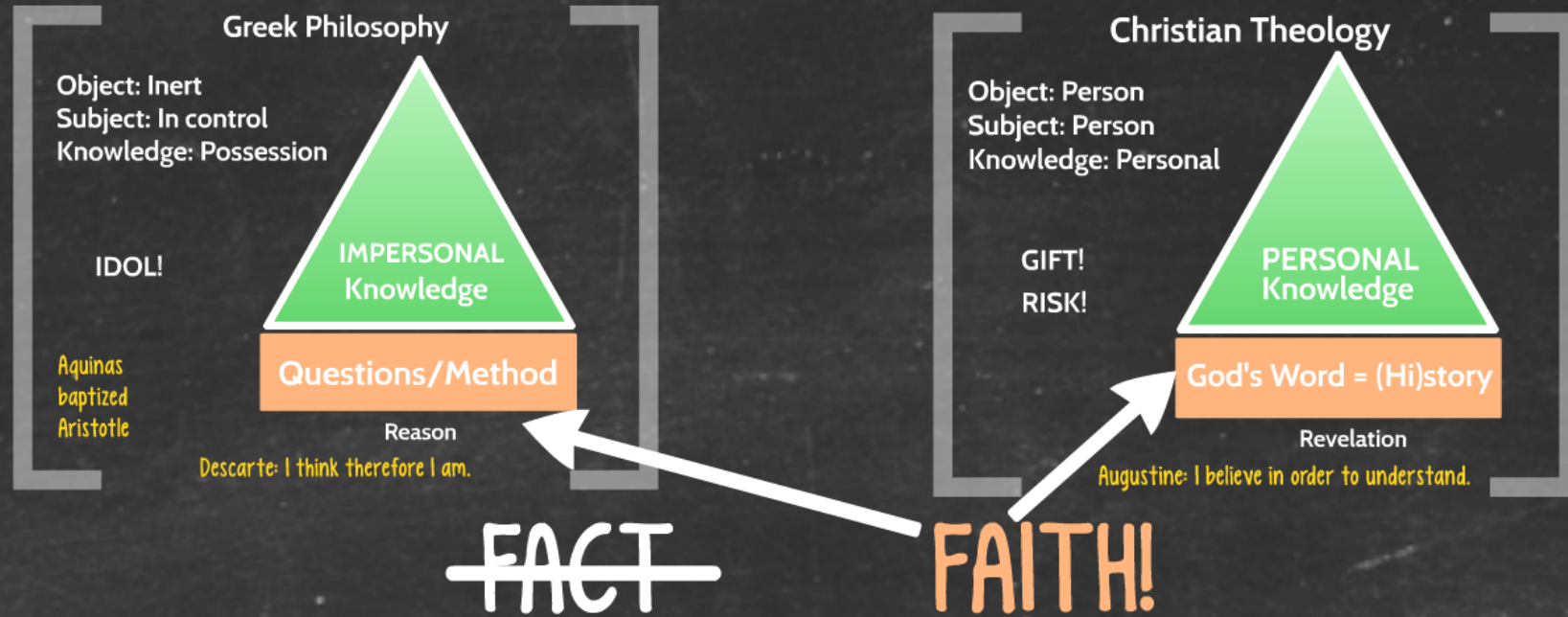
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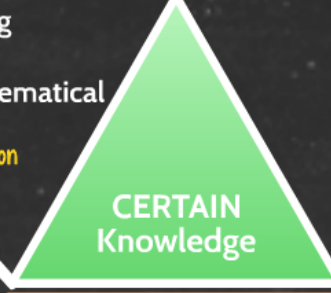
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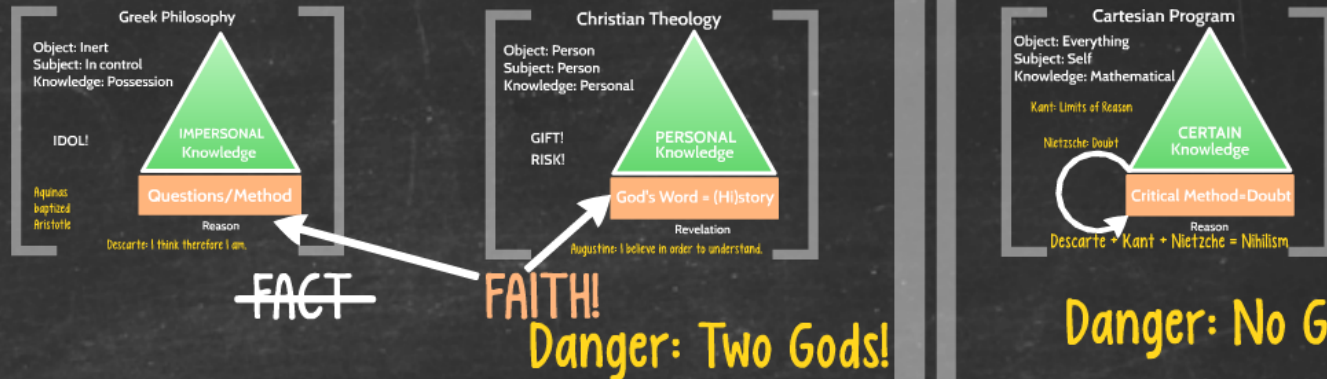
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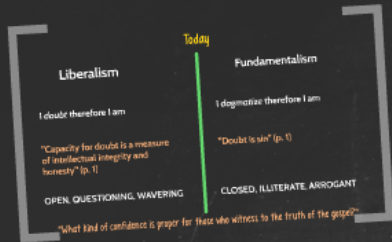
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