

Worldview class

Unit 3- history

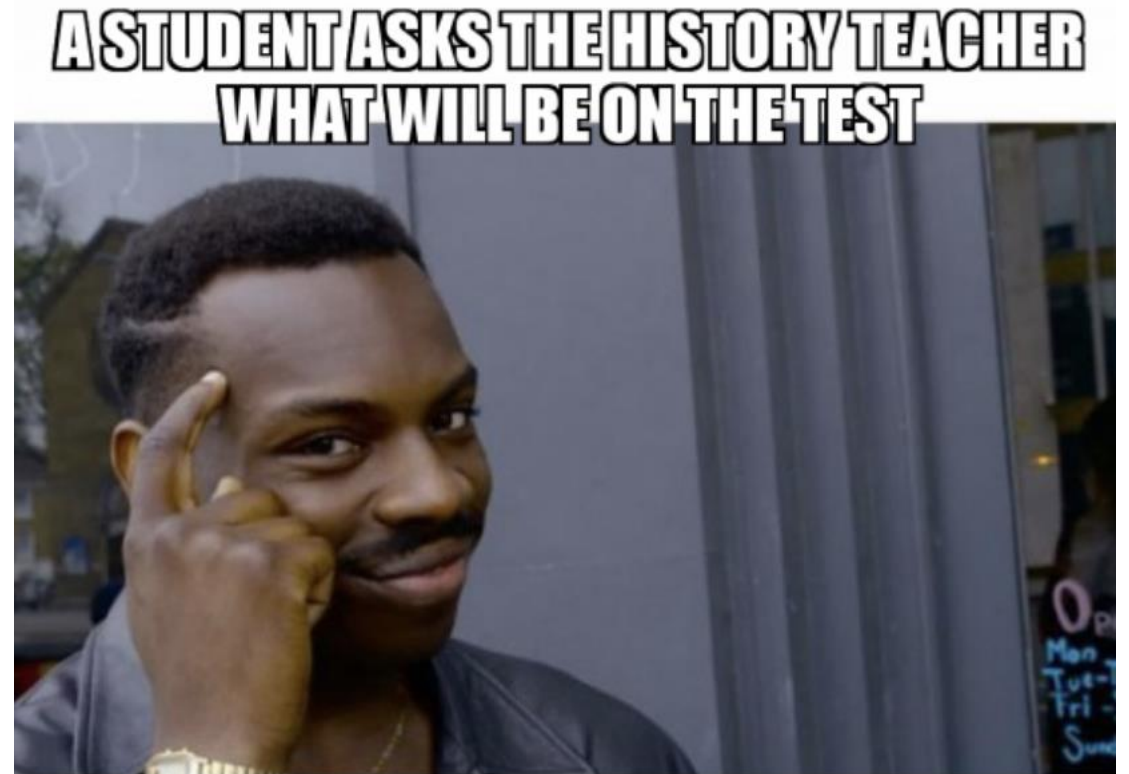
History



History
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History
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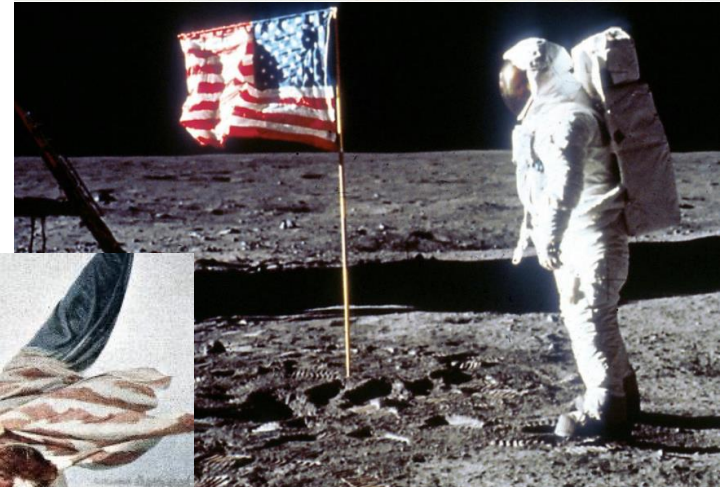


THE PAST



Kuyper quote

- Christianity (Calvinism) fostered and could not but foster *love for science*.



Historical highlight



In 1401, Parliament passed the law *de Haeretico Comburendo*—“on the burning of heretics”—to make heresy punishable by burning people alive at the stake. The Bible translators were in view.

Then in 1408, the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Arundell, created the *Constitutions of Oxford*, which said, It is a dangerous thing, as witnesseth blessed St. Jerome, to translate the text of the Holy Scripture out of one tongue into another, for in the translation the same sense is not always easily kept. . . . We therefore decree and ordain, that no man, hereafter, by his own authority translate any text of the Scripture into English or any other tongue . . . and that no man can read any such book . . . in part or in whole.⁴⁷

Together these statutes meant that you could be burned alive by the Catholic Church for simply reading the Bible in English. Let that sink in. The dramatist John Bale (1495–1563) “as a boy of 11 watched the burning of a young man in Norwich for possessing the Lord’s Prayer in English. . . . John Foxe records . . . seven Lollards burned at Coventry in 1519 for teaching their children the Lord’s Prayer in English.”⁴⁸

Offer to the King

- 1531: “I assure you, if it would stand with the King’s most gracious pleasure to grant only a bare text of the Scripture [that is, without explanatory notes] to be put forth among his people, like as is put forth among the subjects of the emperor in these parts, and of other Christian princes, be it of the translation of what person soever shall please his Majesty, I shall immediately make faithful promise never to write more, nor abide two days in these parts after the same: but immediately to repair unto his realm, and there most humbly submit myself at the feet of his royal majesty, offering my body to suffer what pain or torture, yea, what death his grace will, so this be obtained. Until that time, I will abide the asperity of all chances, whatsoever shall come, and endure my life in as many pains as it is able to bear and suffer.”

Always singing one note

- Tyndale: A Catholic scholar at dinner with Tyndale said, “We were better be without God’s law than the pope’s.”
- In response, Tyndale spoke his famous words, “I defy the Pope and all his laws. . . . If God spare my life ere many years, I will cause a boy that driveth the plow, shall know more of the Scripture than thou dost.”⁸
- In a letter to Cromwell from Vaughan dated June 19, 1531, Vaughan wrote about Tyndale (1494–1536) these simple words: “I find him always singing one note.”¹

Tyndale bible

- Before he was martyred in 1536, Tyndale had translated into clear, common English¹⁴ not only the New Testament¹⁵ but also the Pentateuch, Joshua to 2 Chronicles, and Jonah.¹⁶ All this material became the basis of the *Great Bible* issued by Miles Coverdale in England in 1539¹⁷ and the basis for the *Geneva Bible* published in 1557—“the Bible of the nation,”¹⁸ which sold over a million copies between 1560 and 1640.
- Nine-tenths of the Authorized Version’s New Testament is Tyndale’s. The same is true of the first half of the Old Testament, which was as far as he was able to get before he was executed outside Brussels in 1536.¹⁹

Here is a sampling of the English phrases we owe to Tyndale:

Let there be light. (Gen. 1:3)

Am I my brother's keeper? (Gen. 4:9)

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee and be merciful unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. (Num. 6:24–26)

There were shepherds abiding in the field. (Luke 2:8)

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. (Matt. 5:4)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. (Matt. 6:9)

... the signs of the times. (Matt. 16:3)

The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. (Matt. 26:41)

He went out ... and wept bitterly. (Matt. 26:75)²⁰

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

In him we live, move and have our being. (Acts 17:28)

... a law unto themselves. (Rom. 2:14)

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels. (1 Cor. 13:1) Fight the good fight. (1 Tim. 6:12)

Tyndale hoped to escape this condemnation by getting official authorization for his translation in 1524. But he found just the opposite and had to escape from London to the European continent where he did all his translating and writing for the next twelve years. He lived as a fugitive the entire time until his death near Brussels in 1536.

He watched a rising tide of persecution and felt the pain of seeing young men burned alive who were converted by reading his translation and his books. His closest friend, John Frith, was arrested in London and tried by Thomas More and burned alive July 4, 1531, at the age of twenty-eight. Richard Bayfield ran the ships that took Tyndale's books to England. He was betrayed and arrested, and Thomas More wrote on December 4, 1531, that Bayfield "the monk and apostate [was] well and worthily burned in Smythfelde."⁴⁹

Three weeks later, the same end came to John Tewkesbury. He was converted by reading Tyndale's *Parable of the Wicked Mammon*, which defended justification by faith alone. He was whipped in Thomas More's garden and had his brow squeezed with small ropes until blood came out of his eyes. Then he was sent to the Tower where he was racked till he was lame. Then at last they burned him alive. Thomas More "rejoiced that his victim was now in hell, where Tyndale 'is like to find him when they come together.'"⁵⁰

Thomas More's criticism of Tyndale boils down mainly to the way Tyndale translated five words. He translated *presbuteros* as *elder* instead of *priest*. He translated *ekklesia* as *congregation* instead of *church*. He translated *metanoeo* as *repent* instead of *do penance*. He translated *exomologeo* as *acknowledge* or *admit* instead of *confess*. And he translated *agape* as *love* rather than *charity*.

Daniell comments, "He cannot possibly have been unaware that those words in particular undercut the entire sacramental structure of the thousand year church throughout Europe, Asia and North Africa. It was the Greek New Testament that was doing the undercutting."⁵³ And with the doctrinal undermining of these ecclesiastical pillars of priesthood and penance and confession, the pervasive power and control of the church collapsed. England would not be a Catholic nation. The Reformed faith would flourish there in due time.

Betrayed by a friend

- So when it was dinner-time, Master Tyndale went forth with Philips, and at the going forth of Poyntz's house, was a long narrow entry, so that two could not go in a front. Mr. Tyndale would have put Philips before him, but Philips would in no wise, but put Master Tyndale before, for that he pretended to show great humanity. So Master Tyndale, being a man of no great stature, went before, and Philips, a tall comely person, followed behind him: who had set officers on either side of the door upon two seats, who, being there, might see who came in the entry: and coming through the same entry, Philips pointed with his finger over Master Tyndale's head down to him, that the officers who sat at the door might see that it was he whom they should take. . . . Then they took him, and brought him to the emperor's attorney, or procurer-general, where he dined. Then came the procurer-general to the house of Poyntz, and sent away all that was there of Master Tyndale's, as well his books as other things: and from thence Tyndale was had to the castle of Filford, eighteen English miles from Antwerp, and there he remained until he was put to death.⁵⁶

18 months in prison

- I beg your lordship, and that of the Lord Jesus, that if I am to remain here through the winter, you will request the commissary to have the kindness to send me, from the goods of mine which he has, a warmer cap; for I suffer greatly from cold in the head, and am afflicted by a perpetual catarrh, which is much increased in this cell; a warmer coat also, for this which I have is very thin; a piece of cloth too to patch my leggings. My overcoat is worn out; my shirts are also worn out. He has a woolen shirt, if he will be good enough to send it. I have also with him leggings of thicker cloth to put on above; he has also warmer night-caps. And I ask to be allowed to have a lamp in the evening; it is indeed wearisome sitting alone in the dark. But most of all I beg and beseech your clemency to be urgent with the commissary, that he will kindly permit me to have the Hebrew Bible, Hebrew grammar, and Hebrew dictionary, that I may pass the time in that study. In return may you obtain what you most desire, so only that it be for the salvation of your soul. But if any other decision has been taken concerning me, to be carried out before winter, I will be patient, abiding the will of God, to the glory of the grace of my Lord Jesus Christ: whose spirit (I pray) may ever direct your heart. Amen W. Tindalus58

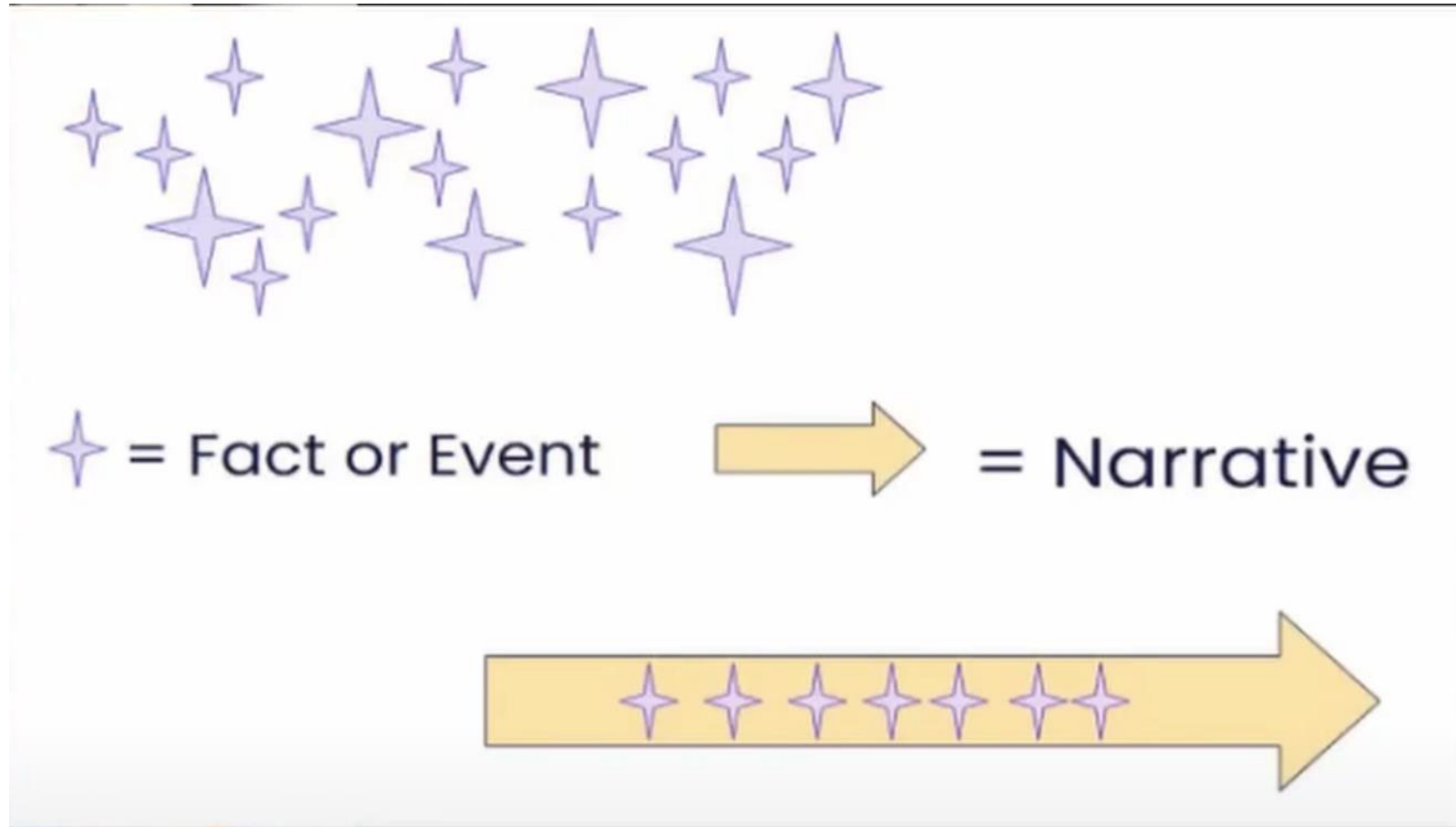
Loved the gospel

By grace . . . we are plucked out of Adam the ground of all evil and grafted [sic] in Christ, the root of all goodness. In Christ God loved us, his elect and chosen, before the world began and reserved us unto the knowledge of his Son and of his holy gospel: and when the gospel⁴¹ is preached to us [it] openeth our hearts and giveth us grace to believe, and putteth the spirit of Christ in us: and we know him as our Father most merciful, and consent to the law and love it inwardly in our heart and desire to fulfill it and sorrow because we do not.⁴²

If God promise riches, the way thereto is poverty. Whom he loveth he chasteneth, whom he exalteth, he casteth down, whom he saveth he dam- neth first, he bringeth no man to heaven except he send him to hell first. If he promise life he slayeth it first, when he buildeth, he casteth all down first. He is no patcher, he cannot build on another man's foundation. He will not work until all be past remedy and brought unto such a case, that men may see how that his hand, his power, his mercy, his goodness and truth hath wrought all together. He will let no man be partaker with him of his praise and glory.⁶⁰

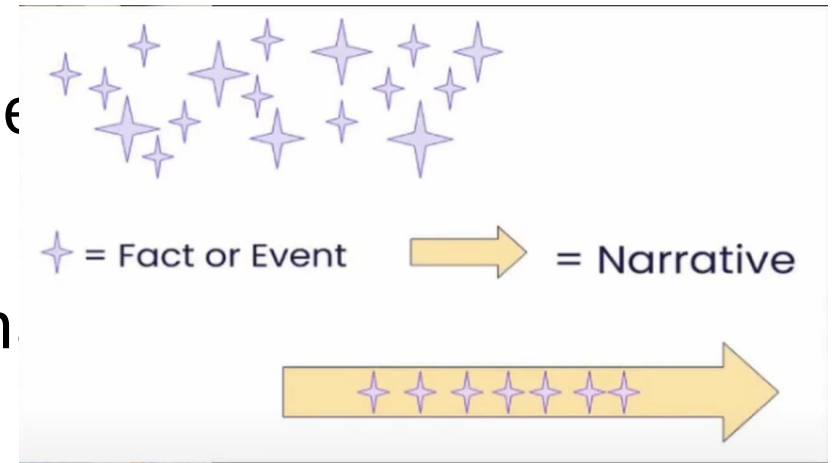
- Piper: Young people, you are the heirs of an amazing legacy. The Bible that you hold in your hand, or have in your pack, or back in your room cost Tyndale and many others their lives. Don't spare any effort in thought, or any effort in work, to know it, and dare I say for several hundred of you, to give your lives to translating it. There are many languages left. Wycliffe has a goal for 2025, to have them all started by the year 2025. I wonder if you'd be part of that. Don't ever think that your hard work is the decisive key. The decisive key is the sovereign grace of God. He can work through you. He can work in spite of you. I just plead with you, don't waste your life. Male or female, be like William Tyndale.

What is history



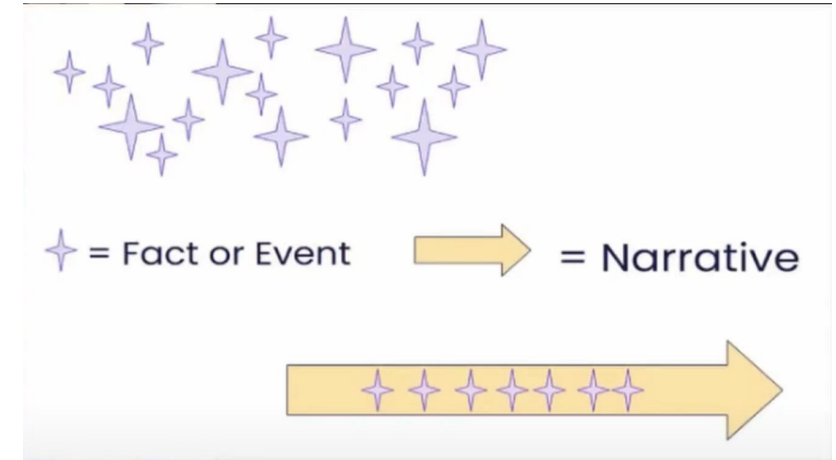
Reformation principle: sola scriptura

- Erasmus' translation into Greek
- Luther's reading of the Greek New Testament
- 95 Theses
- Luther's Translation of the Bible into German
- Printing Press



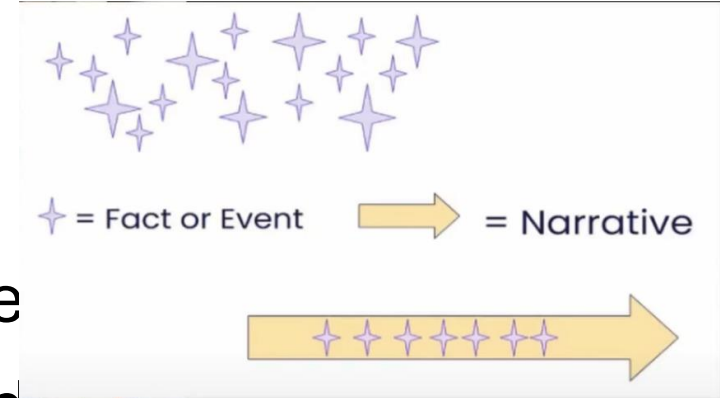
History: epistemology

- How do we relate the past to the future?
- How do we know the past?
- How do we observe the past and its affect on the future?



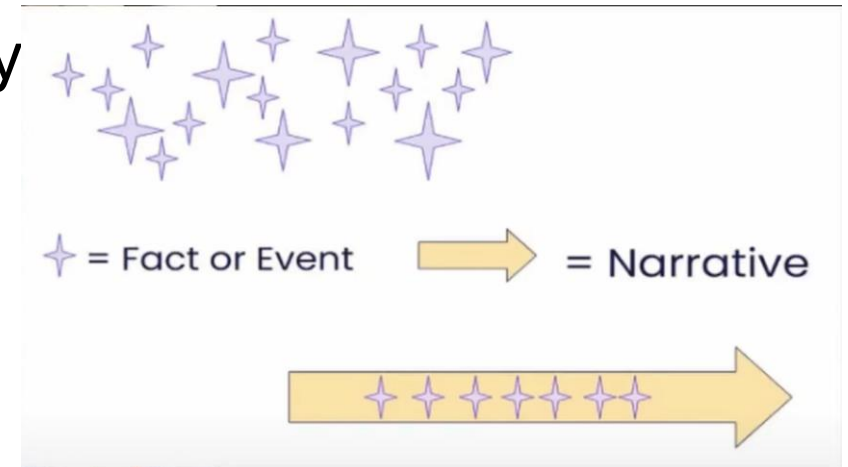
History: interconnection and distinction

- Pattern
- One and the Many
- How do we know the facts are interconnected?
- If they are interconnected, how are they distinct?
- If they are distinct, how can they be interconnected?
- Without interconnection, how do we have a causal link?



History: Teleology and evaluation for significance

- Progress/Meaning
- How do we evaluate what makes a historical event more significant than others? Without a standard, is this subjective?
- Is History cyclical, linear, non-existent?
- Is there a point to history? If not, why study
- What's my place in history?





Interconnection, Distinction, Pattern,
Progress, Meaning

Foundations for history

- In 1952, Will ran up the stairs. Sally said, "I can't stand you Dad!" Out pops a hairy lemur, which made 3019 a year to remember. "Close the door right now or you are in big trouble" is what I thought in my mind, but I couldn't say it out loud. It was only the first day of class and Marissa and Manuel were already making traditional guacamole! Cheese! Free Cheese! The mouse started doing a funny dance, but bit Robert's hand. There are hundreds of snake genera, including *Macrocalamus*, *Opheodrys*, and *Thamnophis*. And at that moment, Blaire knew that he loved her; she just knew it. Toenails are actually important protective plates that guard your toes from injury such as getting scraped or cut. "This is the Florida Department of Police, your time building that rocket machine is over." A friar grabbed the guitar and said: *Two roads diverged on a yellow wood* Darrell, turn off that crazy noise right now!

Yodel-oh-ee-dee

Diddly-odel-oh-ee-dee

Diddly-odel-oh-ee-dee

This is how to yodel

Yodel-oh-ee-dee

Diddly-odel-oh-ee-dee-yodel-oh-dee

The proper study of mankind is man

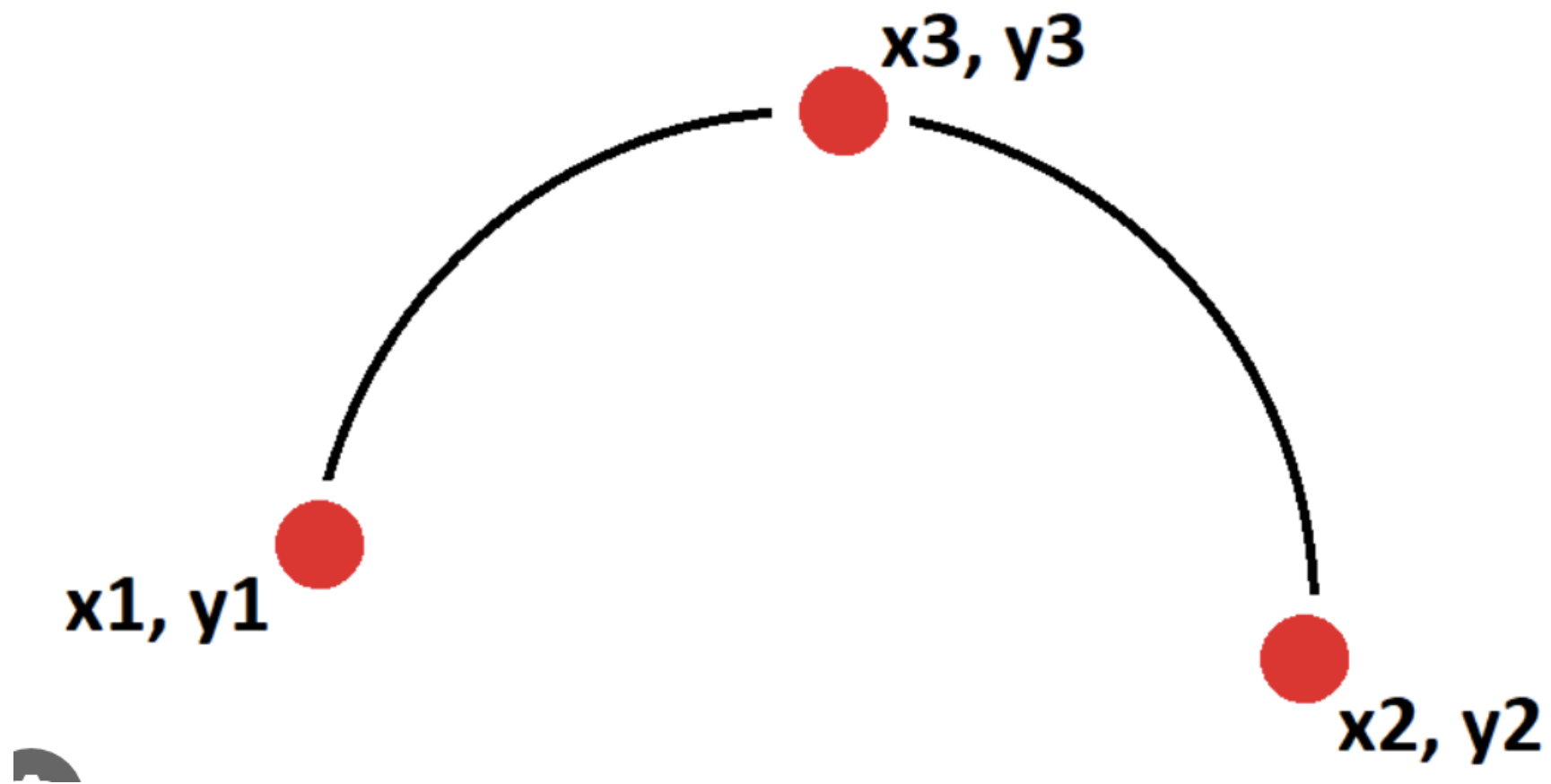
And then President Trump began his presidency.

Christian philosophy of history

- Abraham Kuyper: There is no interconnection, no development, no continuity ; a chronicle, but no history...Nothing but bare facts may then be historically ascertained, interconnection and plan have no longer a place in history. History dies away.

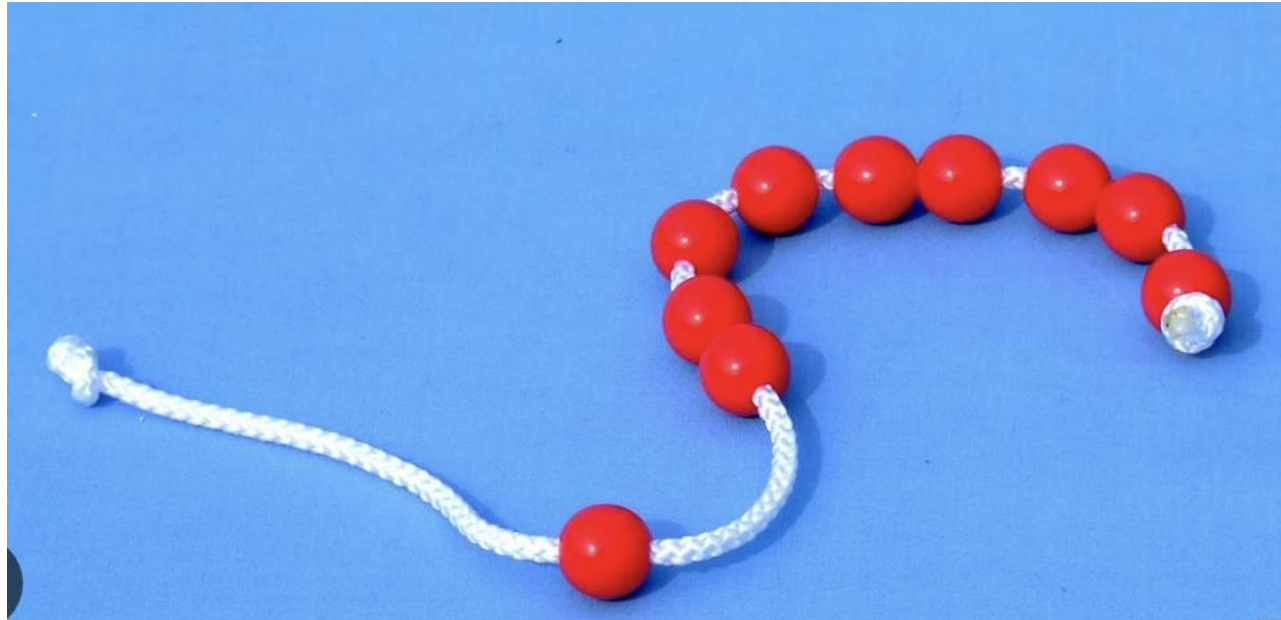
Chance and history

- Michael Shermer: The uncertainty of our past and unpredictability of our future created by contingency is what makes this such a challenging idea to historians and scientists, whose models and laws call for a search for unifying generalities, not capricious happenstances.
- Bloch: The best we can do sometimes is to identify a swarm of independent, small-scale processes and contingencies that eventually produced the large outcome of interest.



Van til and history/ isolation of ref faith

- EH Carr: The study of history is a study of causes.
- CVT: We have something that actually makes sense of history but they only have unrelated factuality which must be related causally.



Decree of god: Creation and redemption

- Ephesians 1:9-10: ⁹ making known^[c] to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ^[d] ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.
- Acts 2:23: ²³ this Jesus,^[c] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.
- Acts 4:27-28: ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.



Knowledge of the past,
interconnection, pattern, progression,
meaning

Faith in God who orders the world
according to His sovereign plan
and provides the rationality to
study the world by man

Faith in man's mind in a world of
chaos

Noah

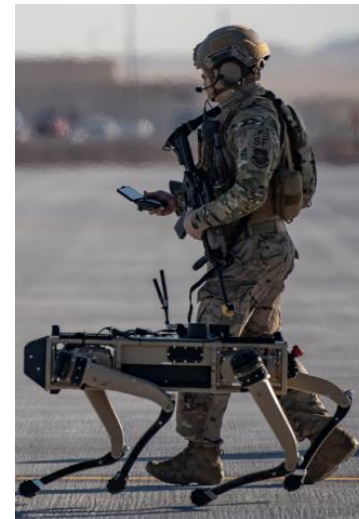
- Cornelius Van Til: Noah challenged the men of his day with a philosophy of origins, a philosophy of present existence and a philosophy of the future that they had gradually rejected... Noah's philosophy of history is based on what God has said.

noah

- “He took the tradition about the origin on the world and of the first man, Adam, to be historically true. He took the present control of the world by the same God who had first made it to be a simple matter of fact. And therefore he believed what this God had told him about the future, about the judgement of destruction that was to come.”

Evolutionary philosophy of Origins, Present, and future

- Stephen Gould: Through no fault of our own, and by dint of no cosmic plan or conscious purpose, we have become, by the grace of a glorious evolutionary accident called intelligence, the stewards of life's continuity on earth. We have not asked for that role, but we cannot abjure it. We may not be suited to it, but here we are.



What's the point?

- ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

Redemptive history

- Hebrews 1:1-2: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son

Redemptive history

- Romans 1:1-5: Paul, a servant^[a] of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David^[b] according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,

Redemptive word and deed

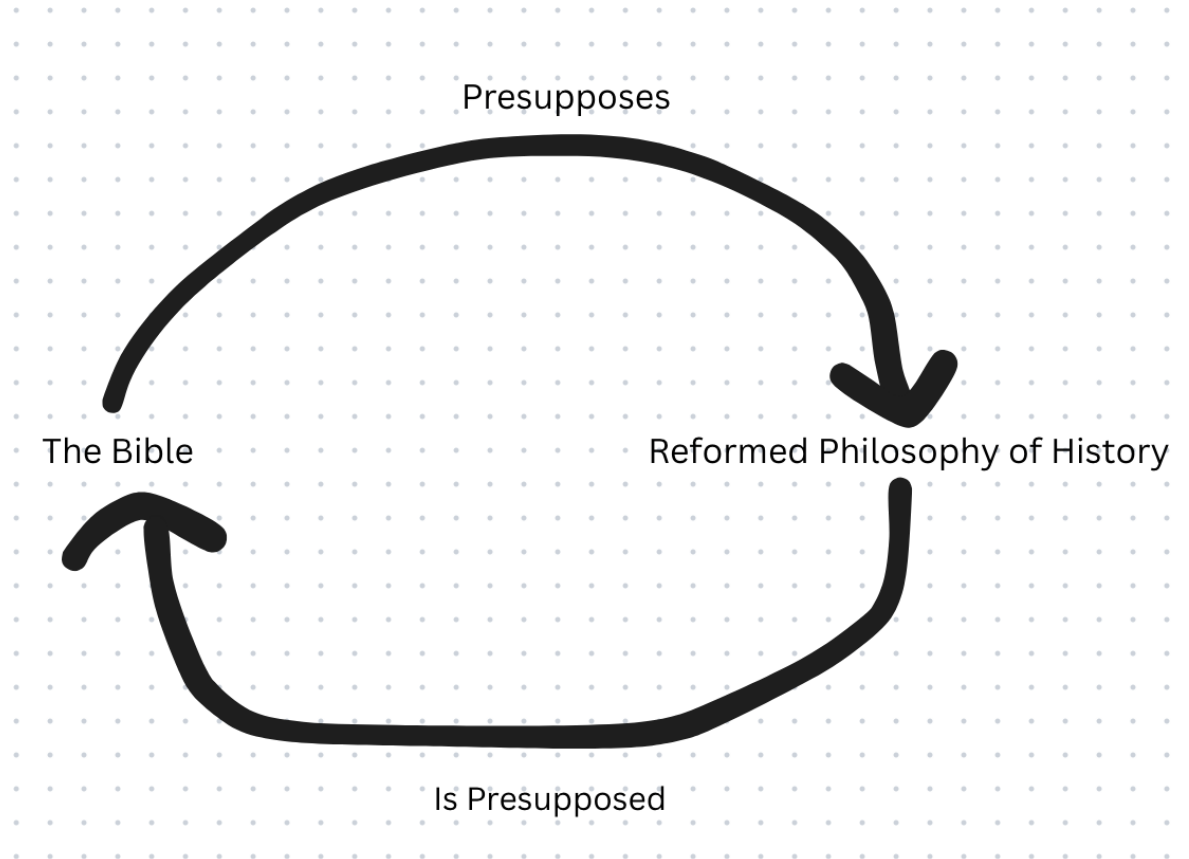
- Gaffin:
- Revelation is interpretation of redemption accomplished
- God gives true information about Himself, but He ultimately gives Himself
- Word would hang in mid-air without deed

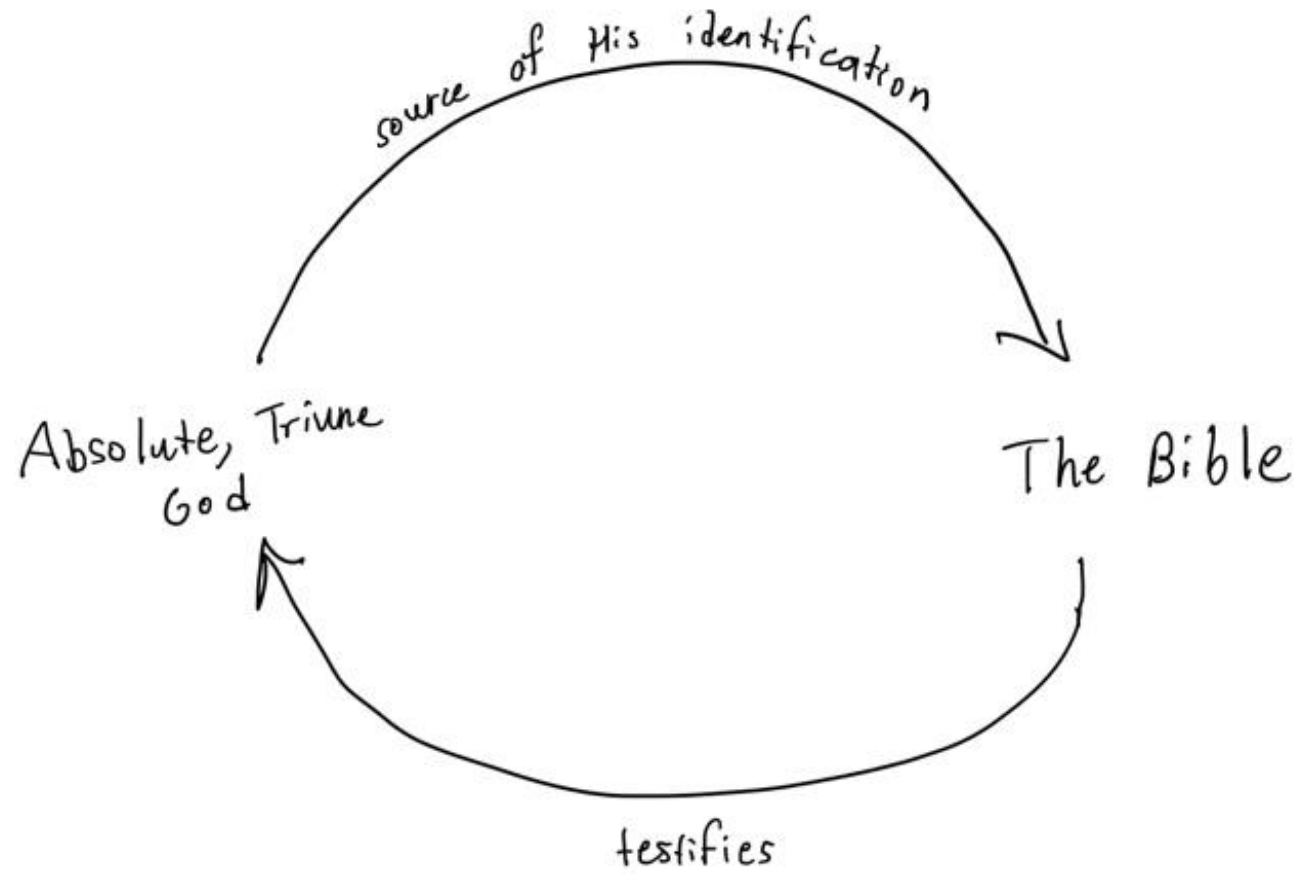
Redemptive history: includes your bible



Behold your god!

- Van Til:





historical implications: Bible and history?

- Kuyper: Will world history arrive at the same result, regardless whether one identifies the cross with Socrates' cup of poison or views it as the central point of all history?



That and what: Historical apologetics



THE EVENT



THE MOVEMENT



THE BIBLE



Resurrection: origin and future/ That and the what

- ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,^[c] ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ...³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

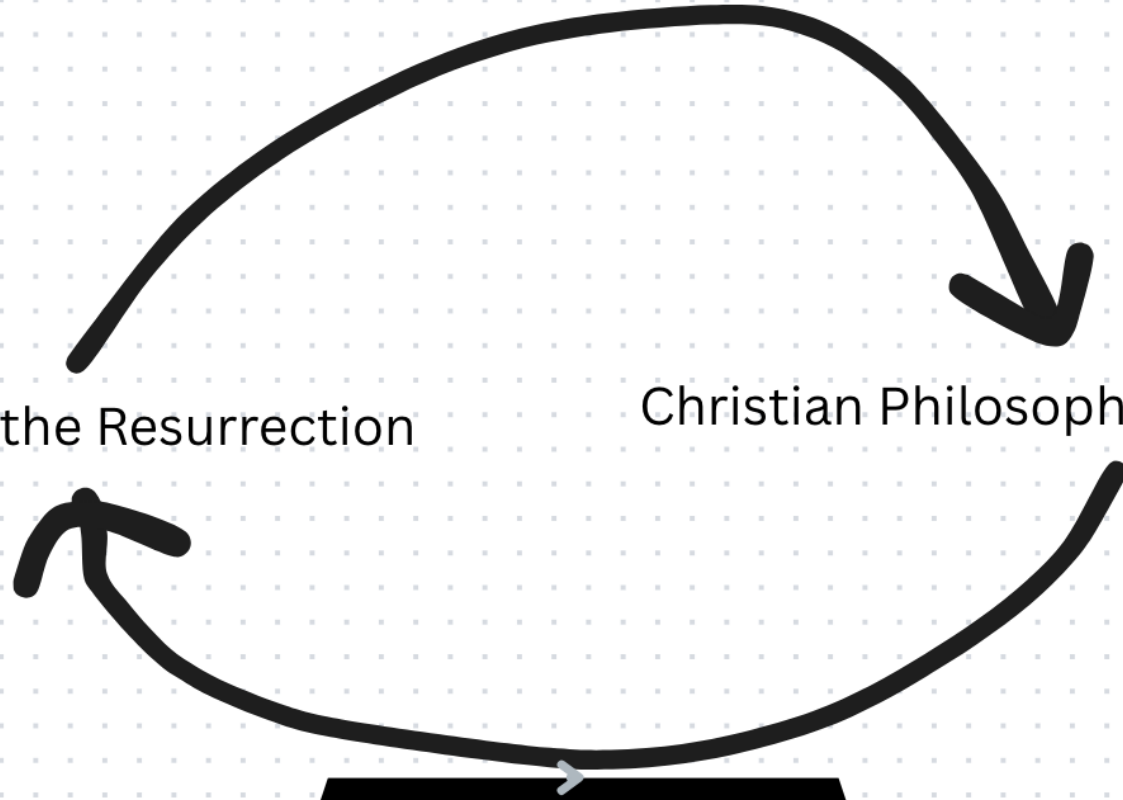
Van til and the resurrection

- We must set the message of the cross into the framework into which Paul set it. If we do not do so, then we are not really and fully preaching Jesus and the resurrection. The facts of Jesus and the resurrection are what they are only in the framework of the doctrines of creation, providence and the consummation of history in the final judgment. No man has found this framework unless he has been converted from the other framework through the very fact of the death and resurrection of Jesus as applied to him by the Holy Spirit and His regenerating power.

The Fact of the Resurrection

Christian Philosophy of Origins, Present, Future

Faith by the Spirit in the Scriptures



Historical apologetics

- I would therefore engage in historical apologetics. Every bit of historical investigation, whether it be in the directly biblical field, archaeology, or in general history, is bound to confirm the truth of the claims of the Christian position. But I would not talk endlessly about facts and more facts without every challenging the non-believer's philosophy of fact. A really fruitful historical apologetic argues that every fact *is* and *must be* such as proves the truth of the Christian theistic position.

Christ and history

- **CVT:** The Christian has been saved by grace from the futile and sinful effort of knowing himself without knowing himself in terms of the self-identifying Christ.
- We are saved by grace from futile and sinful effort of finding ourselves in history without knowing ourselves in terms of the Christ of history who tells us our place in it.
- History about HIM!