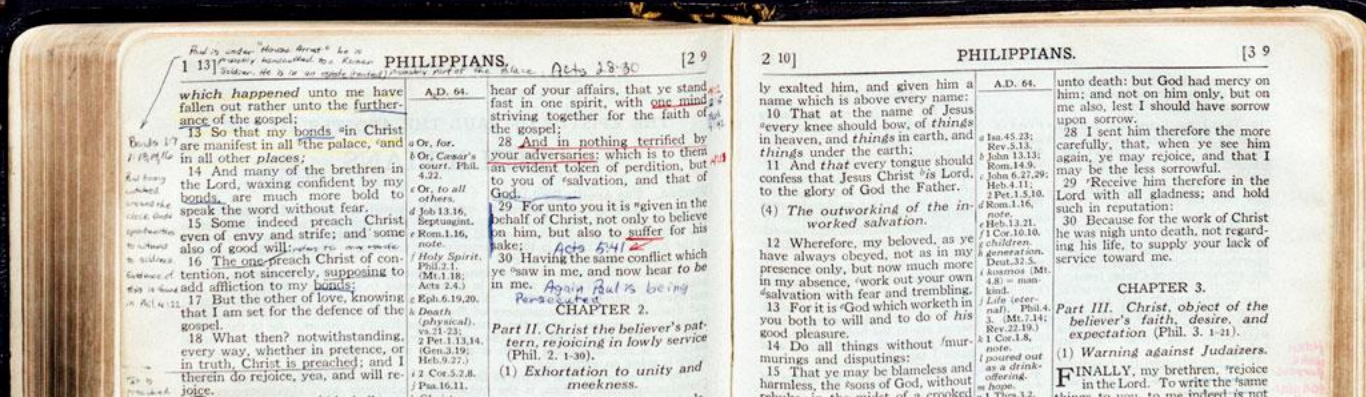
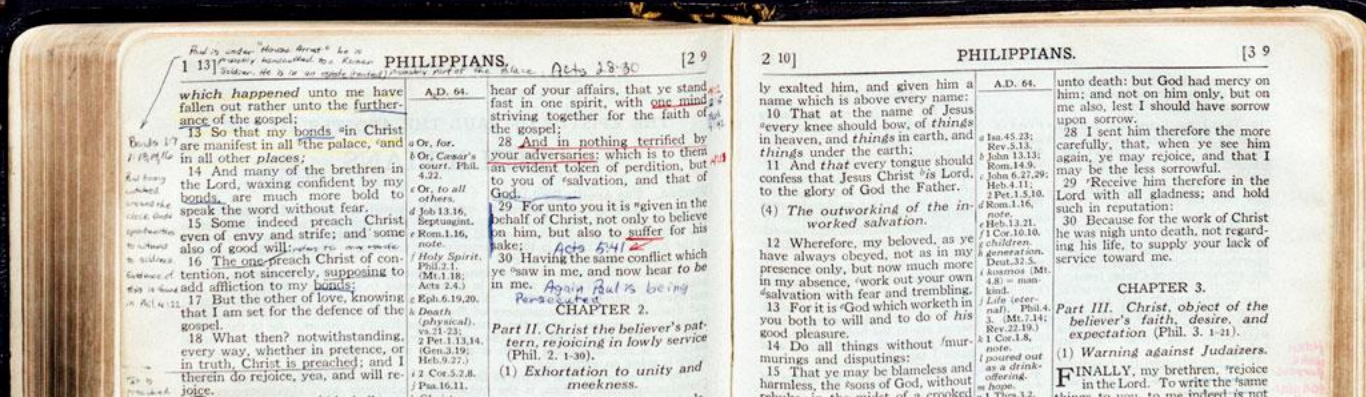


How to read the Bible 9

The story of the Church
Wrestling with the truth



What is my background?



Malcolm's denominational background

Born into Methodist Church 1967-1977

- Father was a minister until Malcolm was aged 4
- Arminian, Evangelical, semi-hierarchical (branched out of Anglicanism), pietistic (social justice important), teetotalling, etc.

Methodist Church became Uniting Church in Australia 1977-1984

- Union of Methodist, Presbyterian (Scottish reformed), and Congregationalist (reformed, Baptist-like)

Attended Uniting Church through university 1984-1990

- Stayed at UCA Queensland college
- Went to Toowong Uniting—taught Sunday School, on property committee, ran Small Group, etc.

Tokyo Baptist Church 1991-1996

- Southern Baptist mission church
- Taught Sunday School, ran Youth, ran Small Group, on outreach committee, etc.

Malcolm's background cont.

Various Californian churches
(mega-church, Baptist, etc.)
1994, 1996

Burleigh Uniting
1996-1998

- Elder, Youth leader, etc.

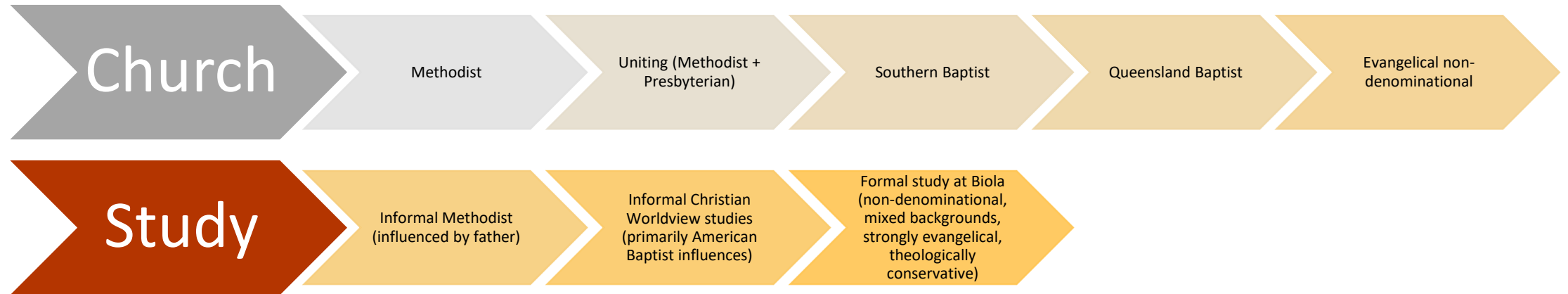
Robina Christian Family
->GCCF->Mosaic
1999-2010, 2014-2018

- Reality Bites Leader, Deacon,
AiR, Small Group Leader &
Coach

Evangelical Community
Church
2010-2013

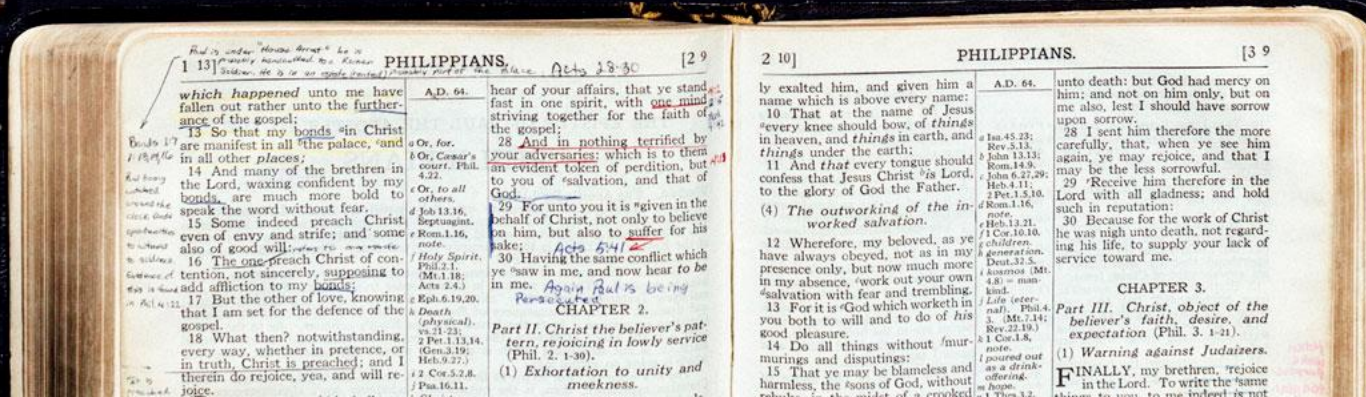
- Elder, Sunday School Teacher

Theological background



Who is God?

The development of orthodoxy in the first centuries



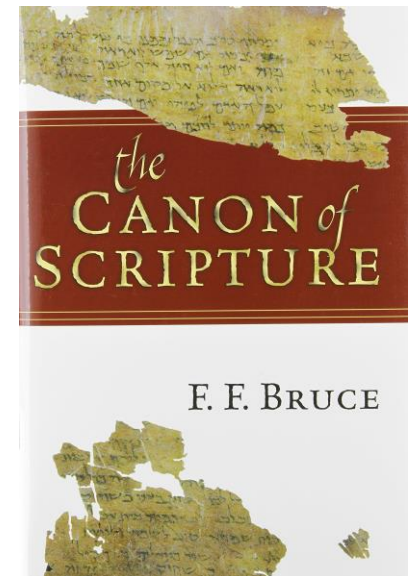
Primary needs of the early church

Figure out
what the
“gospel” was

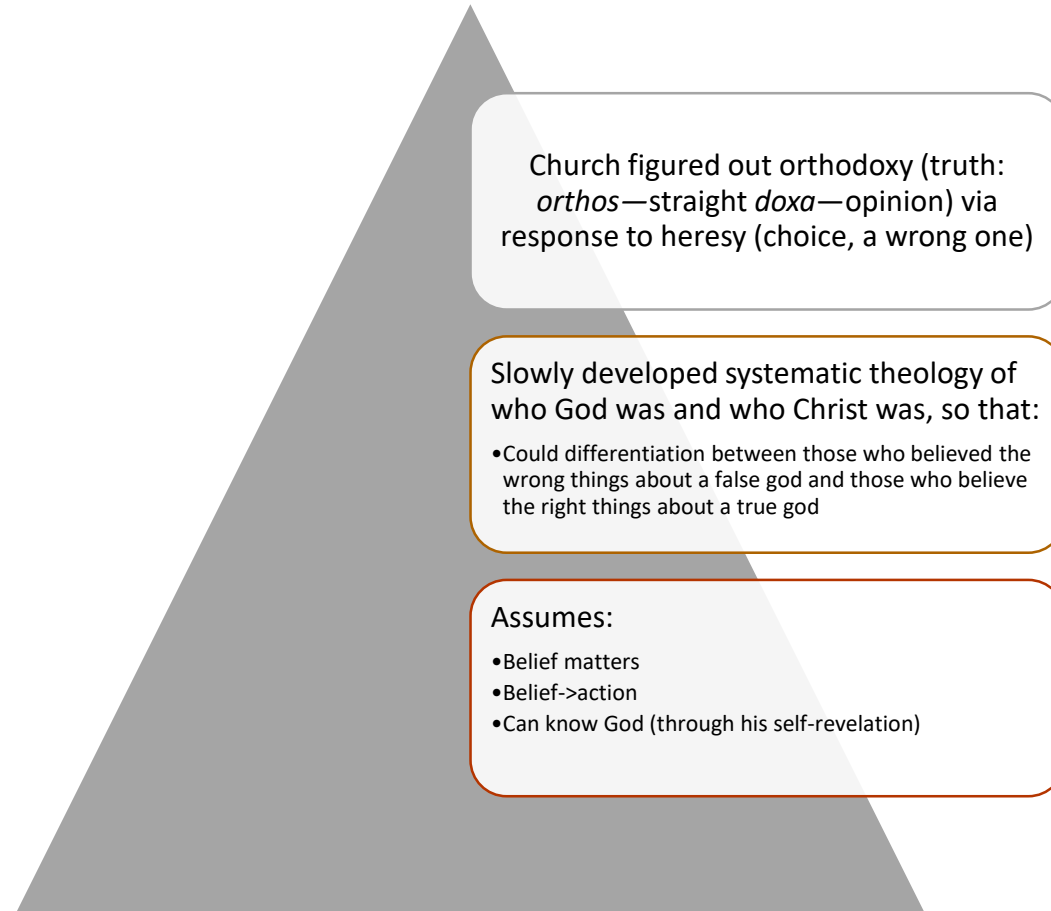
- What do we need to do and/or believe to be saved?

Determine how
to preserve this
understanding

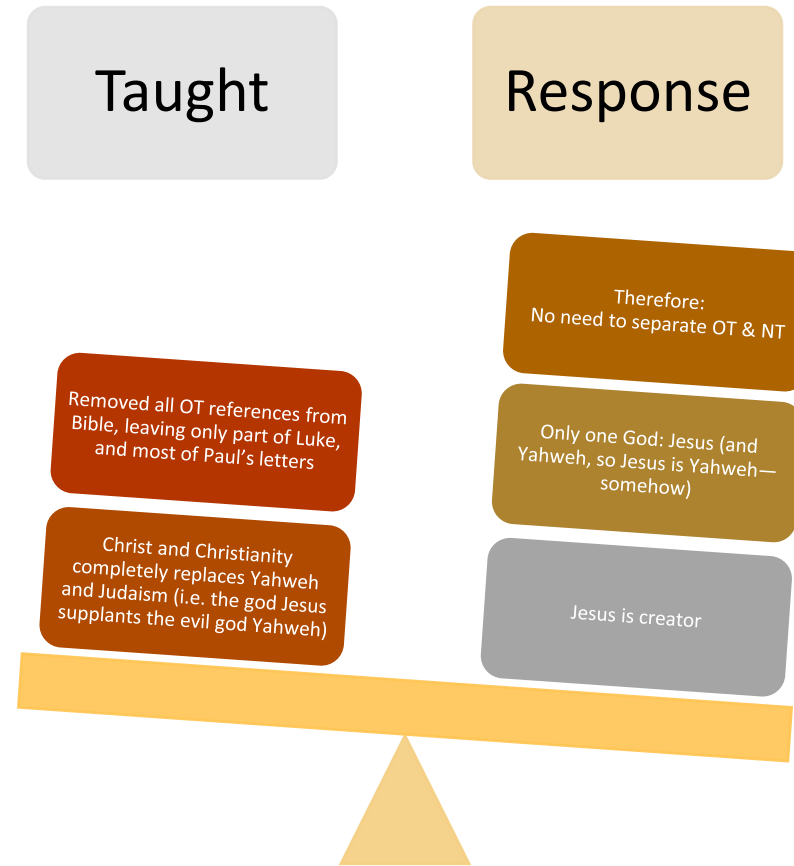
- What texts are authoritative?
- Issue of canonisation—we won’t be discussing this, but classic reference is:



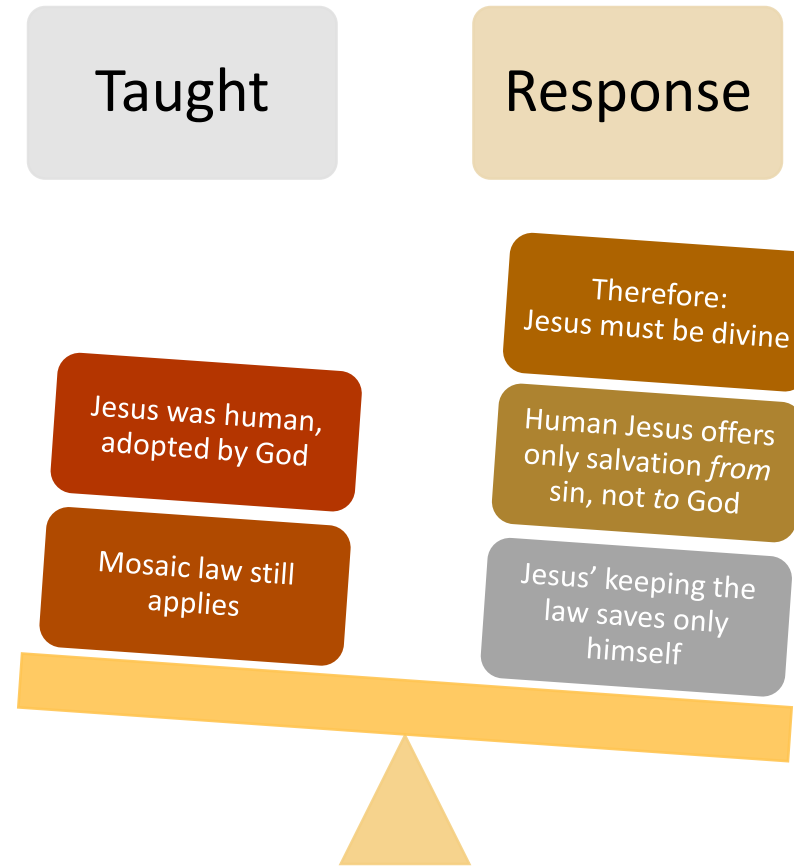
Orthodoxy defined by heresy



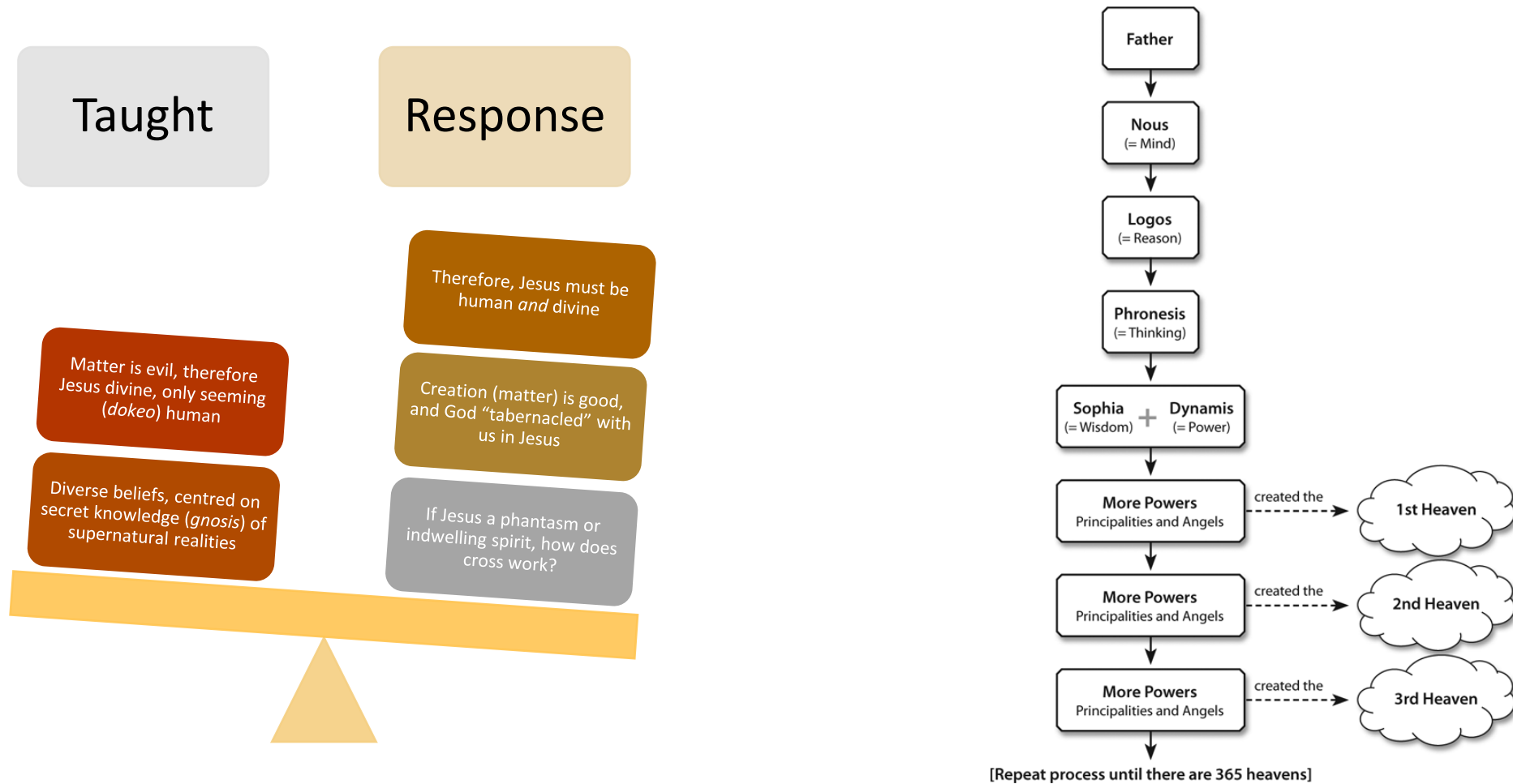




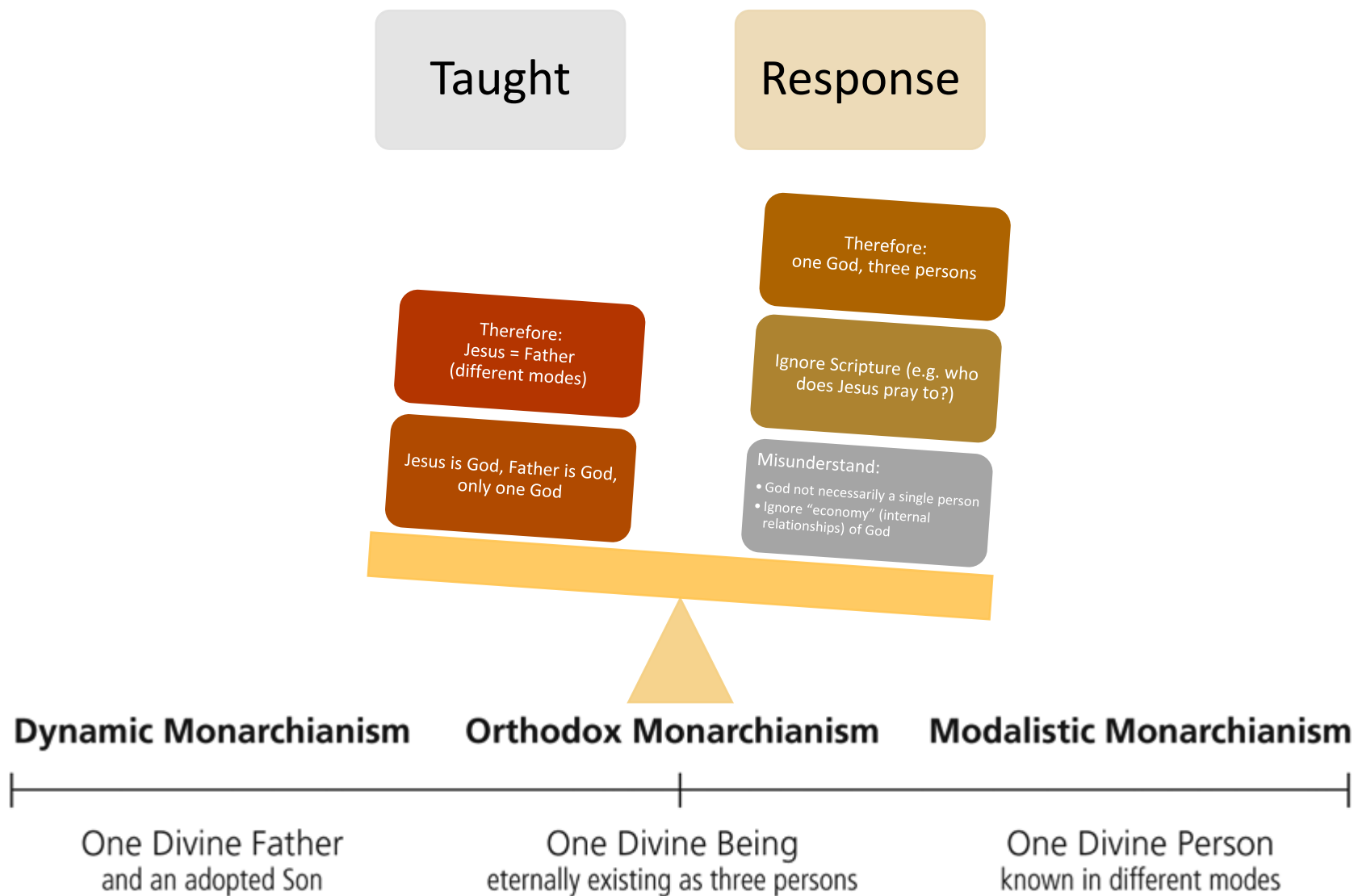
Marcion—Supersessionism AD144



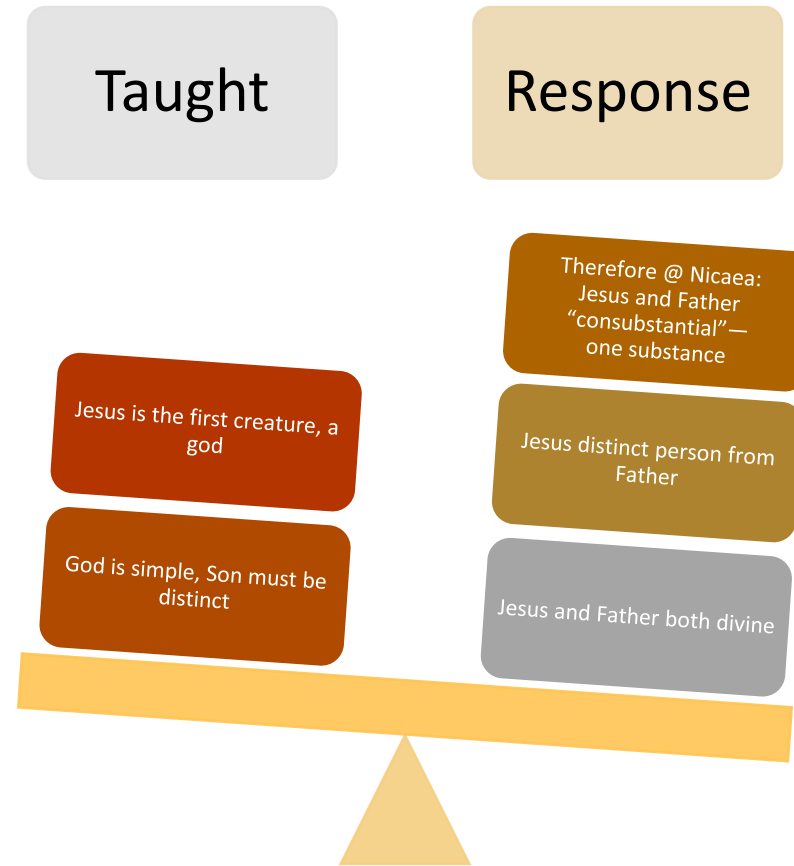
Ebion—Adoptionism <AD190



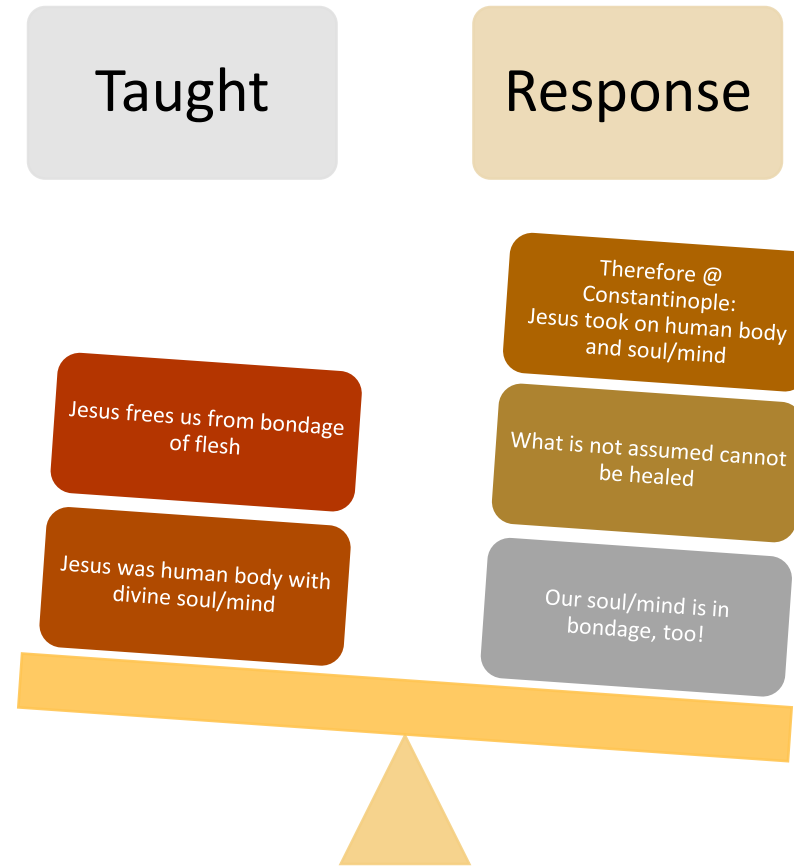
Gnostics—Docetism AD130



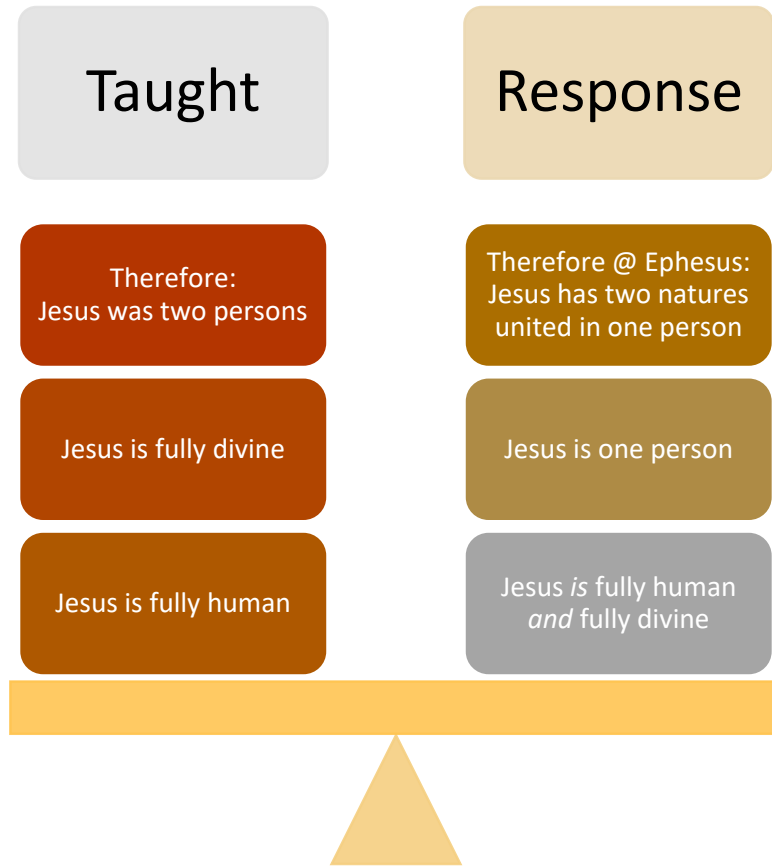
Sabellius—Modalism AD220



Arius—Subordinationism AD325

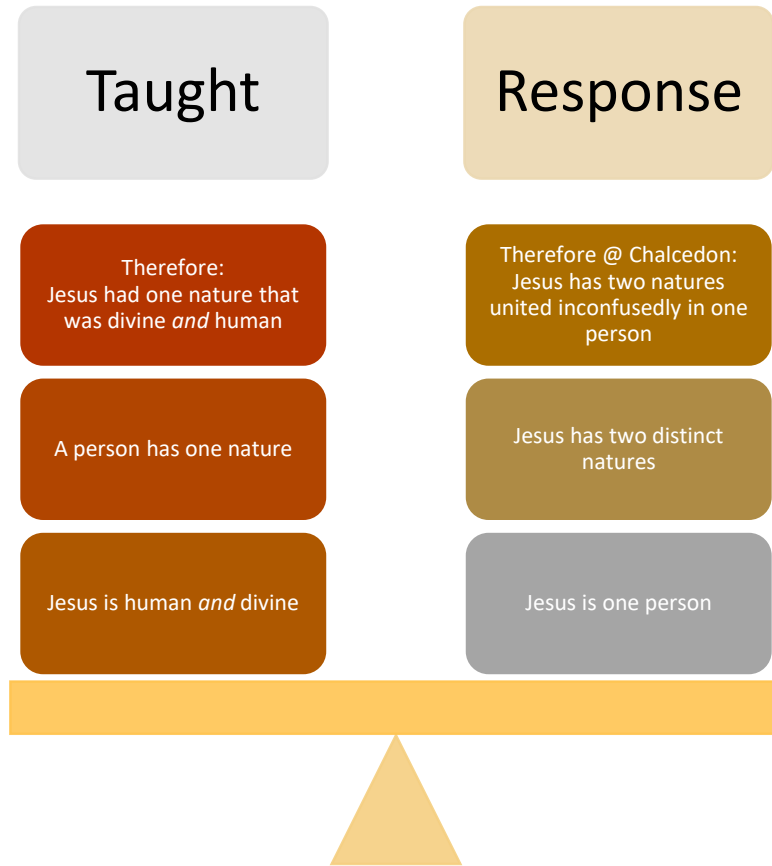


Apollinaris—Subhumanism AD381



- Assyrian Church inherits Nestorian theology
- Understand Nestorius as teaching Jesus having two *faces*, the divine and human, not two persons

Nestorius—Dyoprosopitism AD431

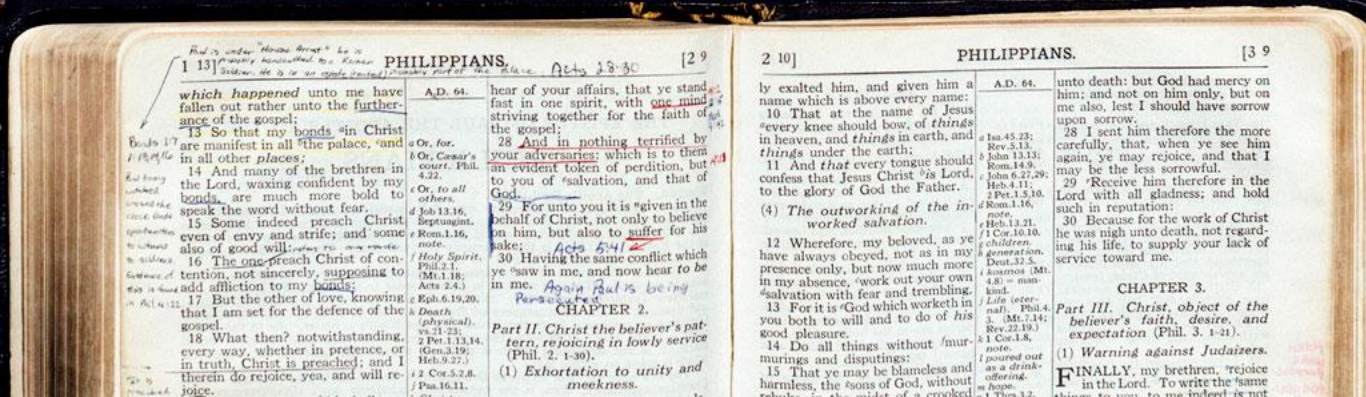


- Egyptian (Coptic) church thought Chalcedon too Nestorian, so split
- Some other Eastern churches are “miaphysite” (one nature)

Eutyches—Monophysitism AD451

How do we run the church?

Divisions over government & practice



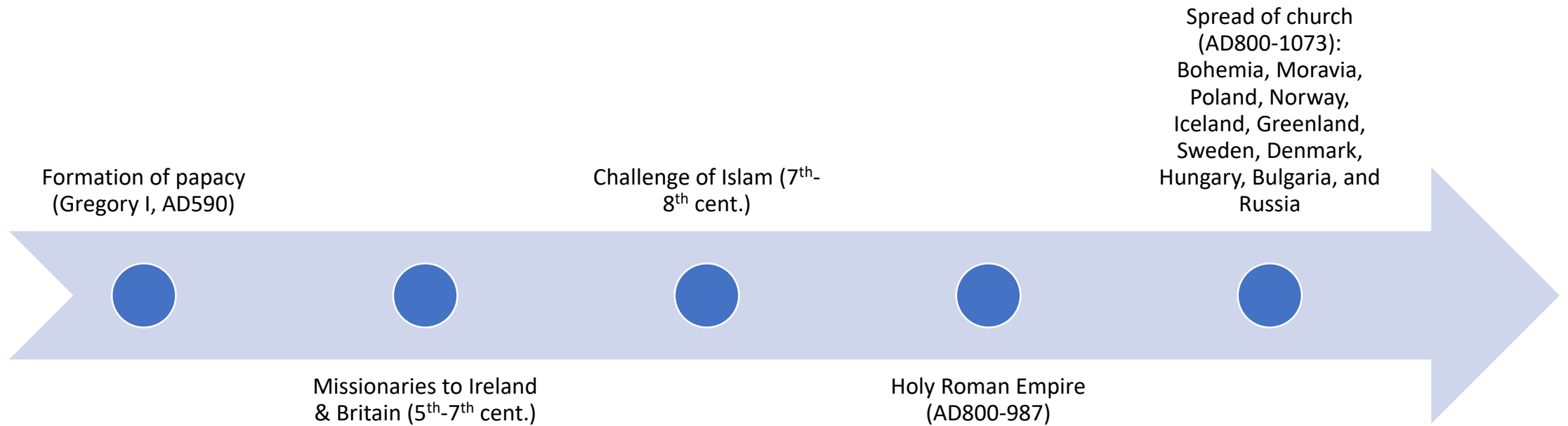
Primary differences of denominations

Government

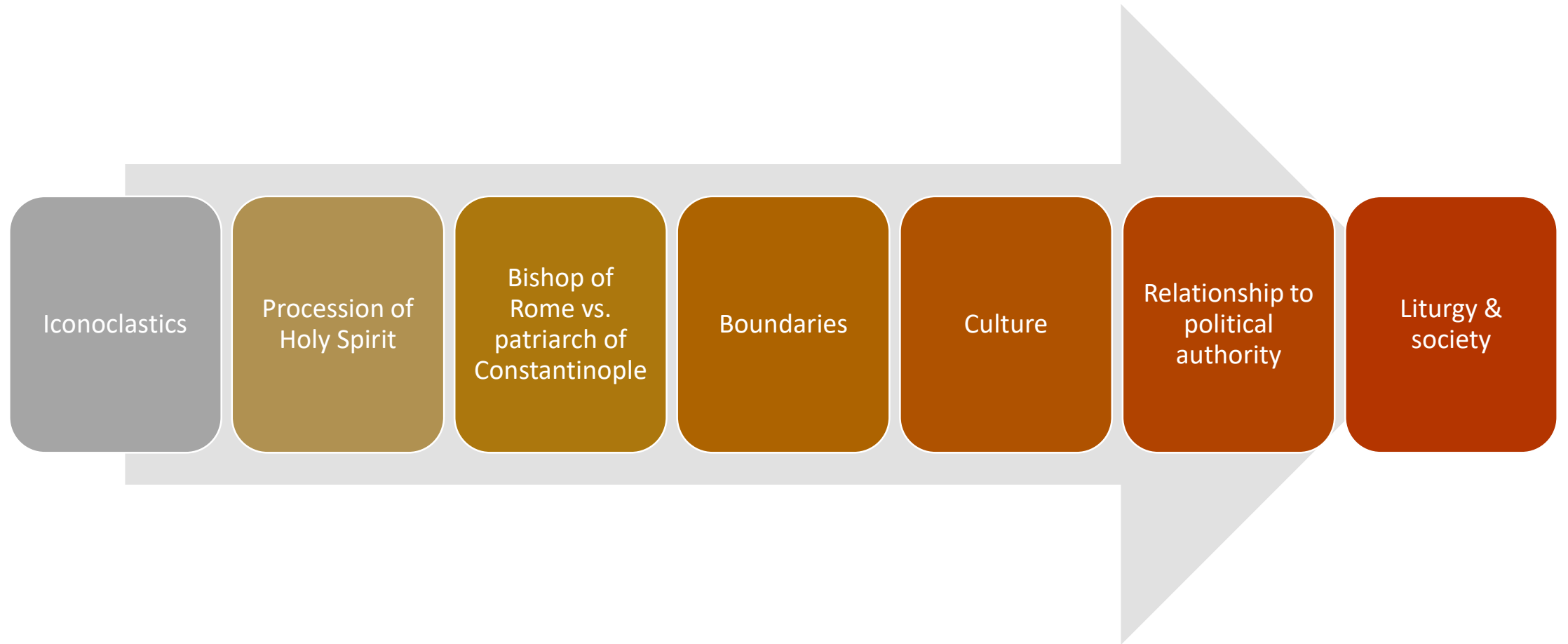
- Who is our authority and how do we hear from them?
- How is the church governed?

Practice

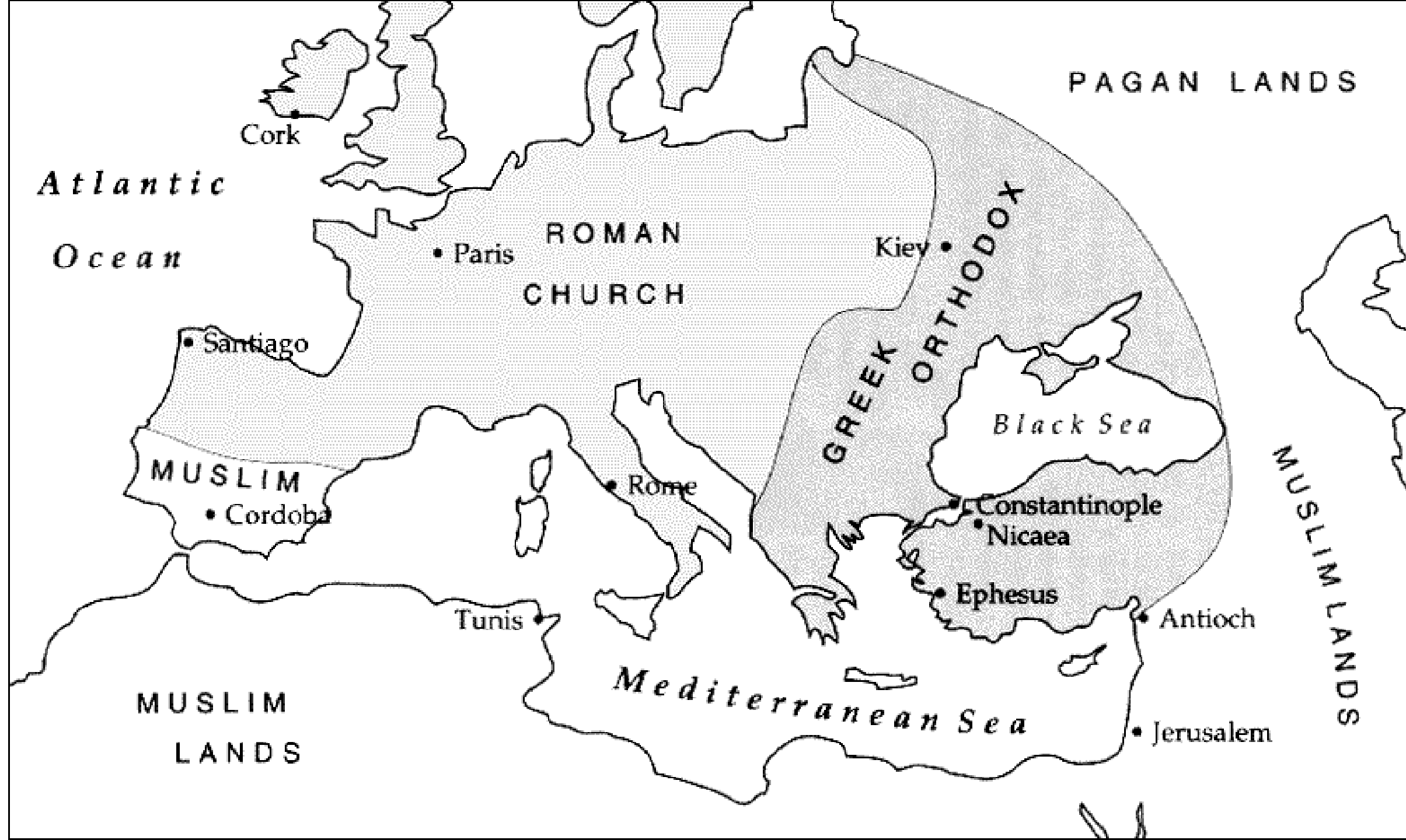
- How do we worship?
- What are our practices in life?

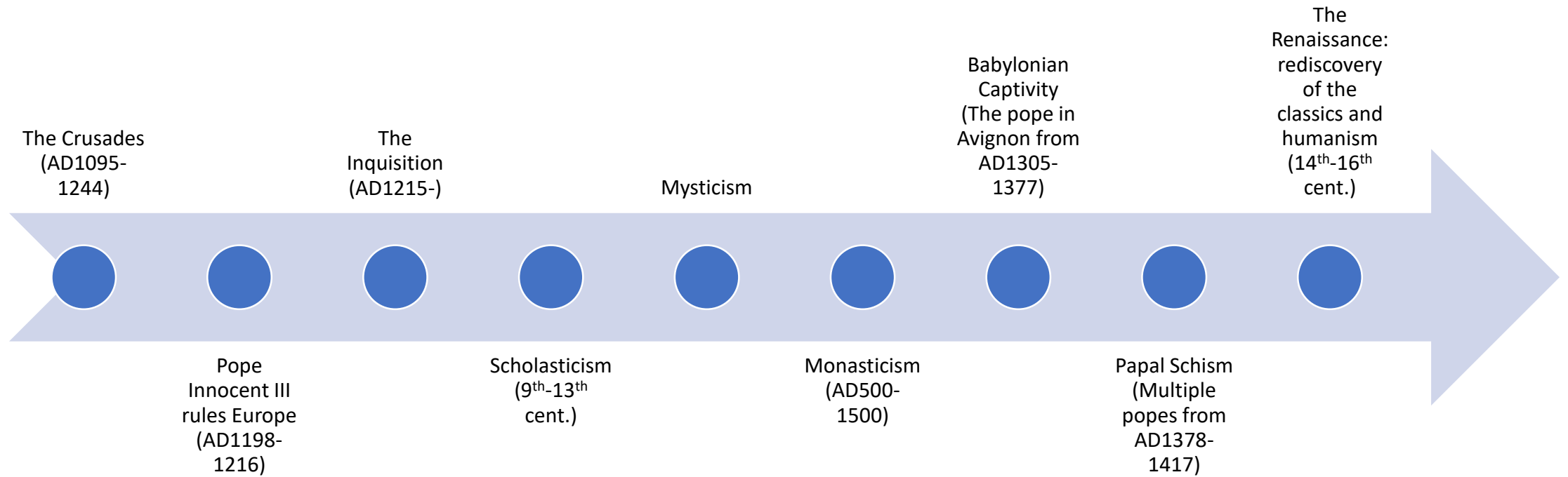


Rise of Rome ~AD450-1054



Great Schism AD1054





Roman Church AD1054-1517

Waldenses
AD1184

- Salvation through obedience to Jesus' teaching in Gospels

John Wycliffe
AD1377

- Translated Bible into common tongue (English)
- Scripture sole authority
- Christ head of church
- Etc.

John Hus AD1415

- Czech reformer
- Christ head of church
- Elect members of church

Savonarola
AD1498

- Florentine reformer
- Executed for heresy

Brethren of
Common Life
(14th-15th cent.)

- Pietistic movement
- House churches
- Shared property
- Bible reading and education important

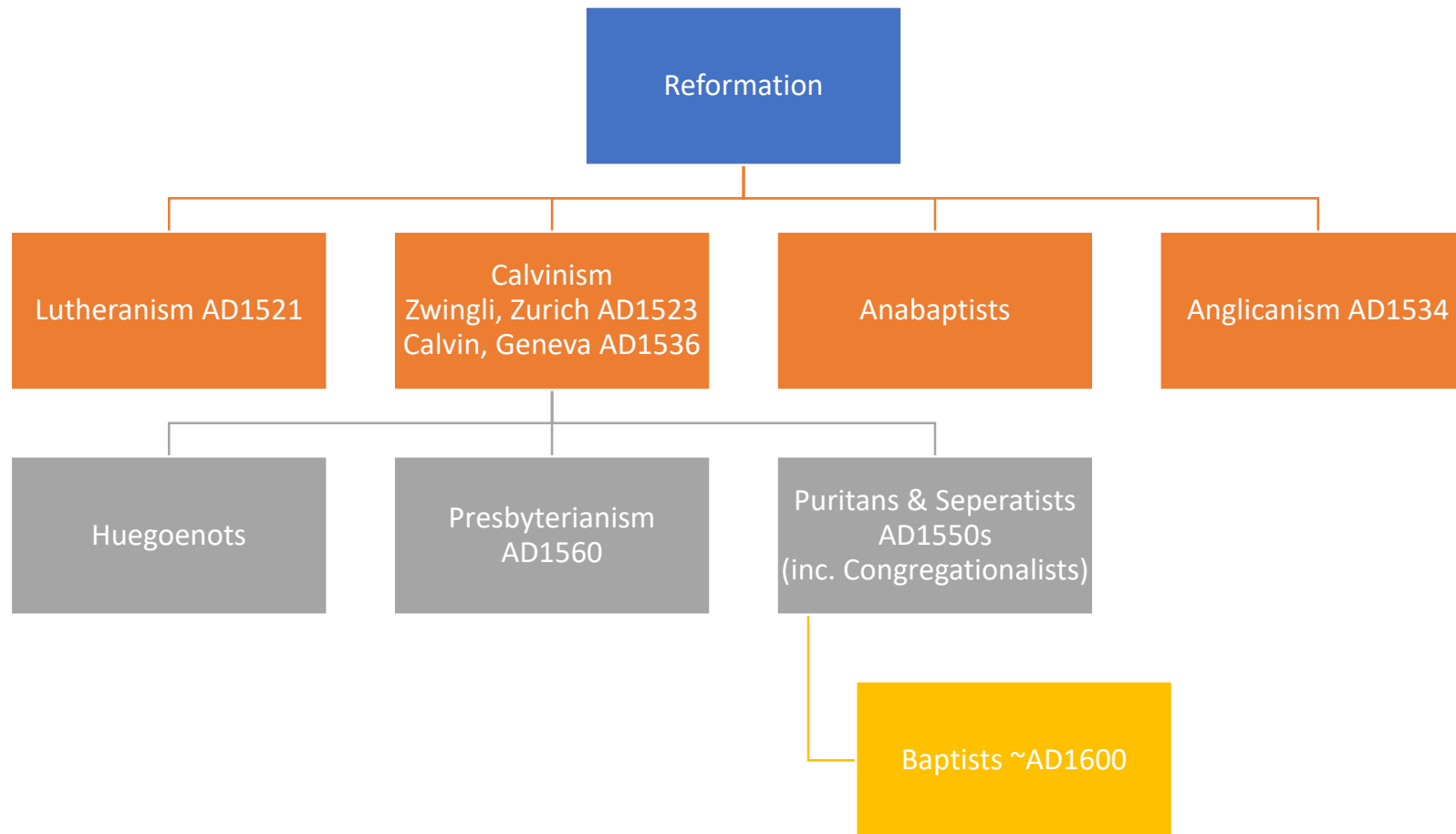
Many other
movements

Martin Luther
AD1517

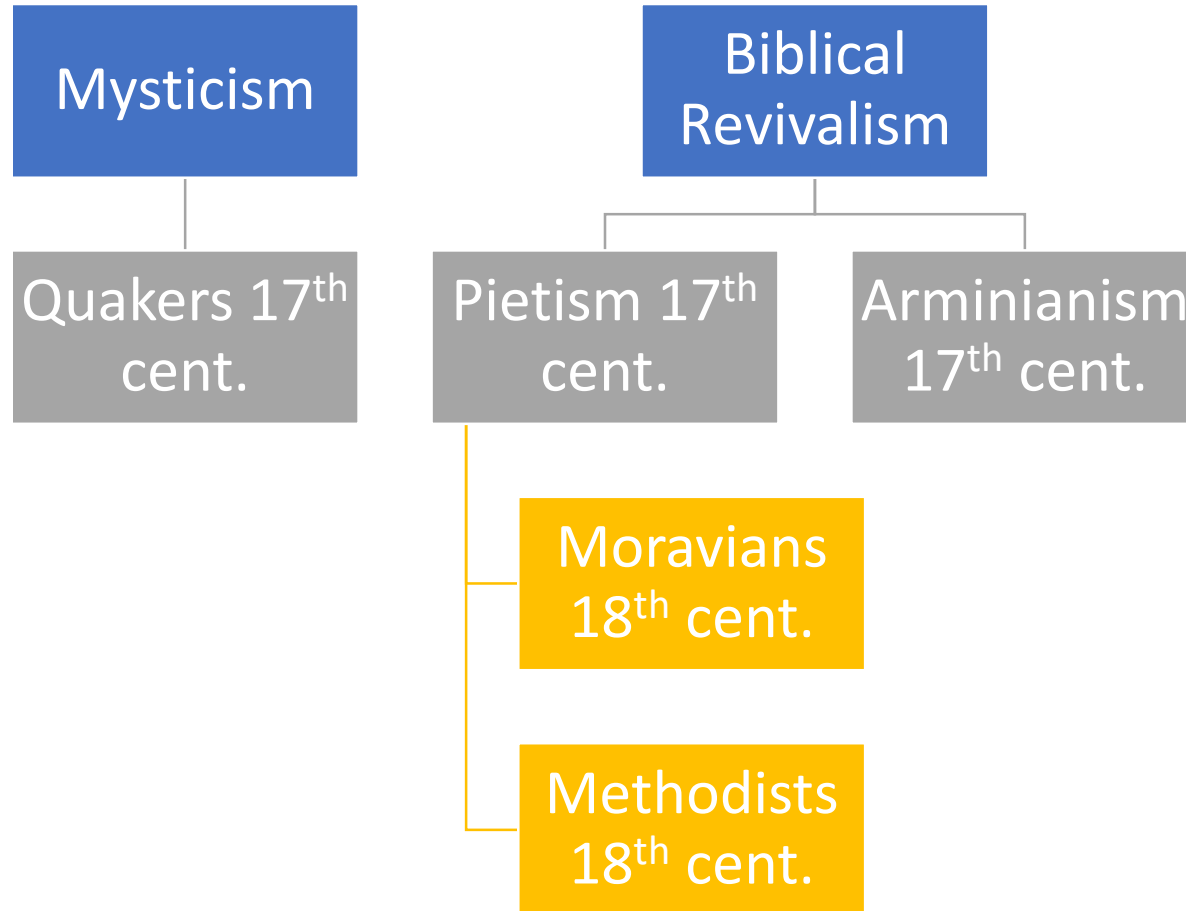
- AD1517 posted 95 Theses at Wittenberg
- AD1521 excommunicated
- Lutheran church adopted by Saxony

Reformation

AD1517



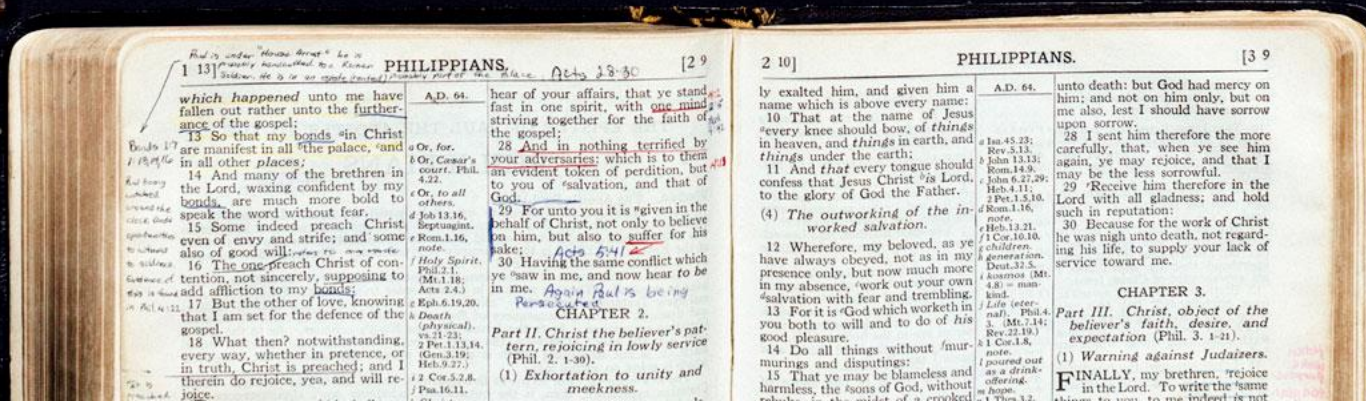
Reformation churches

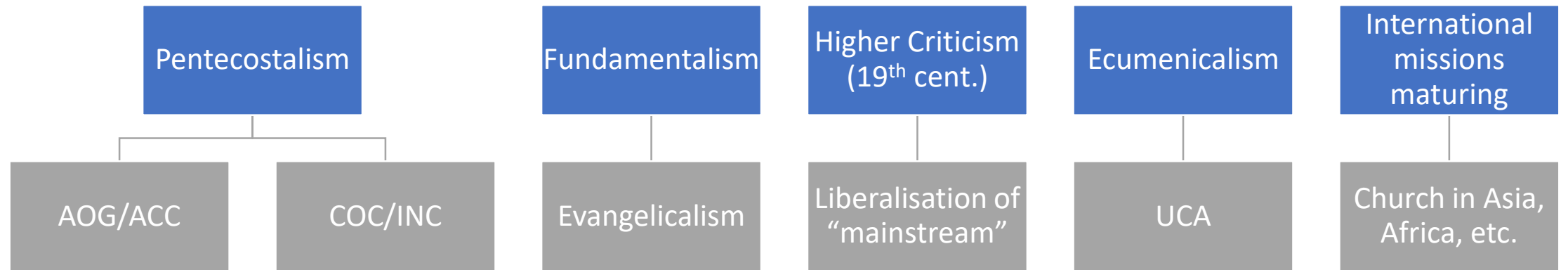


17th-18th Century churches

Who are we?

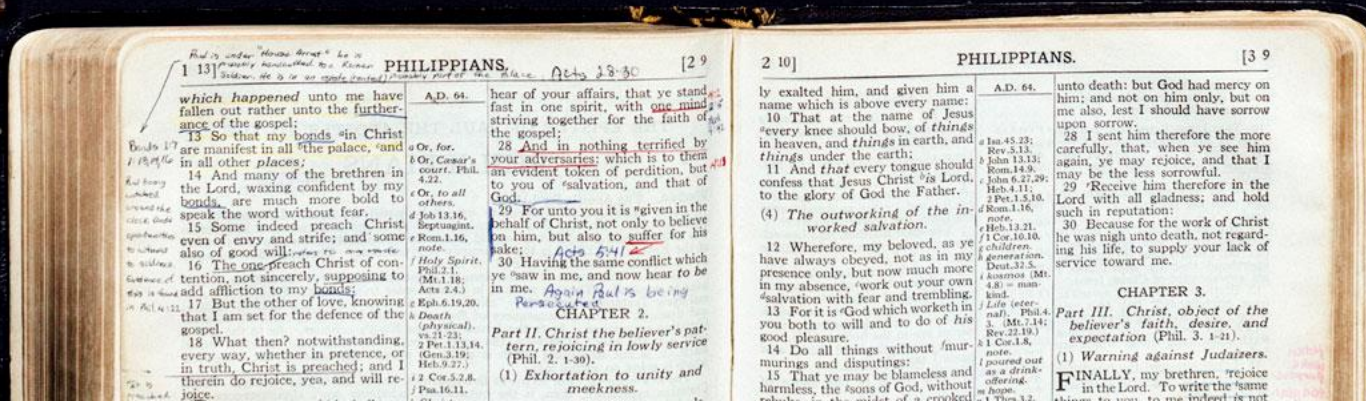
The Church in the last century

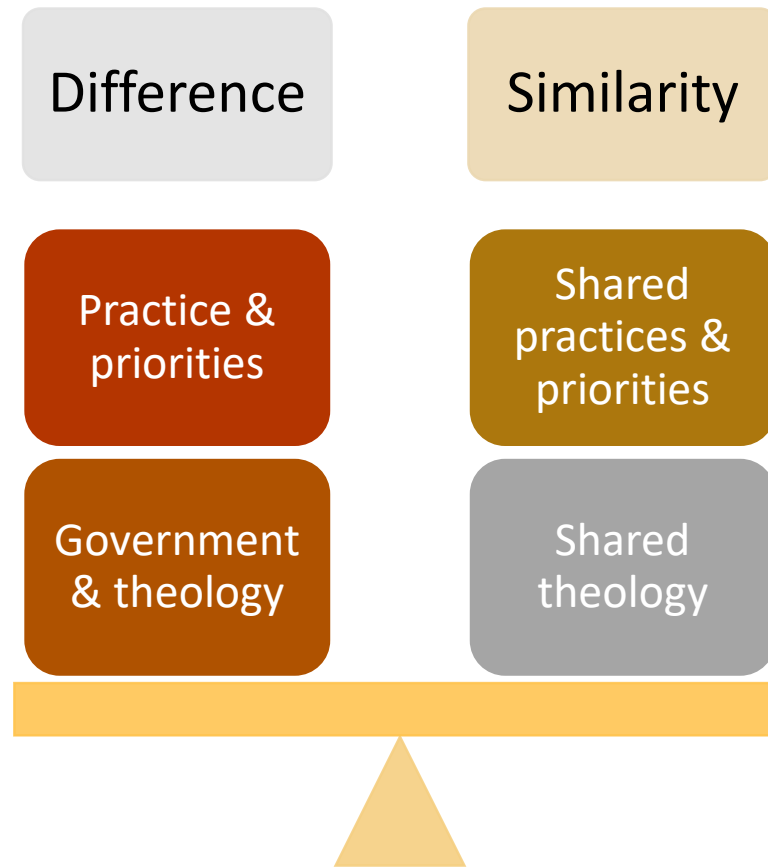




20th Century church movements

Conclusions





What matters to us