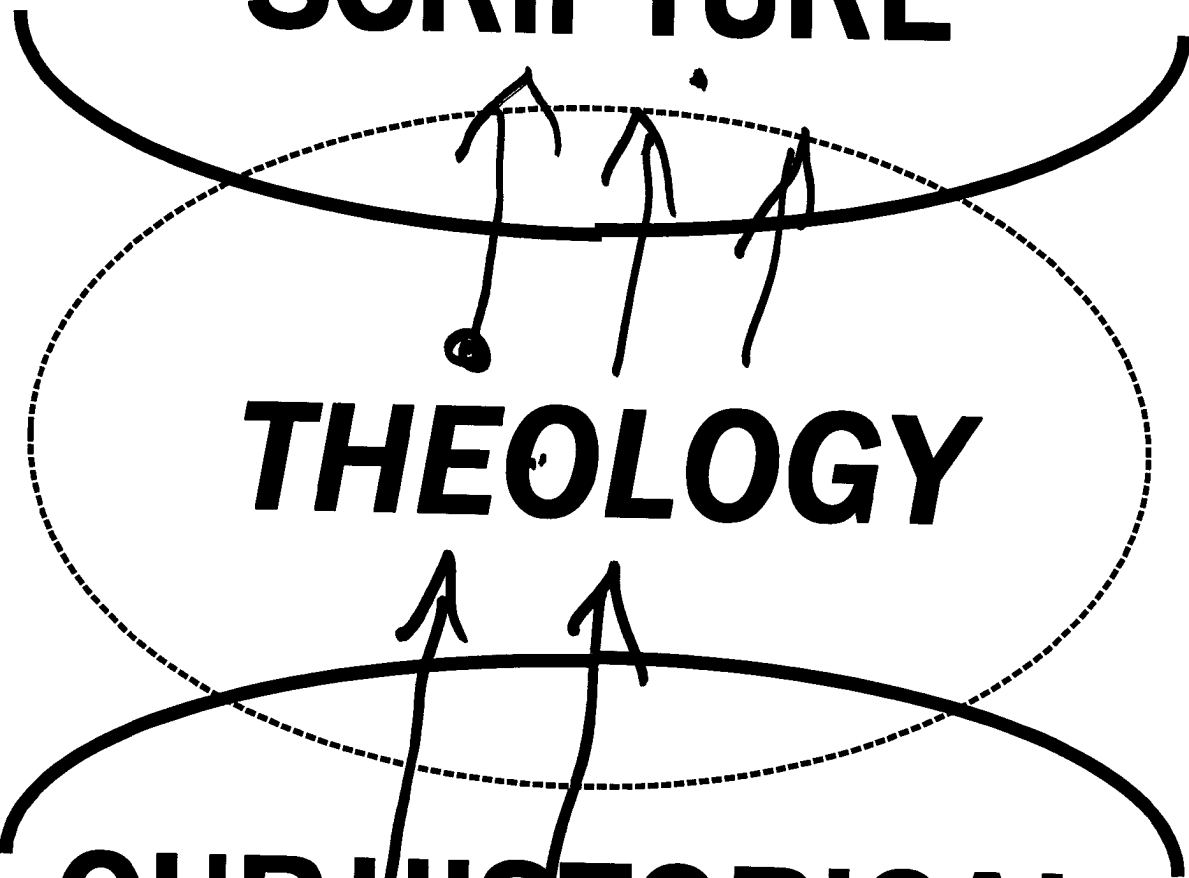


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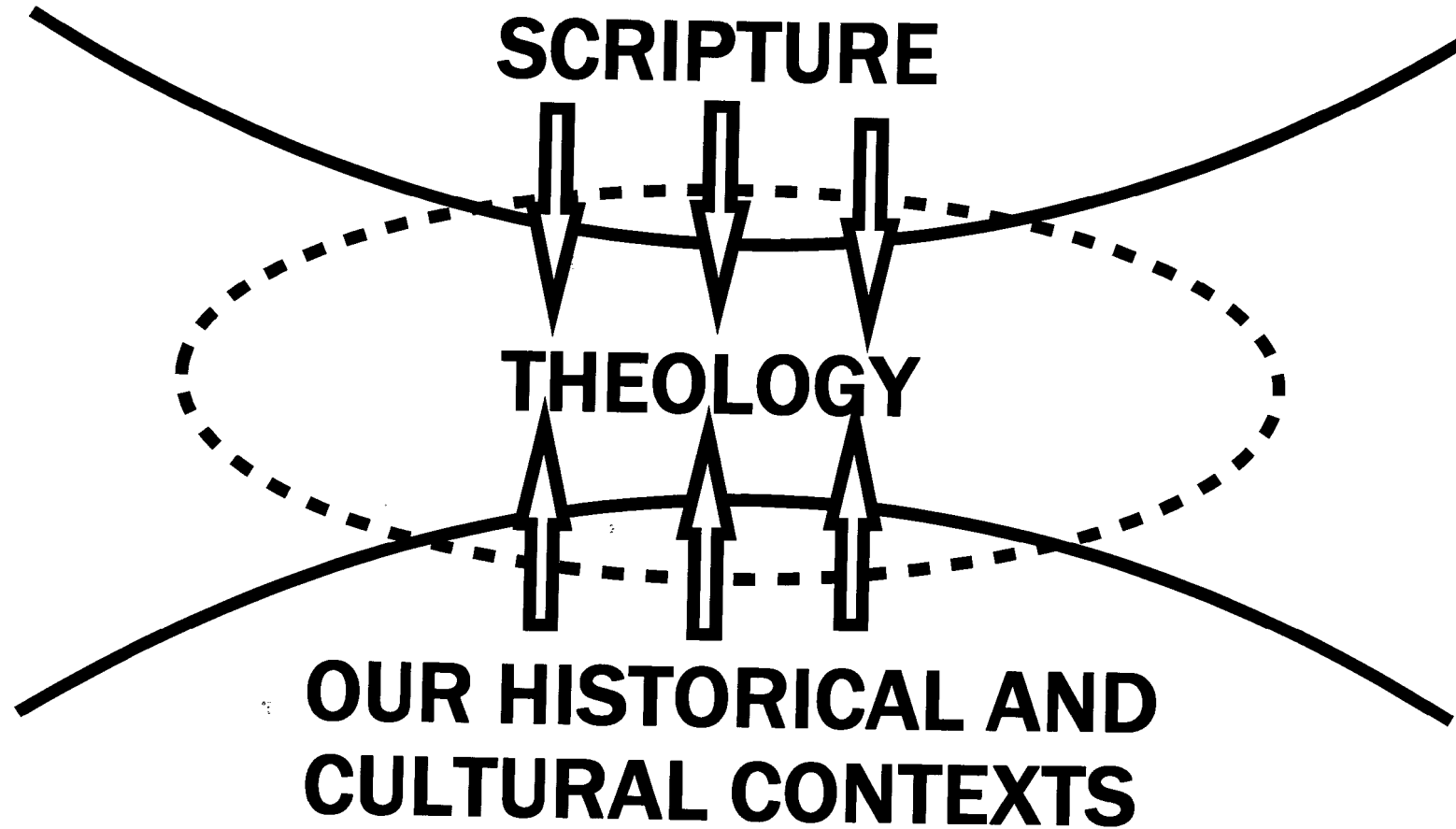
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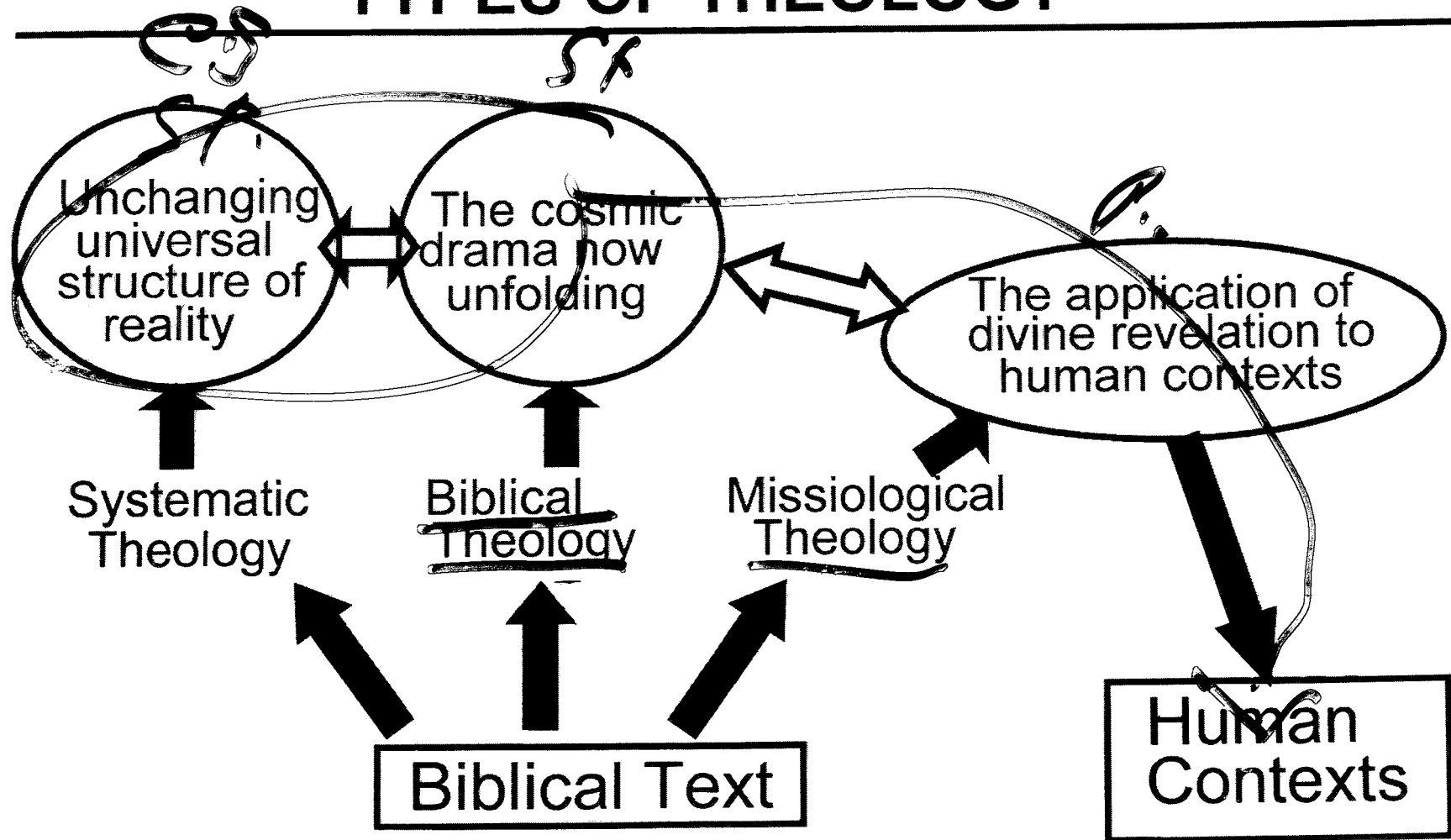
THEOLOGY

**OUR HISTORICAL
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CONTEXTS**

THE NATURE OF THEOLOGY



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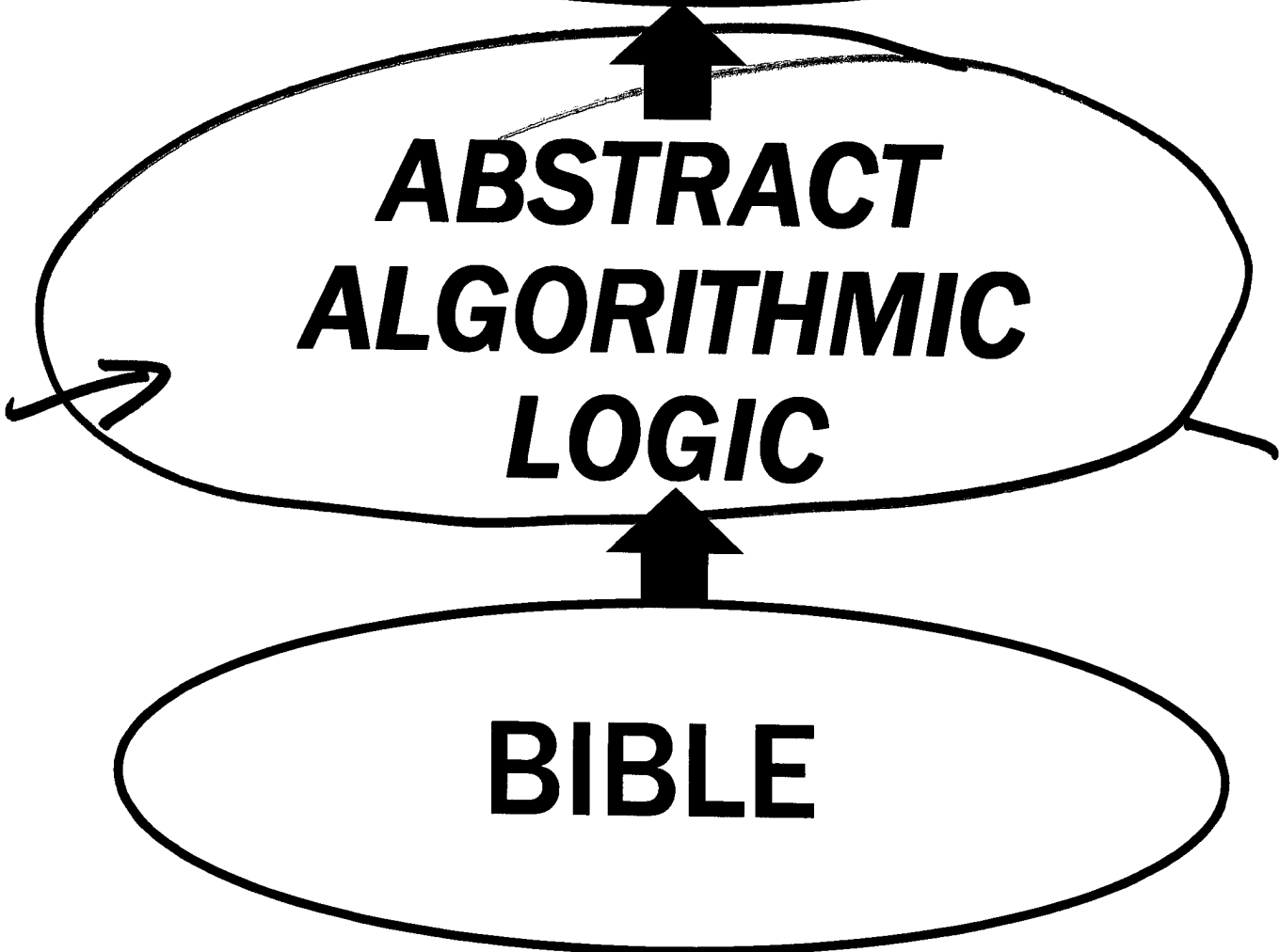


SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

**COSMIC
STRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT
ALGORITHMIC
LOGIC**

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SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

source: Bible

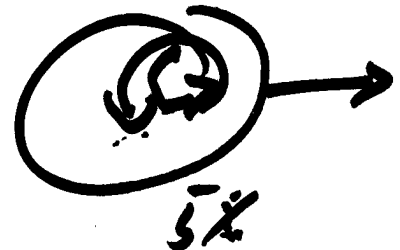
question: what is the structure of ultimate reality?

method: philosophical abstract reasoning

results: helps us understand the Biblical worldview

limits:

- little sense of story
- does not deal with particularities
- little mission vision
- becoming captive to philosophy



BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

**COSMIC
STORY**



HISTORIOGRAPHY

STORY



BIBLE

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

source: Bible

question: the big story?

method: historiography

results: understand the cosmic story

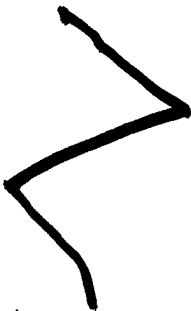
Plot

limits:

- the structure is out of focus

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- does not deal with our stories



- little mission vision

MISSIOLOGICAL THEOLOGY

**TRANSLATION,
CONTEXTUALIZATION**

**LOGIC OF
MODERN CASE LAW**

Expl.

**BIBLICAL
TEXT**

E.g.

**HUMAN
CONTEXTS**

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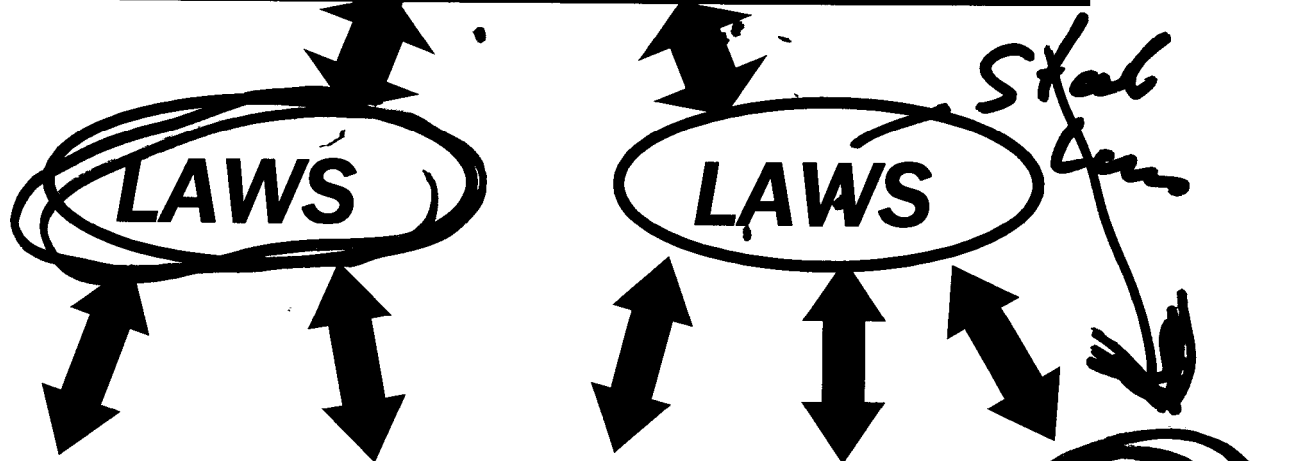
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LOGIC OF MODERN CASE LAW

Unchanging



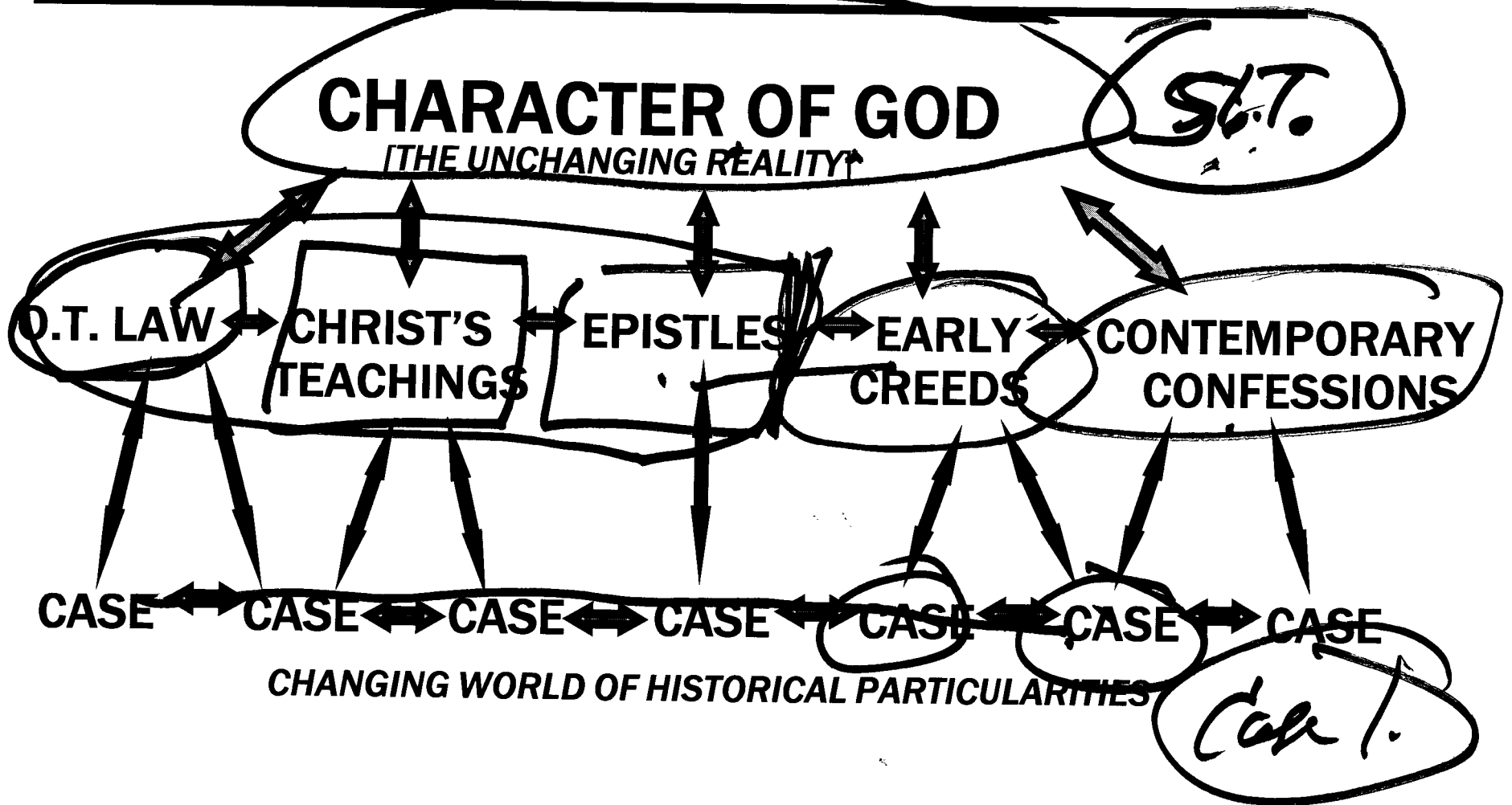
Interpretation
for specific
context



Application
to specific
situation



METHOD FOR MISSIOLOGICAL THEOLOGY



STEPS IN MISSIONAL METHODOLOGY

PHENOMENOLOGY:

- study the situation as we see it
- seek to understand how the people see it (*emic* view)
- develop an *etic* comparative frame to compare and evaluate different views

ONTOLOGY:

- do 'reality' checks on the facts
- study Scriptural teachings on the case
- evaluate and make decisions on the case

MISSIOLOGY:

- act on the immediate case
- begin procedures to deal with the underlying issues in the long run