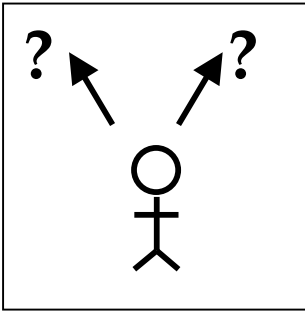


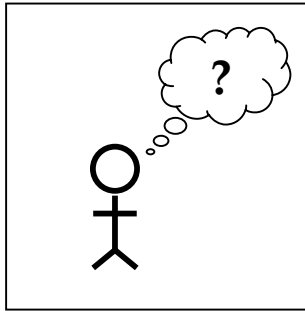
The God who speaks

How can we know anything about God?

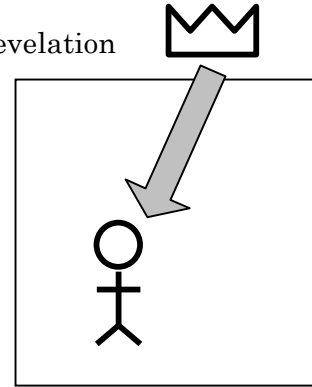
Rationalism



Mysticism



Revelation



The speaking God and idols

Habakkuk 2:18-20; Isaiah 41:21-24; Psalm 115:4-8

Deuteronomy 4:11-18

The Bible is God speaking

“Thus says the LORD” e.g. 2 Samuel 7:4-5

But not just the bits in quotation marks!

Matthew 19:4-5 quoting Genesis 2:24
Hebrews 1:8 quoting Psalm 45
Hebrews 2:12 quoting Psalm 22
Hebrews 3:7 quoting Psalm 95

So all Scripture is God-breathed
2 Timothy 3:16 cf. 2 Peter 1:21

And that goes for the New Testament too

John 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:12-15
2 Peter 3:16
1 Timothy 5:18

The Bible is God acting by his Spirit

Word or Spirit?

- God creates with words
Psalm 33:6
- God *re*-creates with words
John 3:5-6; 1 Peter 1:23
- God builds with words
Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:18-19

So What?

Recognise the Bible for what it is
1 Thessalonians 2:13

Submit to the Bible as your final authority