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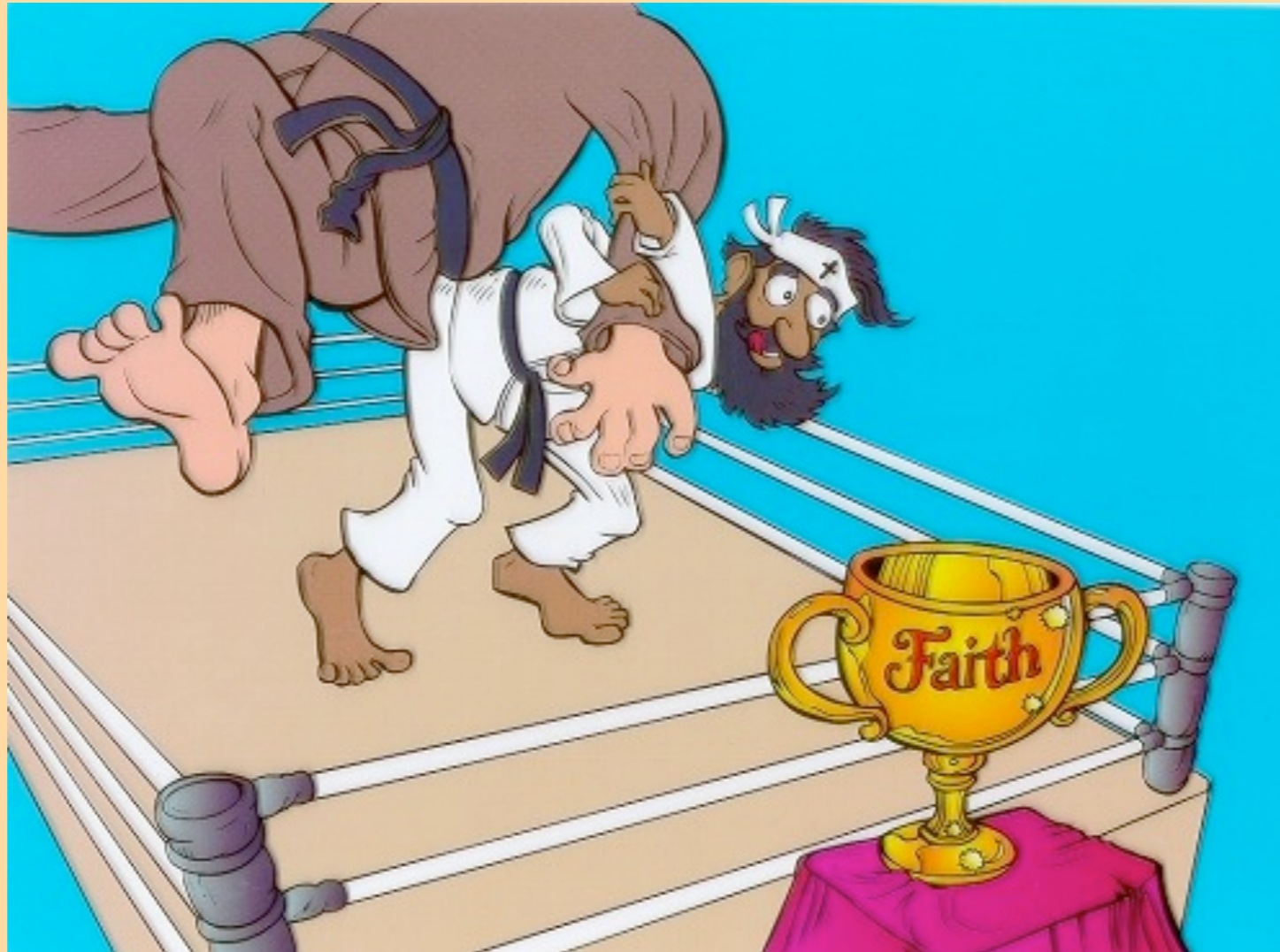
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# JUDE: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## IDENTIFYING WORLDLY THINKING IN OUR OWN SOULS

### JUDE 3



**Jude 3, “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”**

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Present Pass (deponent) Inf.**

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# **PARAENESIS**

**Definition: a literary or rhetorical style of exhorting someone to a course of action.**

**Paraenesis is accomplished through encouragement and dissuasion.**

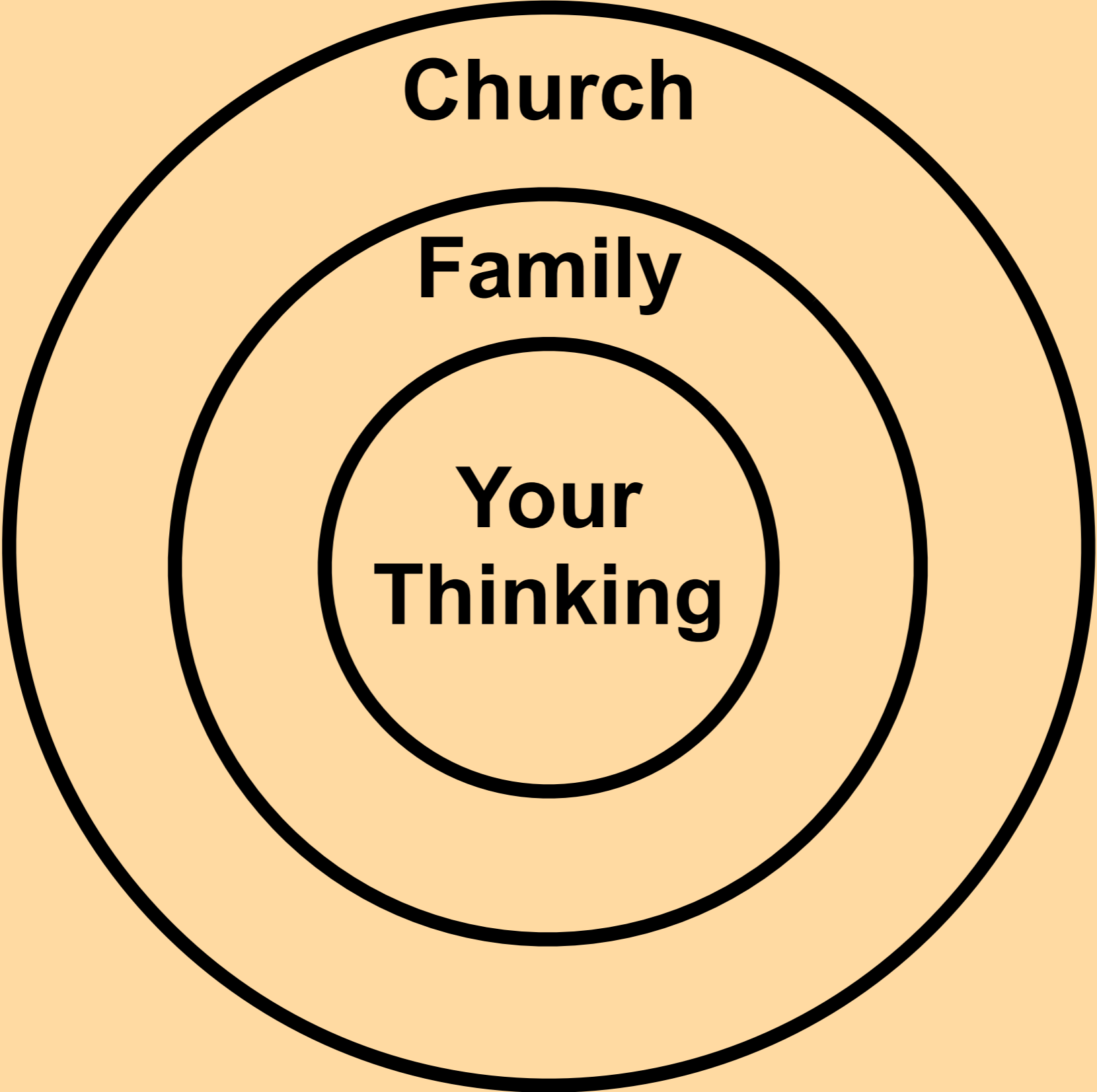
**So it has the positive of stating what should be done and why and the negative of showing why the alternative is wrong or does not work.**

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dat fem sing  
faith, belief, trust;  
value; proof

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**Church**

**Family**

**Your  
Thinking**

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**καθαίρεσιν *kathairesis*  
acc fem sing  
destruction, tear down,  
demolition  
the opposite of  
edification or building  
up, cf., 2 Cor. 13:10**

**ὀχύρωμα *ochyrōma*  
gen neut plur  
fortress, fortification,  
bulwark of error or vice**



**2 Cor. 10:5, “casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,**

**2 Cor. 10:6, “and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”**

**καθαίρω (*kathaireō*):**  
pres act part masc plur nom  
**to take down, destroy,**  
**demolish**

**1 Tim. 1:18, “This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,” NKJV**

**1 Tim. 1:18, “This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight,” NASB 95**

# The Basis of Knowledge

	<b>SYSTEM</b>	<b>STARTING POINT</b>	<b>METHOD</b>
<b>Autonomous Systems of Perception</b>	<b>RATIONALISM</b>	<b>Innate ideas; Faith in human ability</b>	<b>Independent use of logic &amp; reason</b>
	<b>EMPIRICISM</b>	<b>Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability</b>	<b>Independent use of logic &amp; reason</b>
	<b>MYSTICISM</b>	<b>Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability</b>	<b>Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable</b>
<b>Divine Viewpoint</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>	<b>Objective revelation of God</b>	<b>Dependent use of logic and reason</b>

# MODERNISM

Immanuel  
Kant:  
Subjectivism

RATIONALISM

EMPIRICISM

SKEPTICISM

EXISTENTIALISM

19<sup>TH</sup>–20<sup>TH</sup>  
Centuries

Descartes  
Locke

Post-  
Modernism  
1900–present

The Enlightenment ca 1640–1780

# **Postmodernism Basics**

**Truth is created, not discovered.**

**Reason, rationality and science are cultural biases.**

**Those who trust reason and the things based on reason, like science, Western civilization, education, the U.S. Constitution, are just biases from European cultural conditioning.**

**This cultural conditioning is designed to keep power in the hands of the social elite—i.e., Europeans (whites).**

# Comparison of Modernism, Postmodernism and Biblical Christianity

**Subject**

**Biblical Christianity**

**Modernism/  
Postmodernism**

**Human Nature**

**Mankind is in the image of God; spiritual and physical.**

**Humans are material machines. The universe is purely physical. Nothing exists beyond our senses.**

**No opinion; suspicious of any dogmatic assertions.**

# Comparison of Modernism, Postmodernism and Biblical Christianity

Subject	Biblical Christianity	Modernism/ Postmodernism
Free Will	Diminished by sin; still morally responsible.	Autonomous and self-governing. Choose their own direction.  People are products of their culture and only imagine they are self-governing.

# Comparison of Modernism, Postmodernism and Biblical Christianity

**Subject**

**Biblical Christianity**

**Modernism/  
Postmodernism**

**View of Reason**

**Reason is necessary but not the basis for understanding reality; it discover some truth, but revelation is also needed.**

**Rationalism and empiricism are the only basis for discovering truth.**

**Denies objective reason, rationalism is a myth.**



# Comparison of Modernism, Postmodernism and Biblical Christianity

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**Biblical Christianity**

**Modernism/  
Postmodernism**

**View of  
Progress**

**Mankind isn't progressing toward anything; advances are positive, but there is no utopia brought in by man.**

**Mankind is progressing by using science and reason.**

**Denies objective reason, rationalism is a myth.**