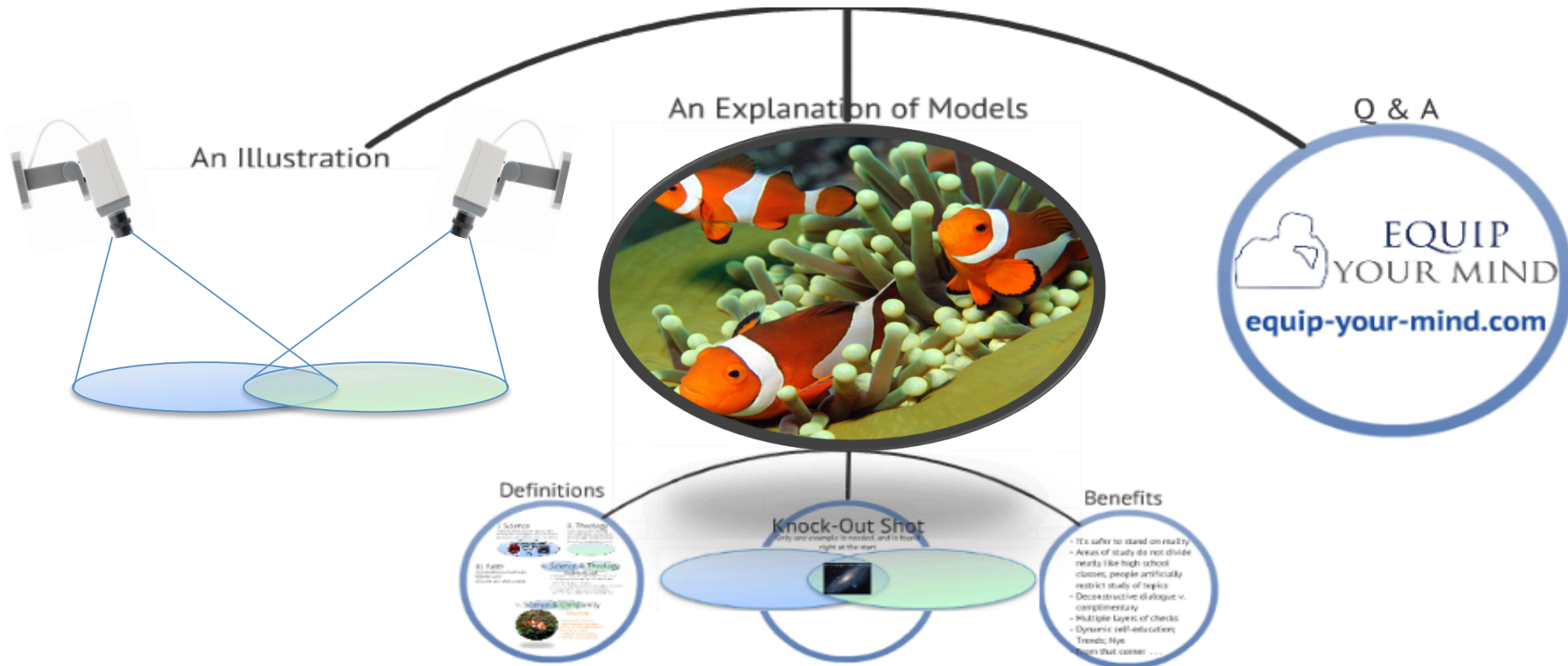


Cameras of the Watchman:

The Real Relationship between Science & Christianity

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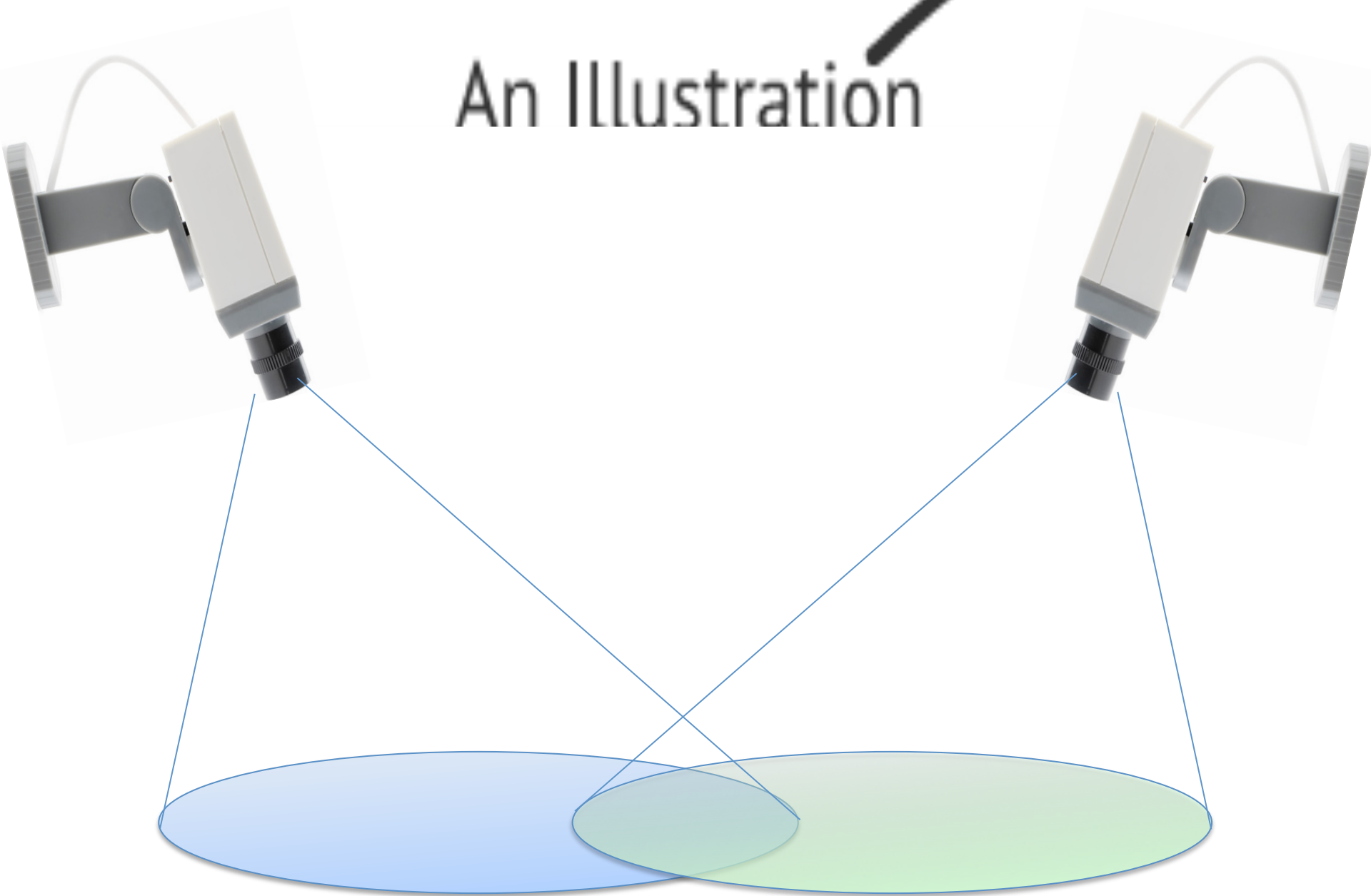
Overview

- **An Illustration**
- **An Explanation**

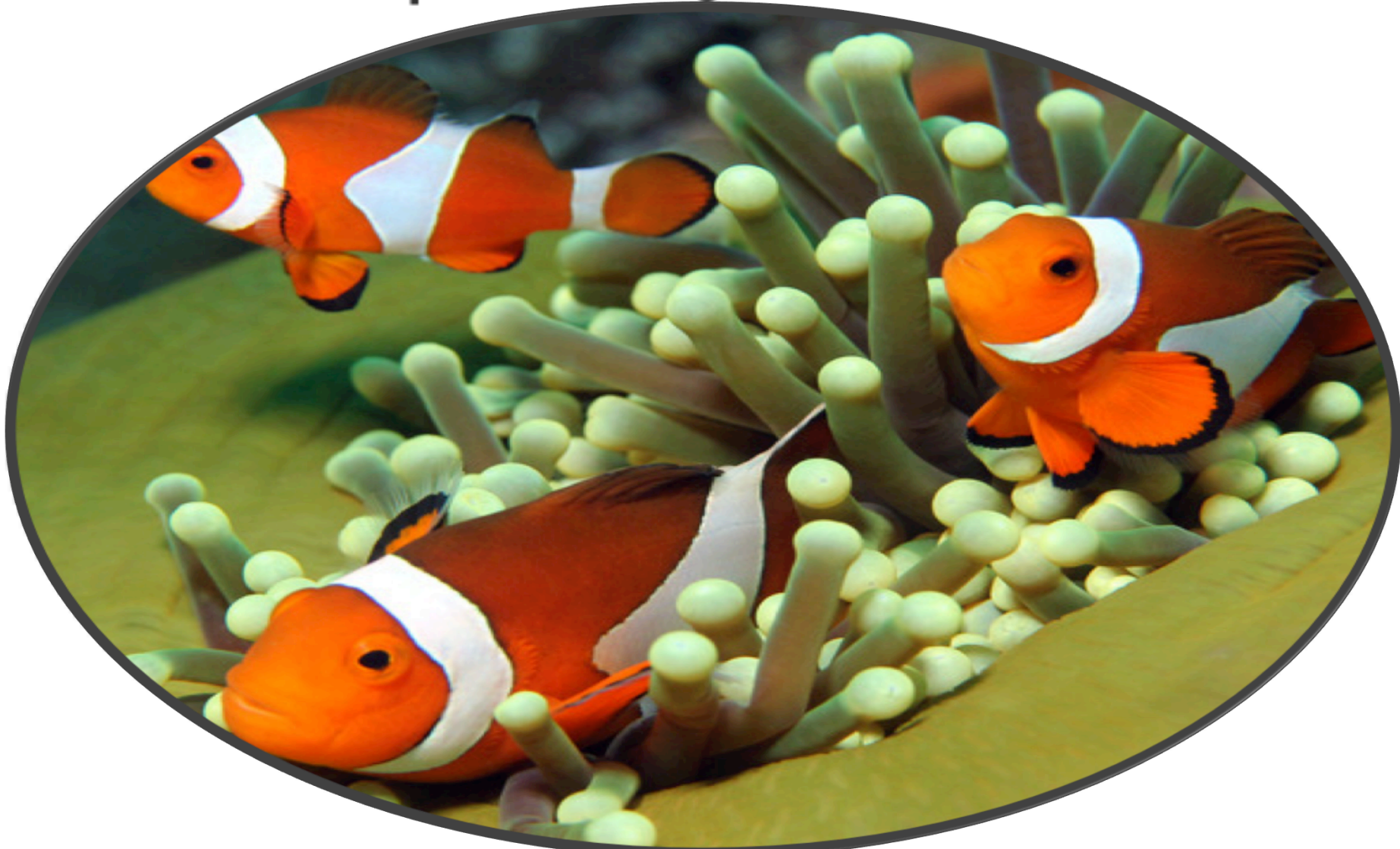
Definitions & Models

- **A One Example Knock-Out Shot**
- **Application of Set Theory**
- **Q & A**

An Illustration



An Explanation of Models



i. Science

Science is a systematic enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe

Scientific Method (Predictive Model)



Question/Problem
Hypothesis/Model
Predictions
Test
Analysis





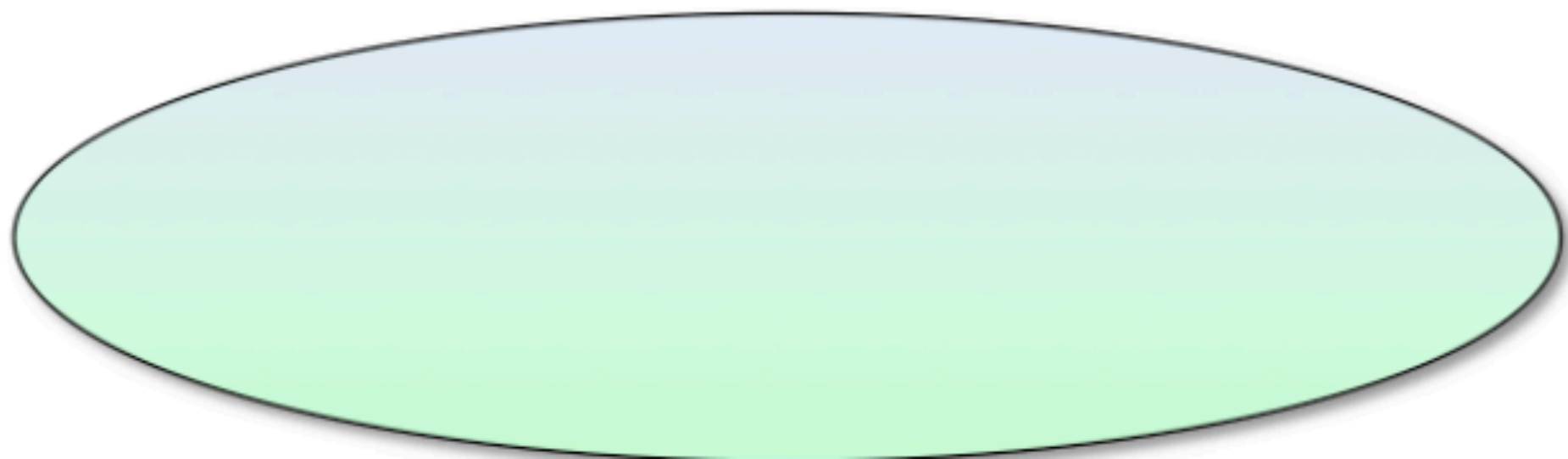
**Observation
&
Repeatable Experiments**

**Past Events:
Forensic
Science**

**Some of >> steps in
science were abductive:
H-D, indirect-science,
historical-science,
theoretical-science, etc.**

ii. Theology

Builds and organizes knowledge from study of areas relating to God, and knowledge provided by a divine authority, or "enlightened" person(s).



iv. Science & Theology

NOMA Model

- ⇔ • No area of life (or reality) addressed by both fields
- Theology cannot add accurately to "factual state of the natural world" - Quotes
- Neither field can add to circle encompassed by the other
- Theology cannot provide a predictive/testable scientific model - Watchman shuts off a camera

v. Science & Christianity



SOMA Model



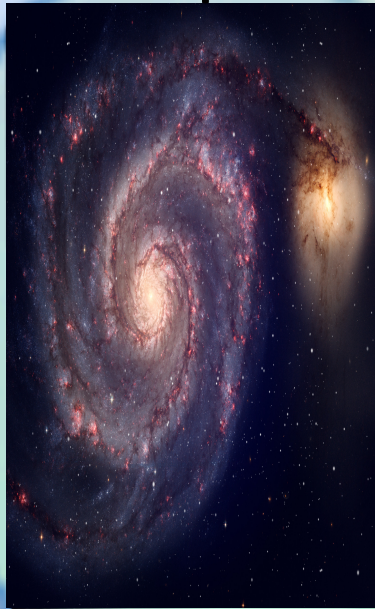
- Area(s) of life where both cooperatively add knowledge
- Correct/corroborate@intersect
- Christianity provides predictive/testable model(s)
- Many exs, start at Beginning

Knock-Out Shot

Science

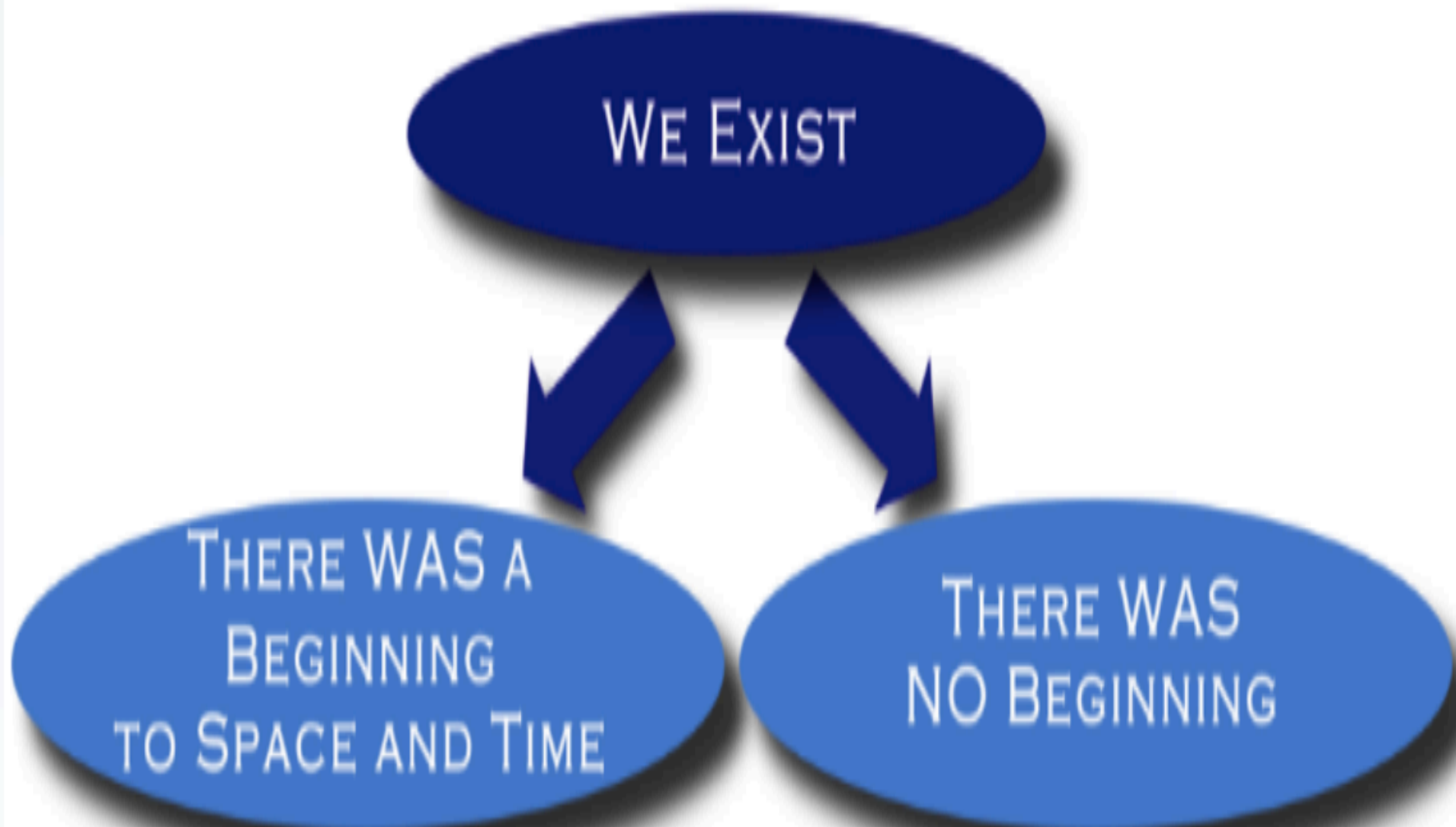
Theology

Example 1.



The Beginning

1st Step: Problem



2nd Step: Predictive Models

The Bible

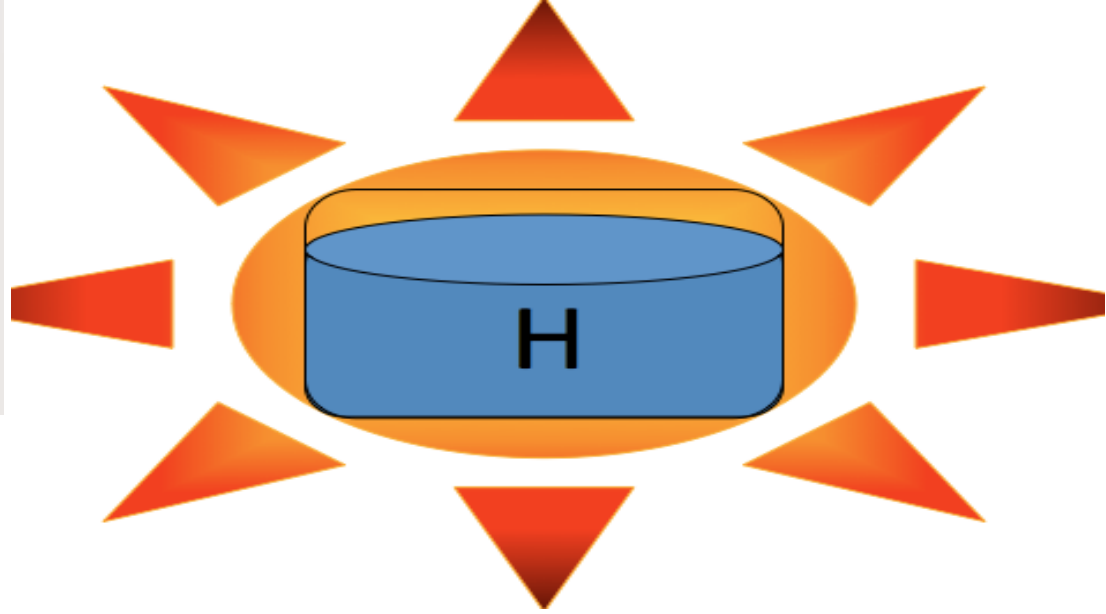
- (1) All that is in the universe, had a beginning (Genesis 1:1; "bara").
- (2) Time itself had a beginning (Gen. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:2; Heb. 1:10; Jude 24)
- (3) Space and time began together (Genesis 1:1; use of compound word).
- (4)-(5) There was nothing, then the universe began from what was not visible (Gen. 1:1; Hebrews 11:3).
- (6) Fixed laws of nature (Jer. 33:25-26).

General view of scientists,
Primary tenet of atheism,
Other religions,
Common experience

Universe is eternal, uncaused.

This is already not looking good for NOMA; if
testable/falsifiable, NOMA is "no mas."

3rd step: Tests & Data



Alexander Vilenkin -

“It is said that an argument is what convinces reasonable men and a proof is what it takes to convince even an unreasonable man. With the proof now in place, cosmologists can no longer hide behind the possibility of a past-eternal universe. There is no escape, they have to face the problem of a cosmic beginning.”

4th Step: Analysis

WE EXIST



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graph TD; A([WE EXIST]) --> B([THERE WAS A BEGINNING TO SPACE AND TIME]); A --> C([THERE WAS NO BEGINNING]);
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THERE WAS A BEGINNING
TO SPACE AND TIME

The Bible

THERE WAS NO
BEGINNING

General View of Scientists,
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Quotes

Bottom-Line

**1) An area(s) of reality (natural world) was addressed by both theology & science
--> NOMA is Falsified.**

**2) Theology added Accurate Knowledge about the natural world --> NOMA doubly-Falsified
And valuable real world info regarding accuracy of worldview beliefs.**

3) In Testable Form of Scientific Model

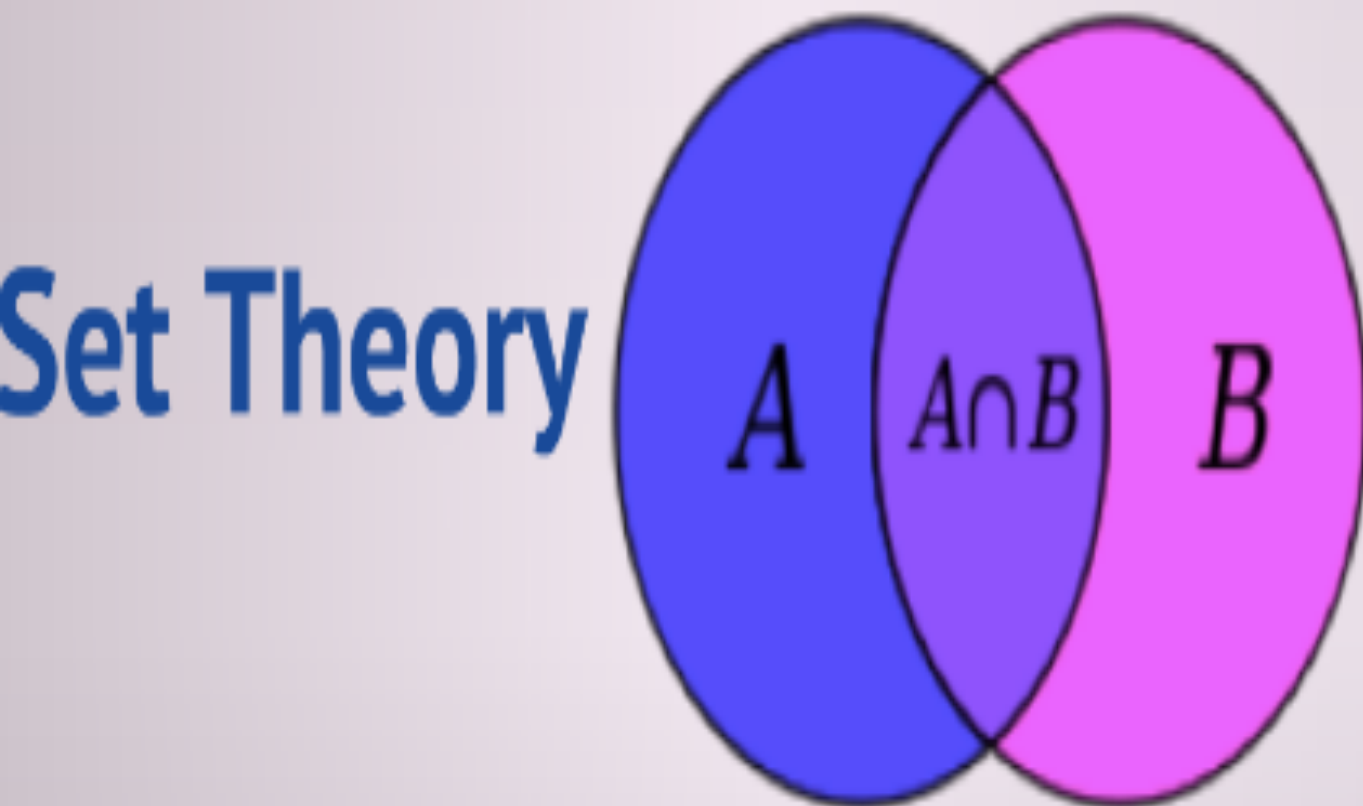
- PREDICTED: multiple, clear, specific**
- 2500+ years prior to modern science**
- Moses 1st Nobel Prize**
- Compare; UC Berkeley response**
--> NOMA fully-Falsified

4) Symbiotic --> SOMA fully illustrated

One Example Knock-Out

↔	NOMA	SOMA	The Beginning
Area(s) of reality addressed by both science & theology	No	Yes	Yes
Theology adds knowledge to "factual state of natural world"	No	Yes	Yes
Theology can provide a testable, falsifiable, scientific model.	No	Yes	Yes





The Real Relationship between Science & Theology

$$\text{NOMA: } S \cap T = \emptyset$$

The two sets must be *disjoint*.

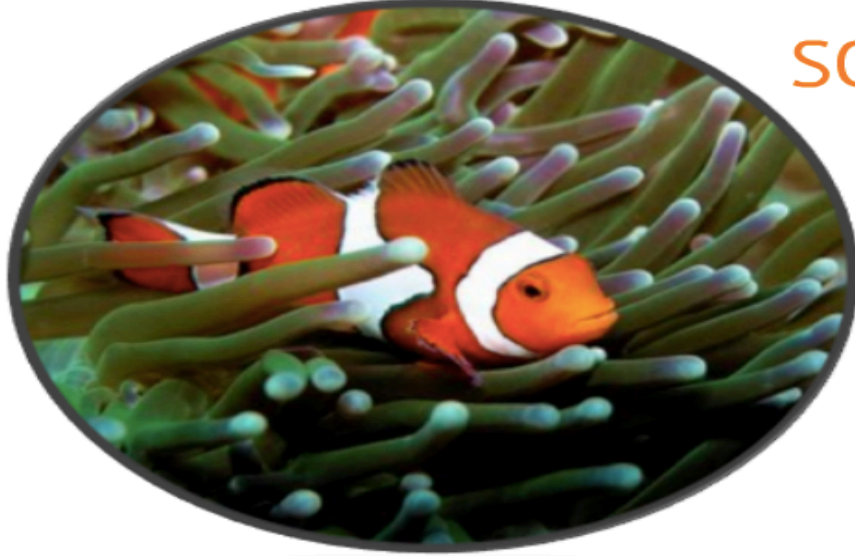
Formally, if e = the fact that the universe had a beginning, then $S \cap T = \{e : e \in S \wedge e \in T\}$. Therefore, NOMA is false.

There are multiple elements, e 's, which are found in the intersection: $S \cap T$

e_2 = *Sermon on the Mount* (Matthew 5: 1-12). $P \cap T = \{e : e \in P \wedge e \in T\}$.

$e_{3,4,5}$ = Hittites, Writing in Moses's time, Davidic tunnel. $H \cap T = \{e : e \in H \wedge e \in T\}$.

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SOMA Model - Conclusion

- Facts of life \leftrightarrow where both fields cooperatively add knowledge
- Correct/corroborate@intersection
- Christianity provides testable model(s) & Trends
- Dynamic, proper approach requires integration of all applicable views
- As the watchman, you are responsible

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INTERESTING QUESTIONS.
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