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The hermeneutical circle: a person must read a passage within the context of the Bible and then in the context of one's life.

Karl Barth

God's word cannot be fully captured in human language; the Bible cannot claim to literally represent his message.

Only God is divine -- not a book.

Richard Hay

We must read the Bible hermeneutically -- interpreting texts whilst keeping in mind the context in which they were written.

hermeneutics

The propositional view
The Bible is pure Revelation -- the infallible truth.

The non-propositional view
The Bible's messages should be adapted to one's own life.

Approach to interpreting the Bible

Theonomous

The Bible is the only source of authority.

Theonomous argument basis

P1: All ethics and morality are determined by God's commands

P2: Writers of the Bible are scribes of God's word

The Bible is self-authenticating and infallible

Does not require interpretation

As the word of God, it's the only source of moral decision making.