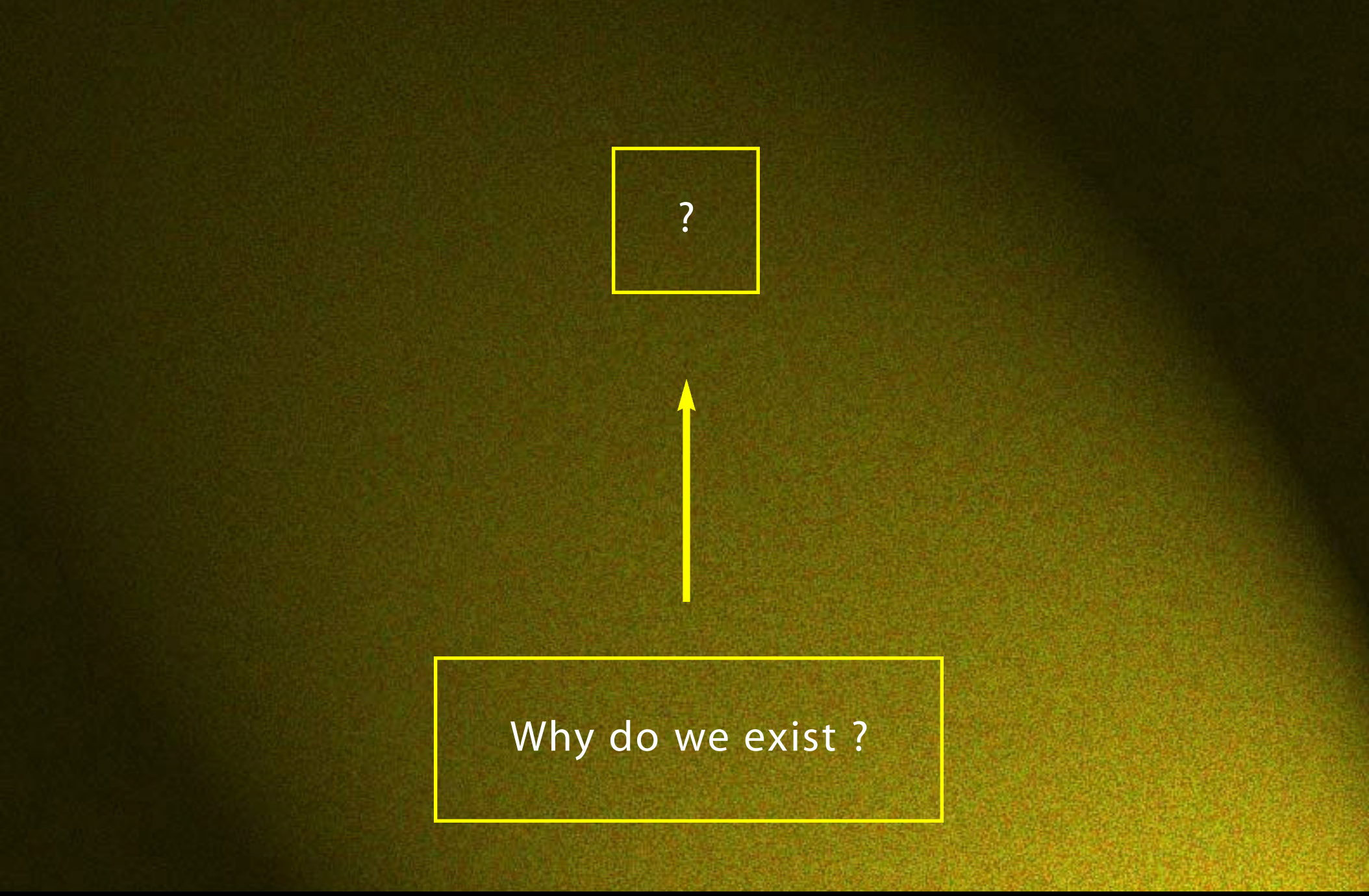
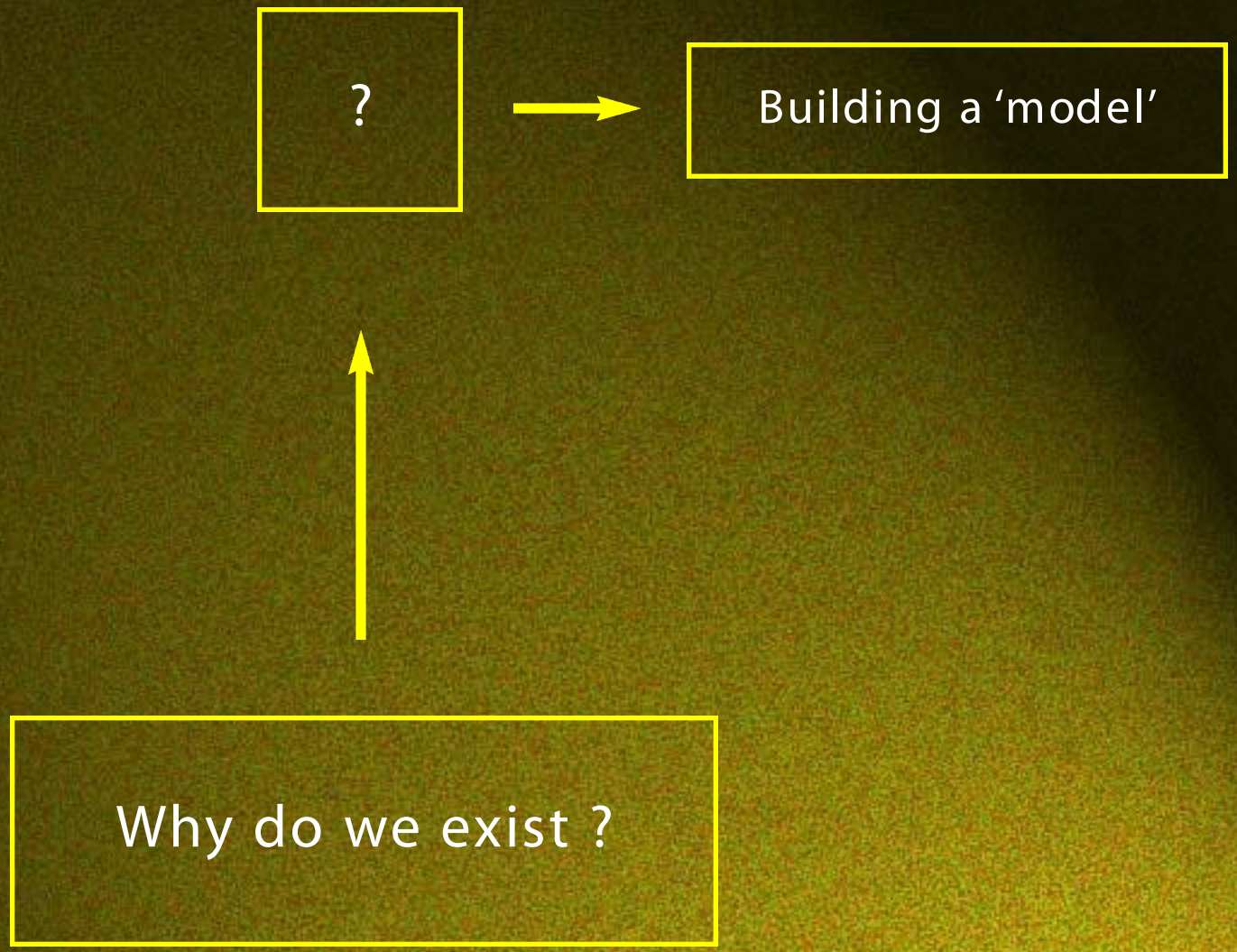
Module: 10

Building the Model

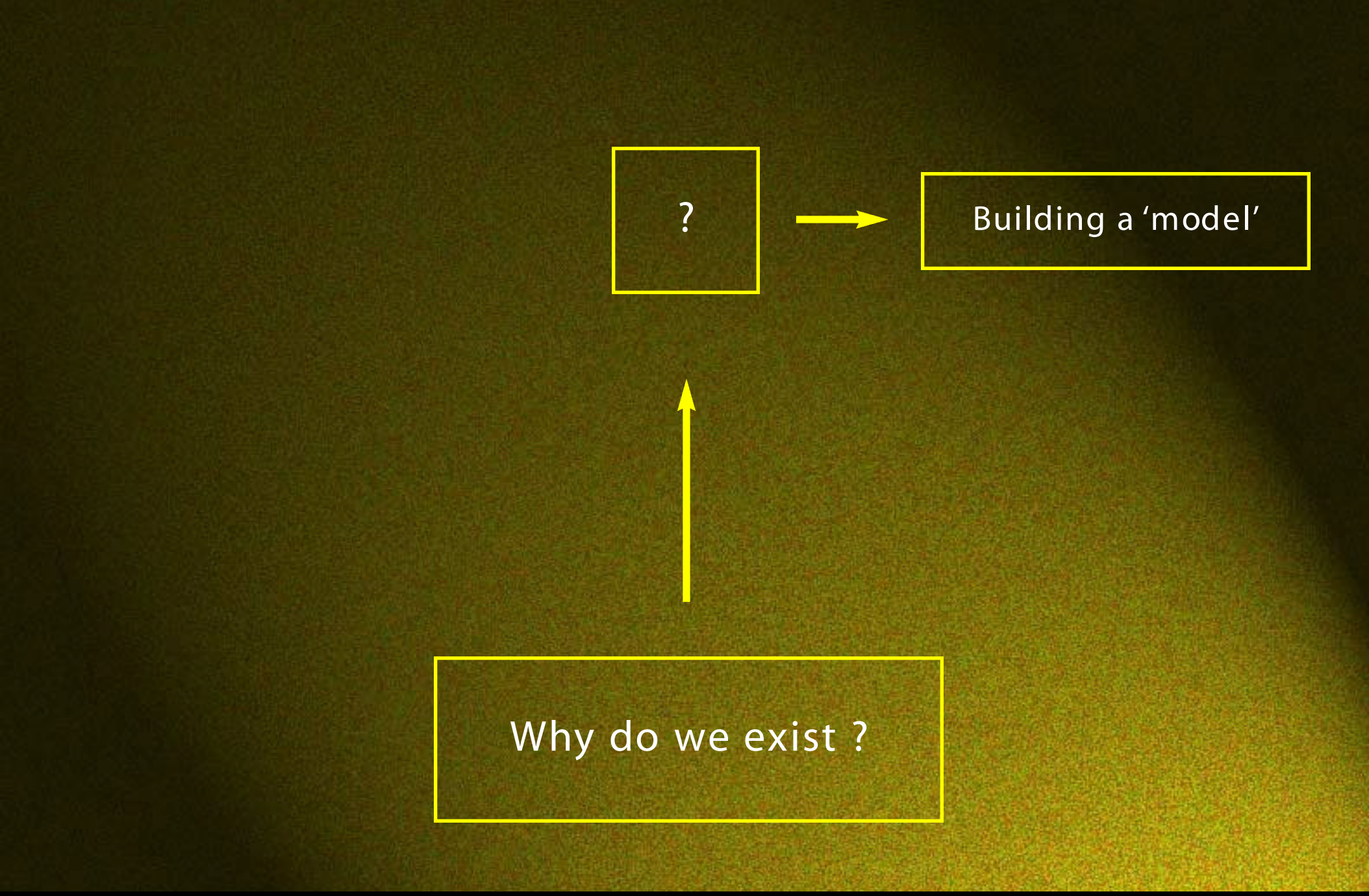
- "Definition leads to Purpose"



Why do we exist?



Keep in mind what we are doing is building ‘a’ model



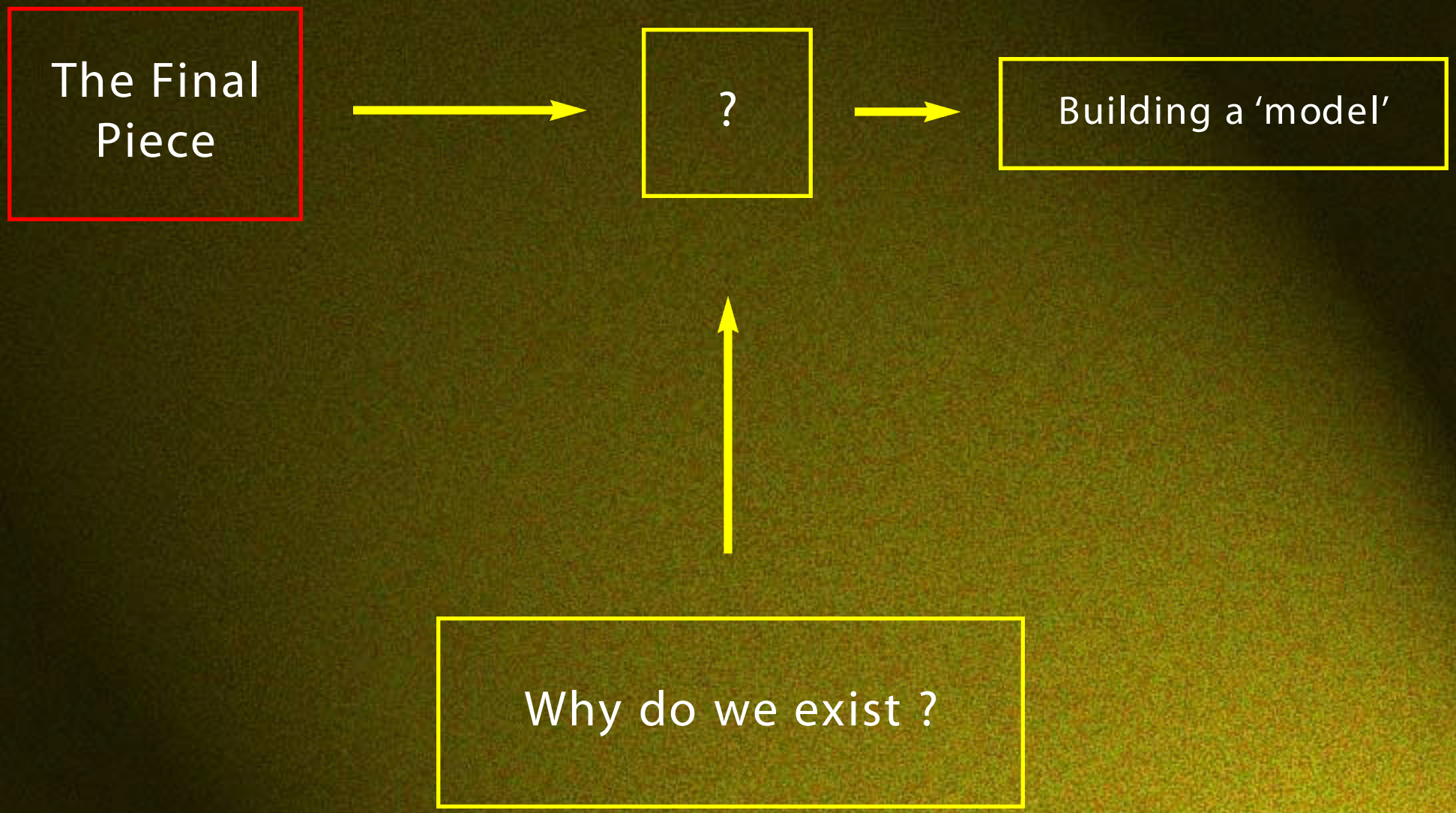
not necessarily ‘the’ model we as a species will find acceptable

- you exist
- the Universe exists
- the ‘whole’ exists

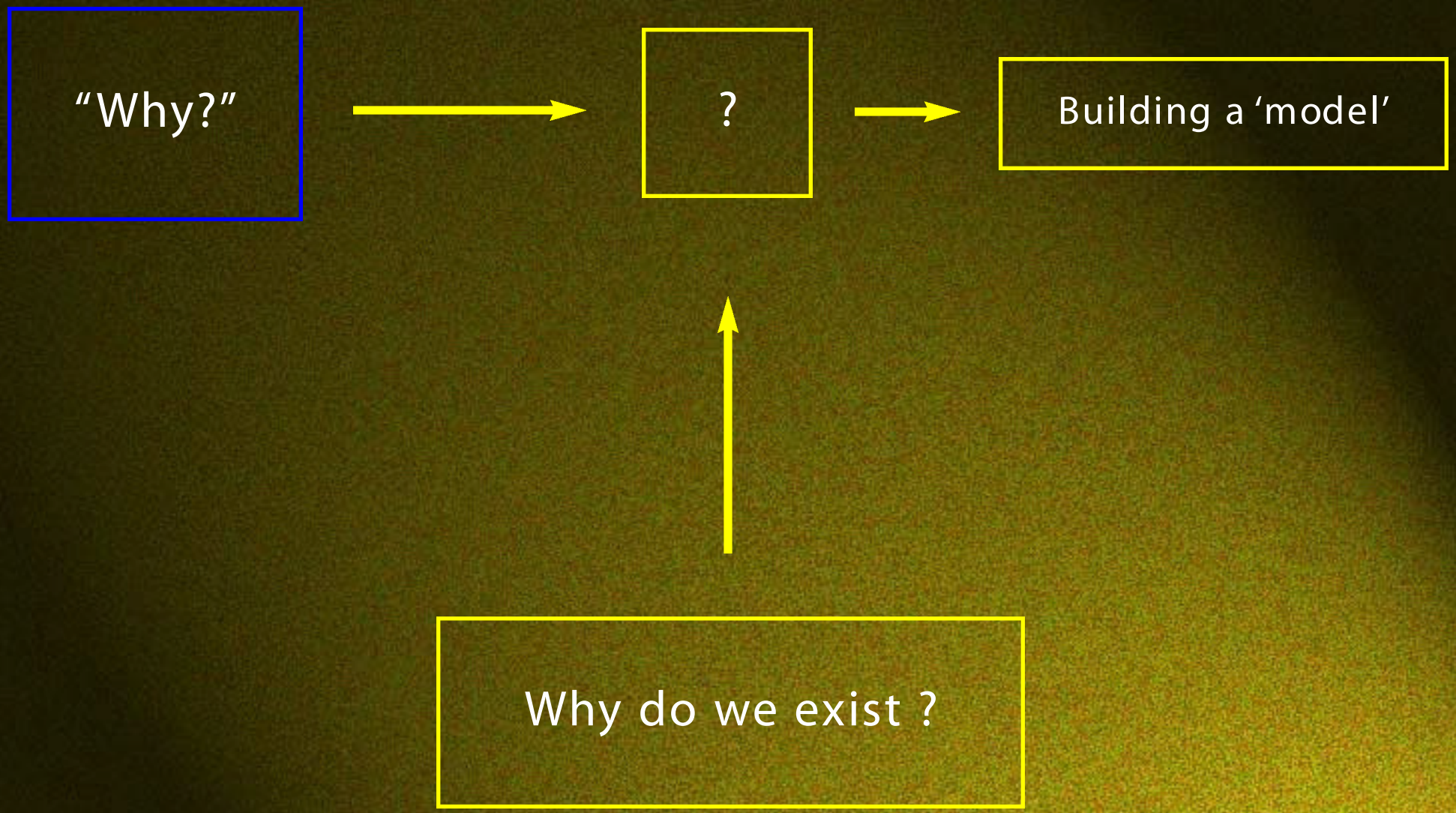
At this point, we have established three building blocks, three ‘truths’, for our model

- we are ‘inside’ the ‘whole’
- we are a ‘part’ of the ‘whole’

We have also established two fundamentals
for our model:



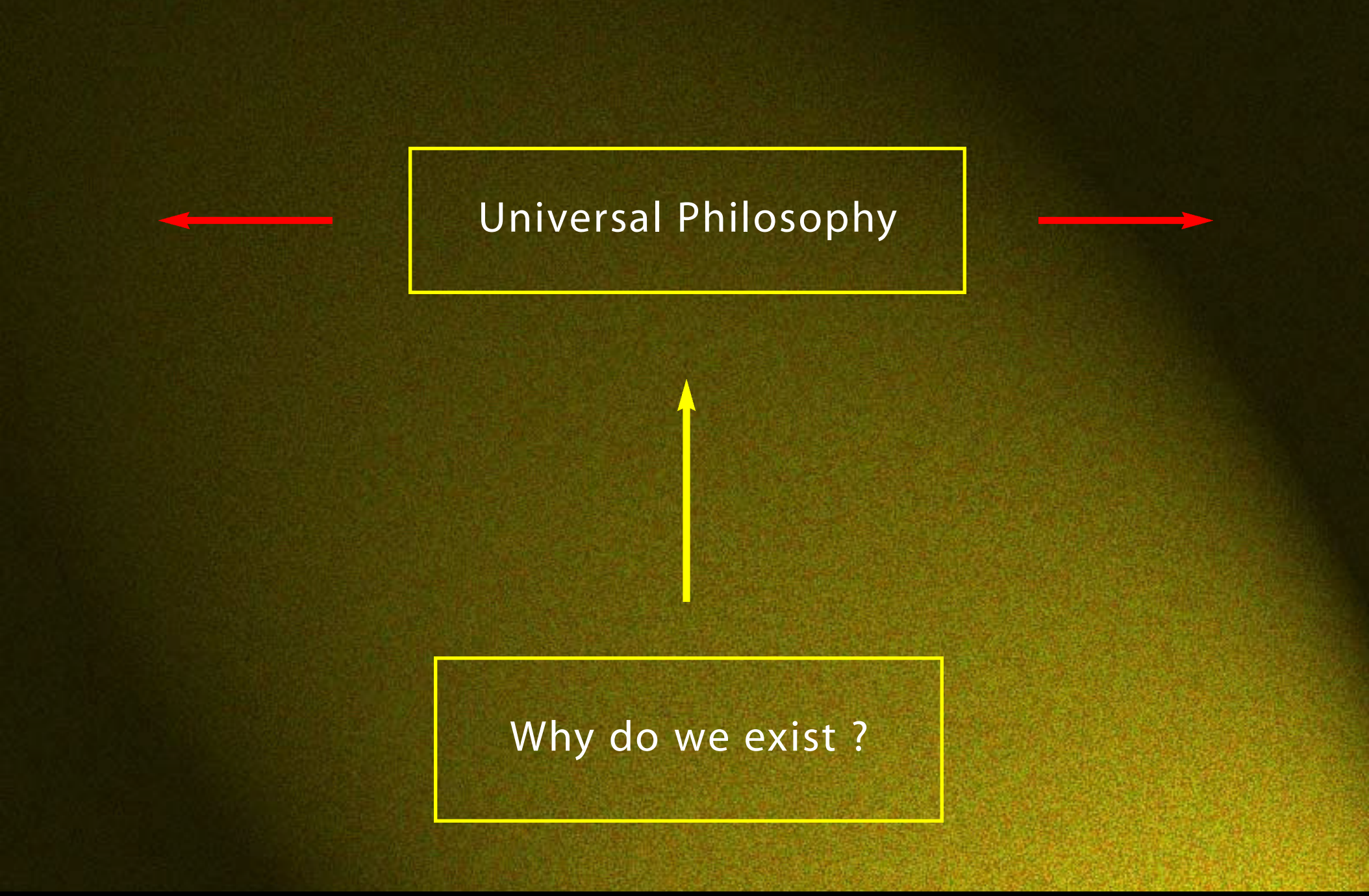
Now we need to put the final piece of the model into place.



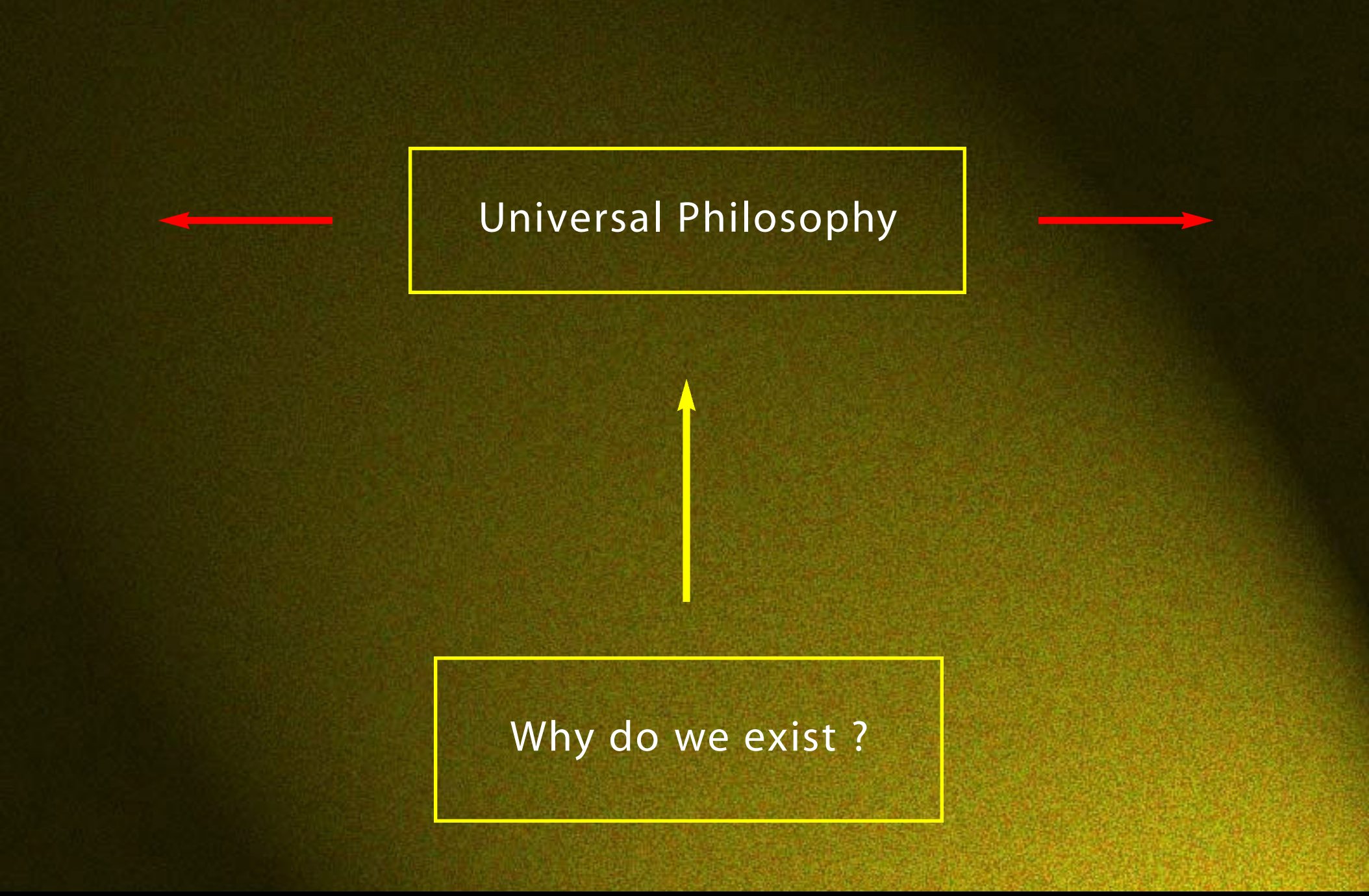
We need to answer the question: 'Why?'

- a metaphysical (philosophical) system
- a cosmological (scientific) system
- an ontological (religious) system

A model of:



What we generally call a Universal Philosophy



is not complete unless it answers the question:

- Why would the Universe have been created?
- What possible purpose could the Universe have?
- Why would we, humans, have been created?
- What possible purpose could we have?
- Why?
- What's the purpose?

Why?

“Symbiosis”

In answering the question of why we exist, we will consider a scientific concept: Symbiosis

S Y M B I O S I S

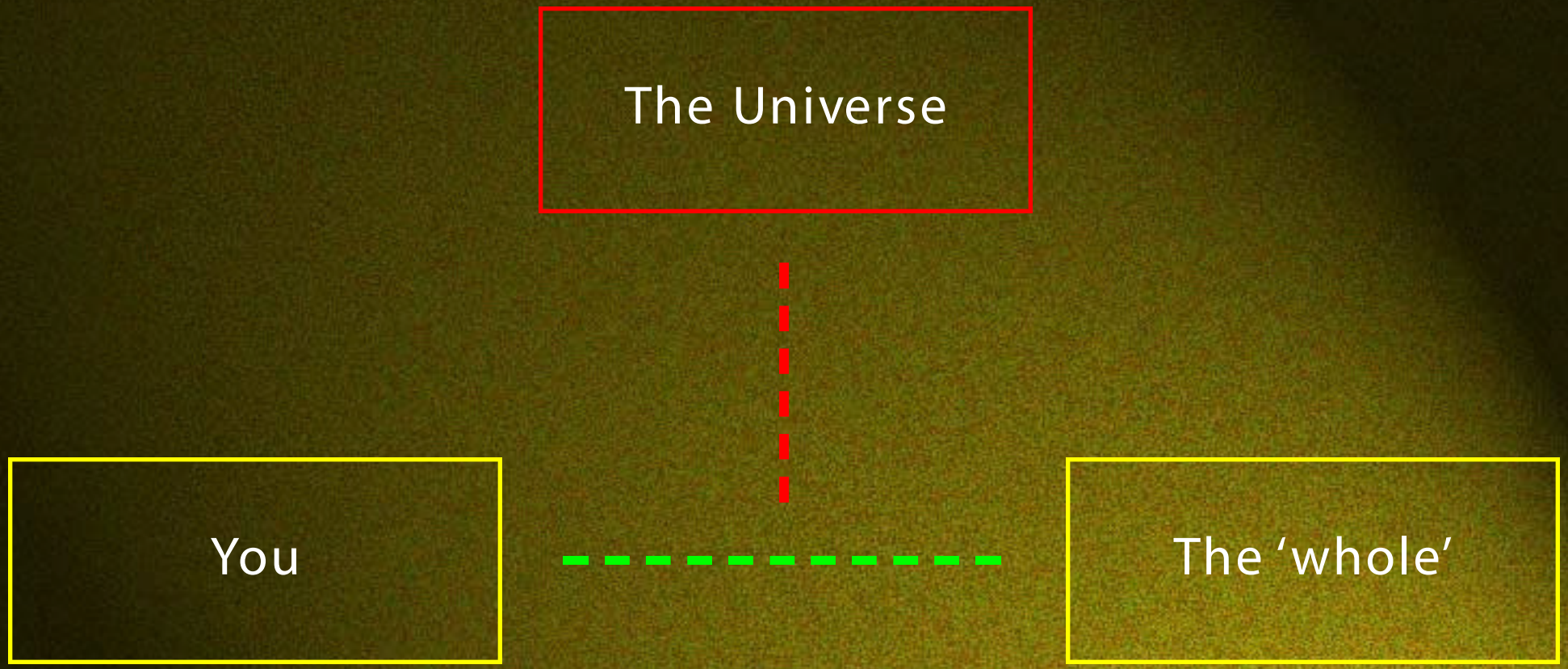
The Oxford Science Dictionary defines symbiosis.

"...an interaction between individuals of different species. Many symbiosis are obligatory - that is they cannot survive without each other."

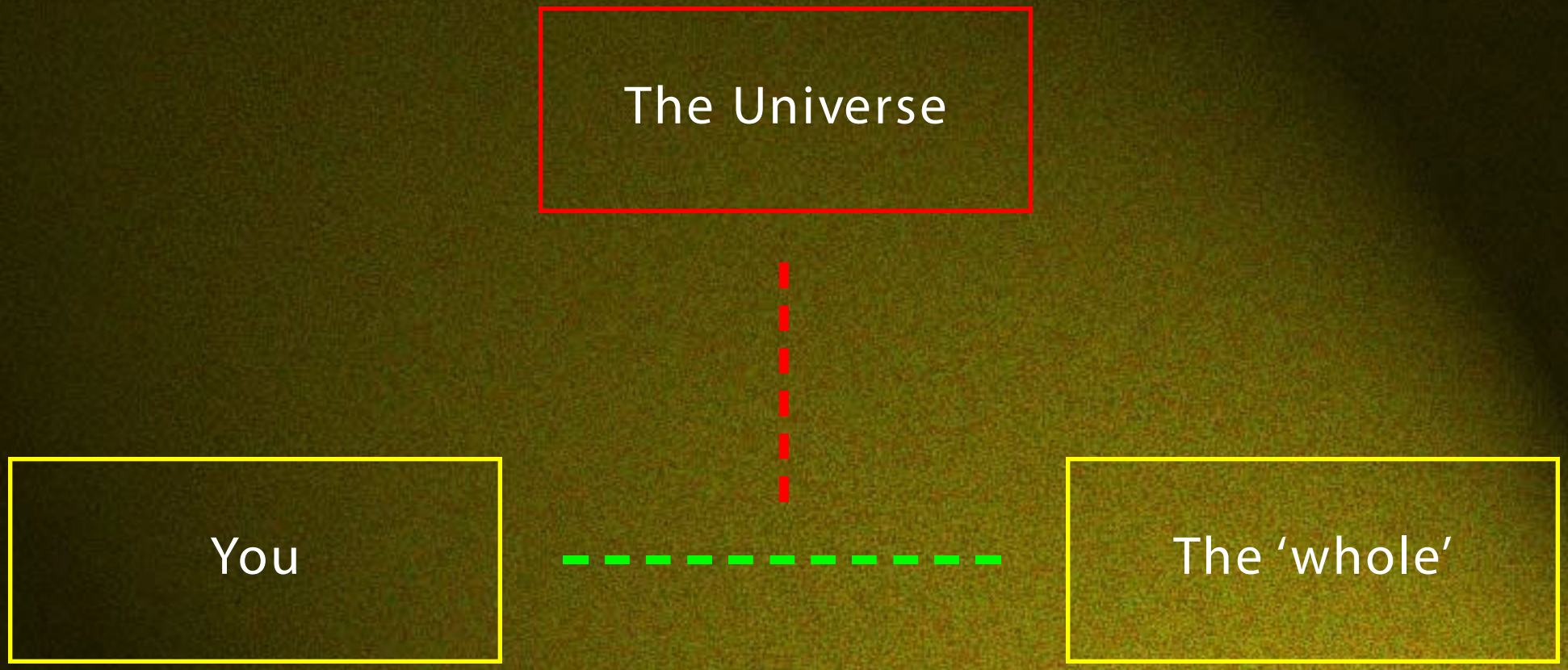
There are two participants in a symbiotic relationship

- You
- the ‘whole’

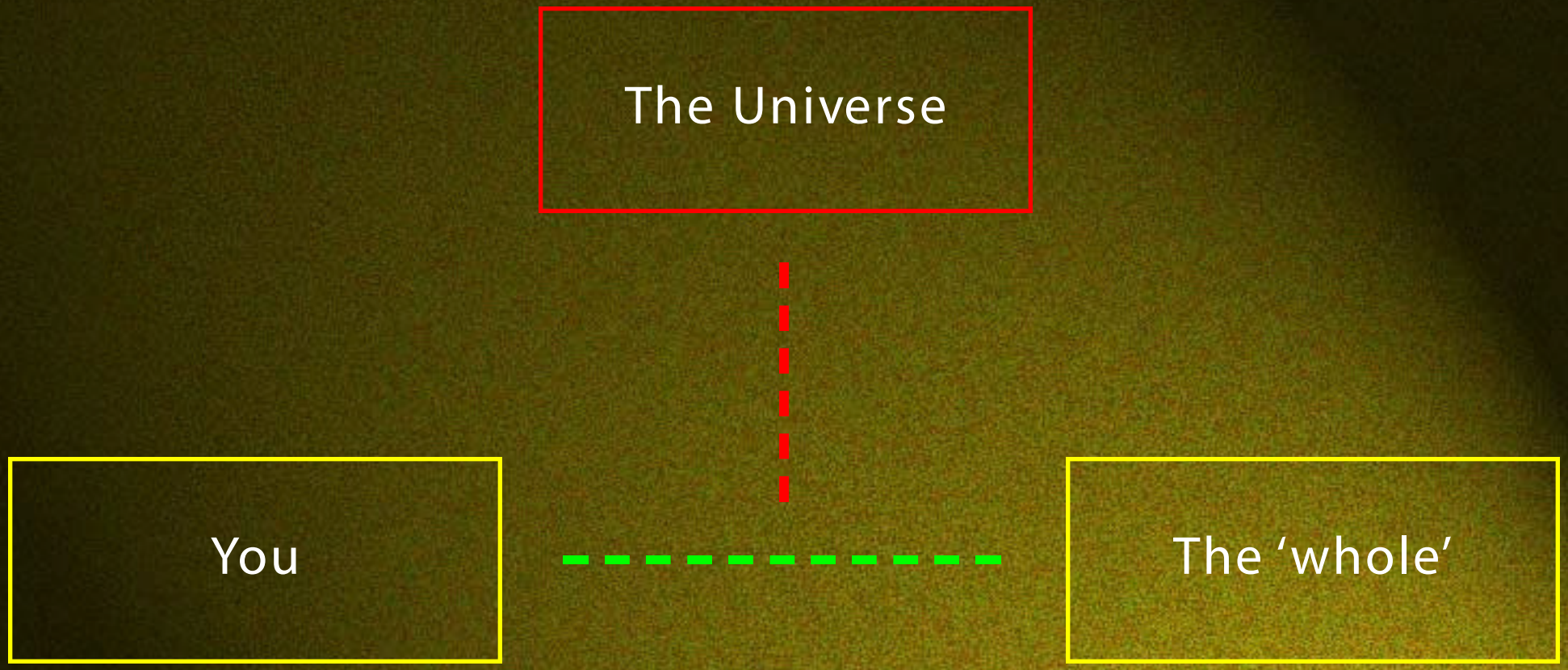
In this model, we are examining the two participants.



But what of the Universe?, one may ask.



The Universe is important but not as a player
in this relationship.



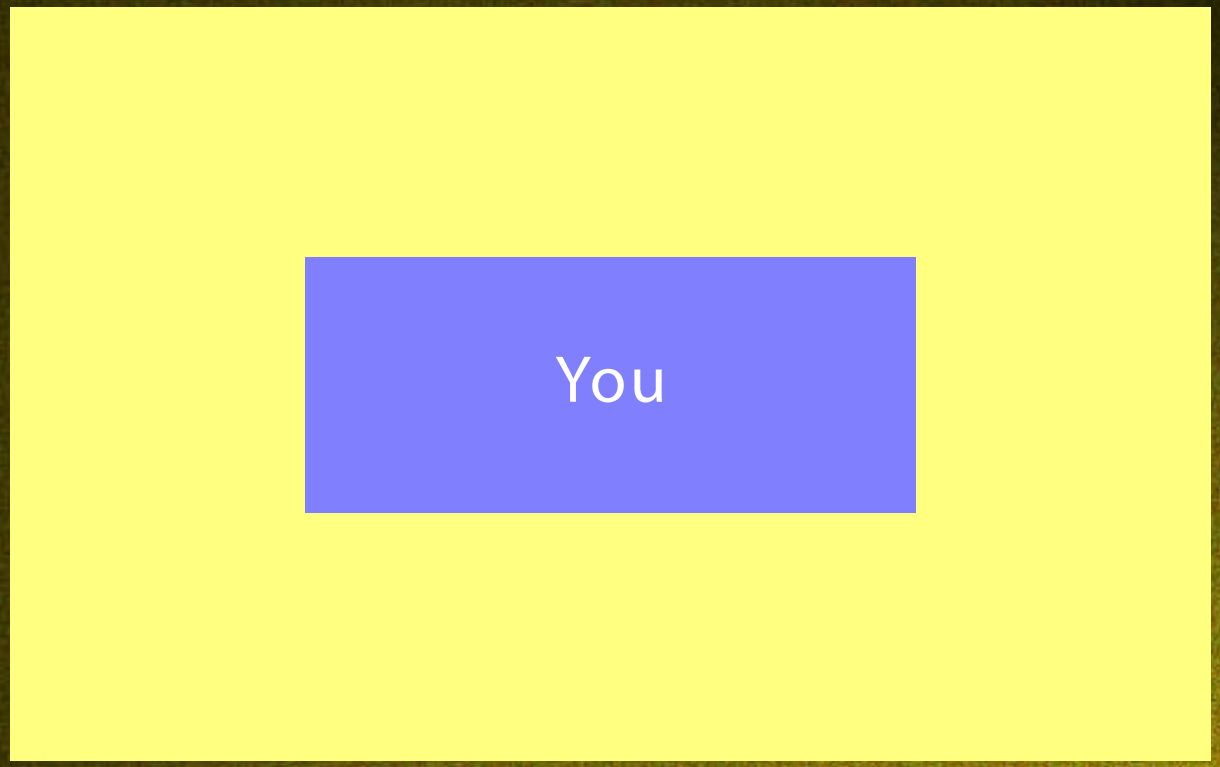
The Universe is not an interactive participant,

- the location
- the stage
- the place

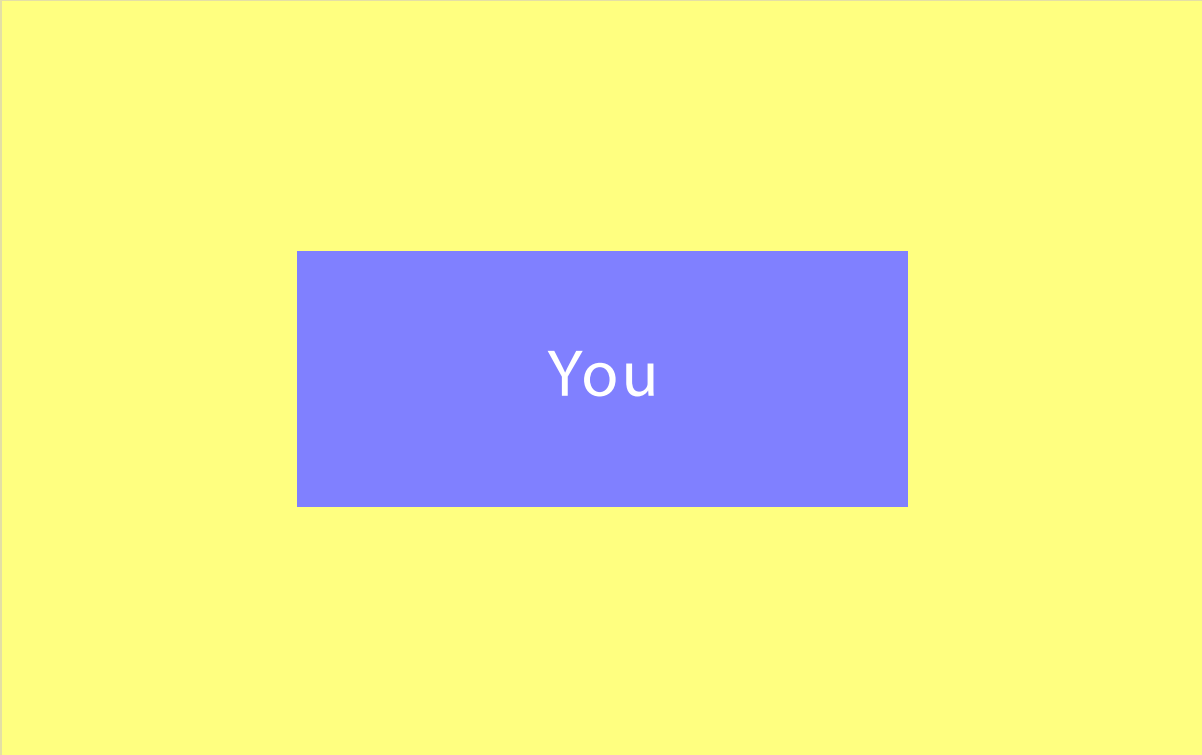
rather, the Universe is the location

- You
- the ‘whole’, ‘totality’, God exists ‘outside’ the Universe

where each of the two participants stand as they proceed to interact with each other.



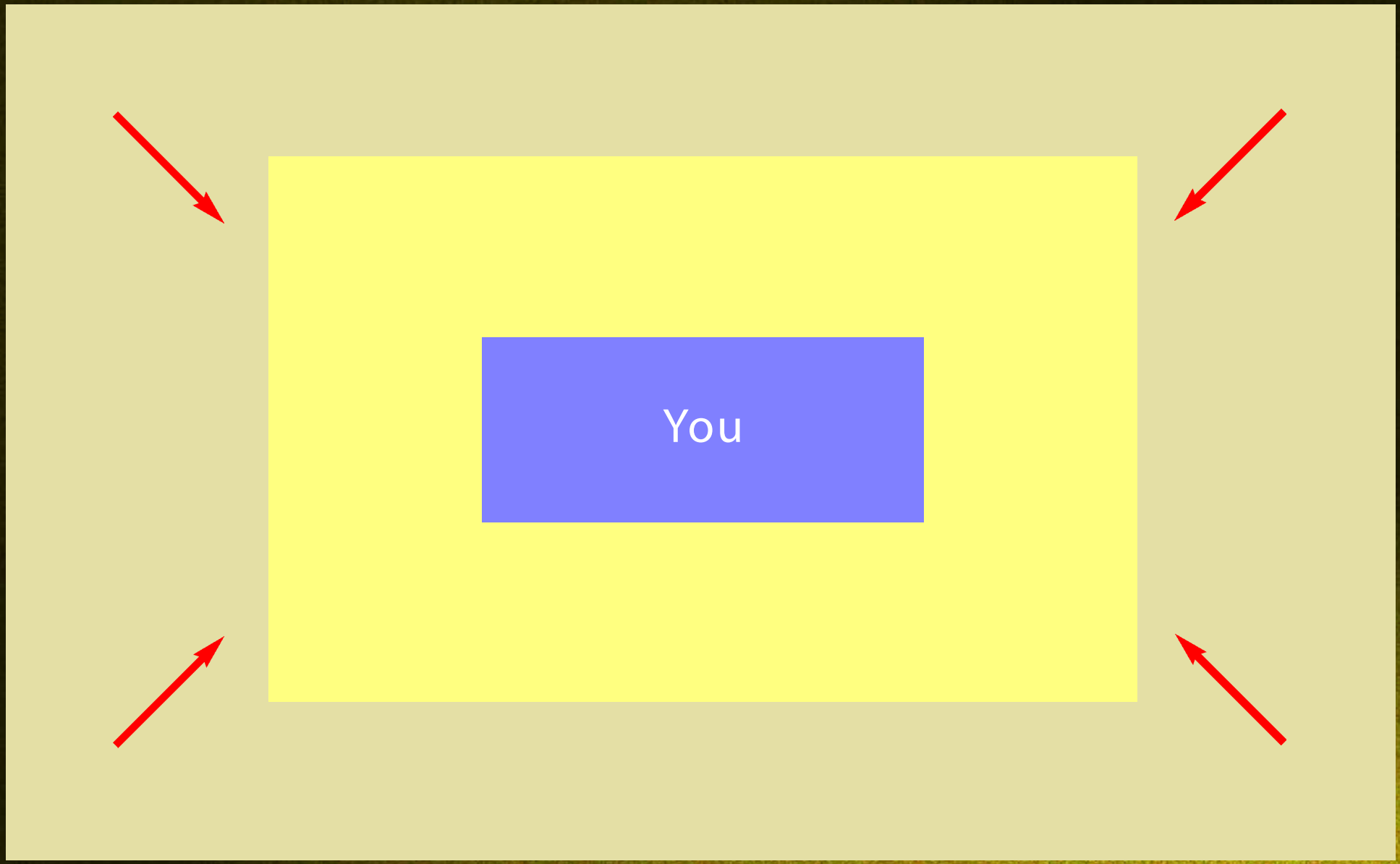
You exist ‘inside’ the Universe.



The ‘whole’, ‘totality’, God exists ‘outside’ the Universe.

- God touches me
- I feel God
- God is at my side
- the single set of footprints represents God carrying me in my time of need

Some would say, 'No, no, God is Personal."



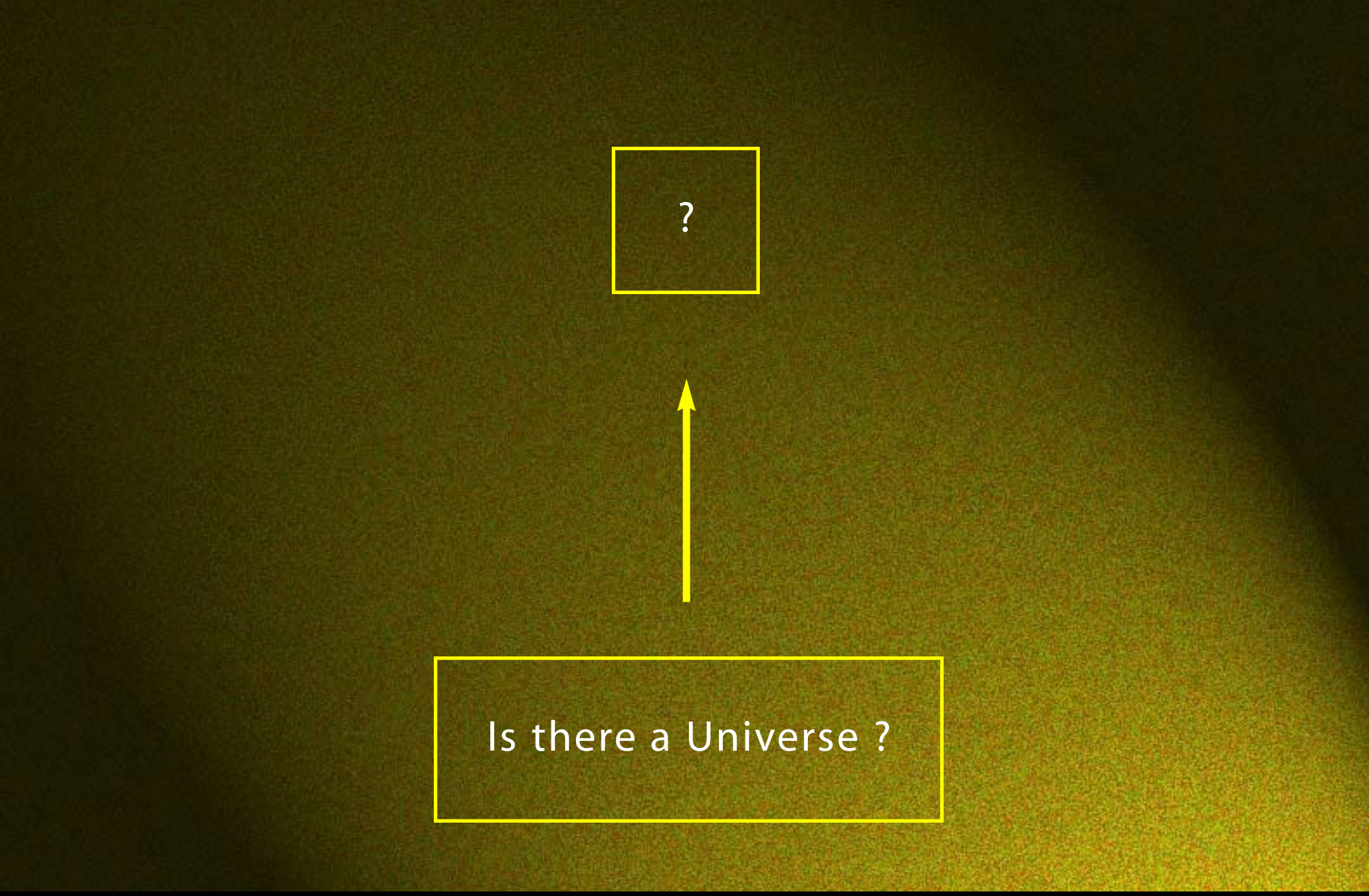
The degree to which the ‘whole’ can enter and directly affect the ‘inside’ is not what is being addressed here.

We are not eliminating the possibility that the ‘whole’ may be located ‘inside’ at the same time as being ‘outside’ the Universe.

But as fascinating as this idea may be, we cannot address this issue at this time.

The concept regarding the degree to which the ‘whole’ may be ‘inside’ is a completely different topic, requiring a completely

different presentation. What is being addressed with this presentation is just one very, very small idea.



The idea: is there a Universe?

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Do you exist? Are you ‘inside’ the Universe ?

Do you exist and are you ‘inside’ the Universe?

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Is there something greater in ‘size’
than the Universe ?

Is there something greater in ‘size’ than the Universe?

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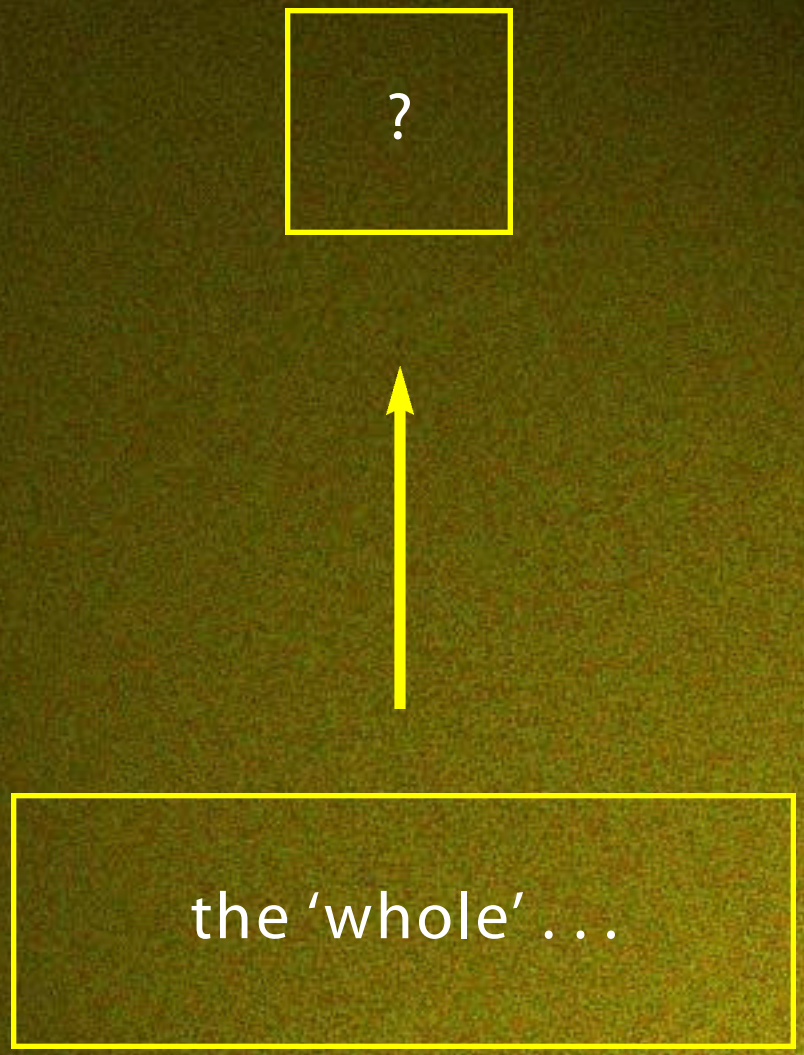
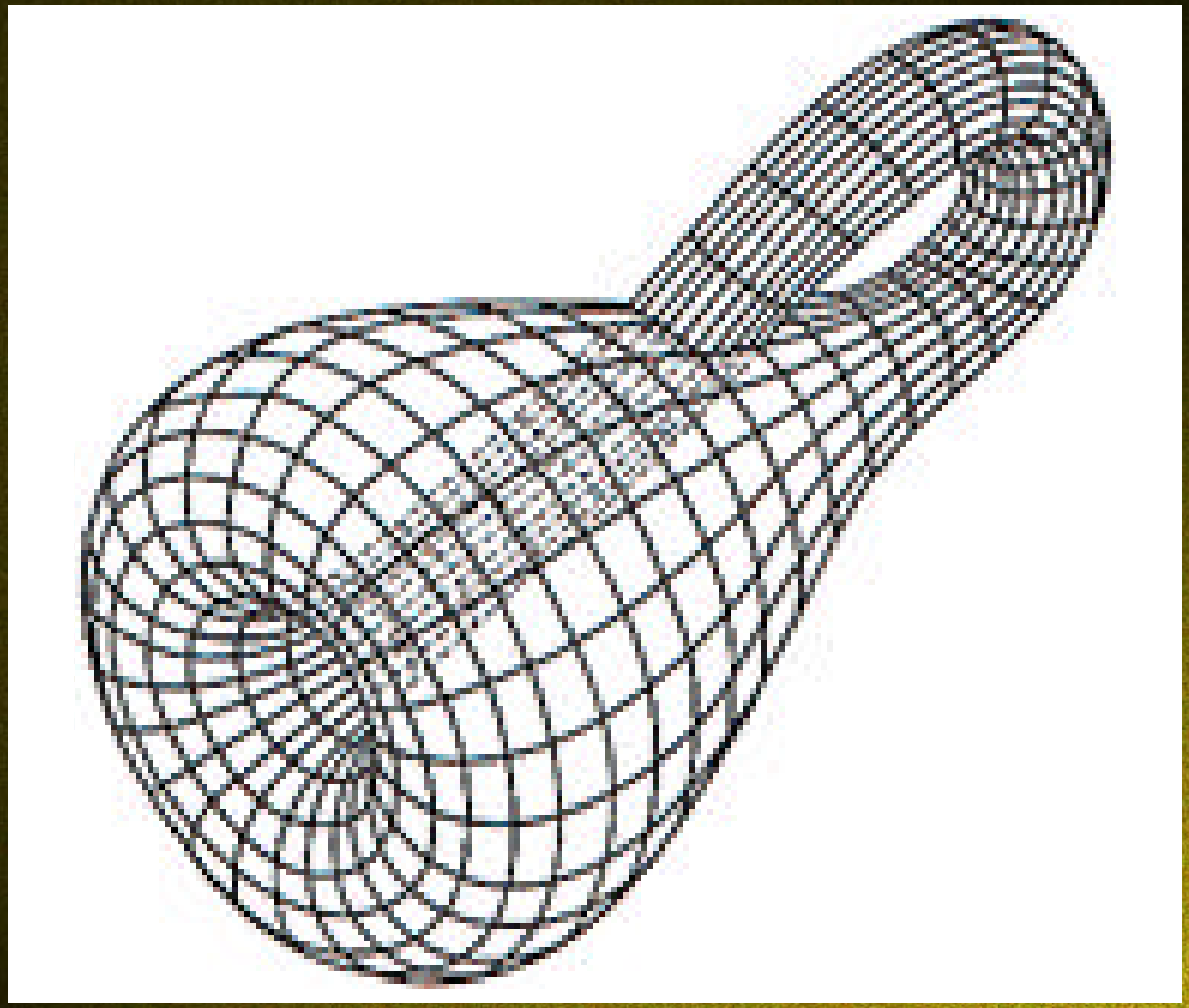
Does this ‘something’ exist
‘outside’ the Universe ?

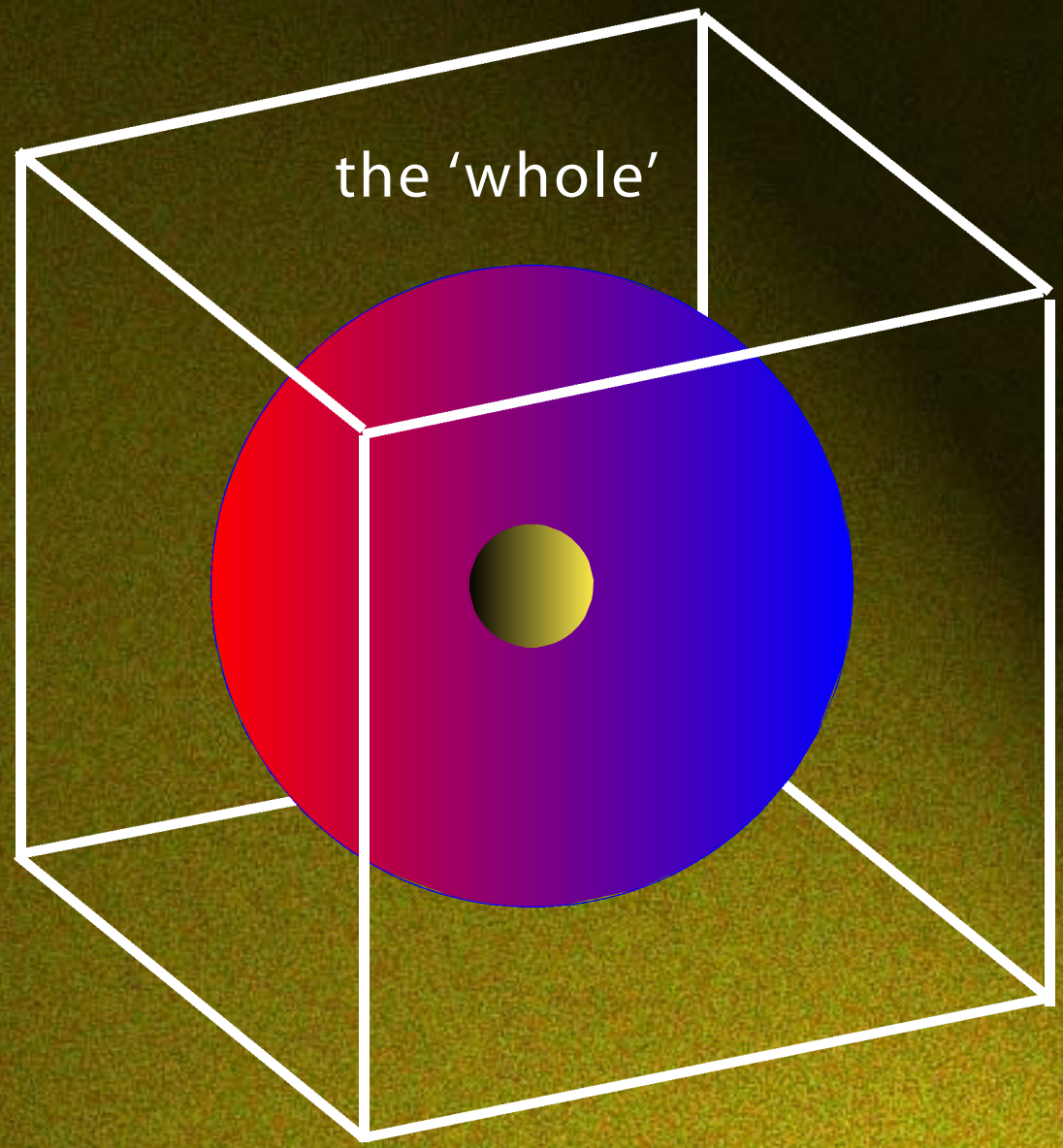
Does this ‘something’, therefore, exist ‘outside’ the Universe?



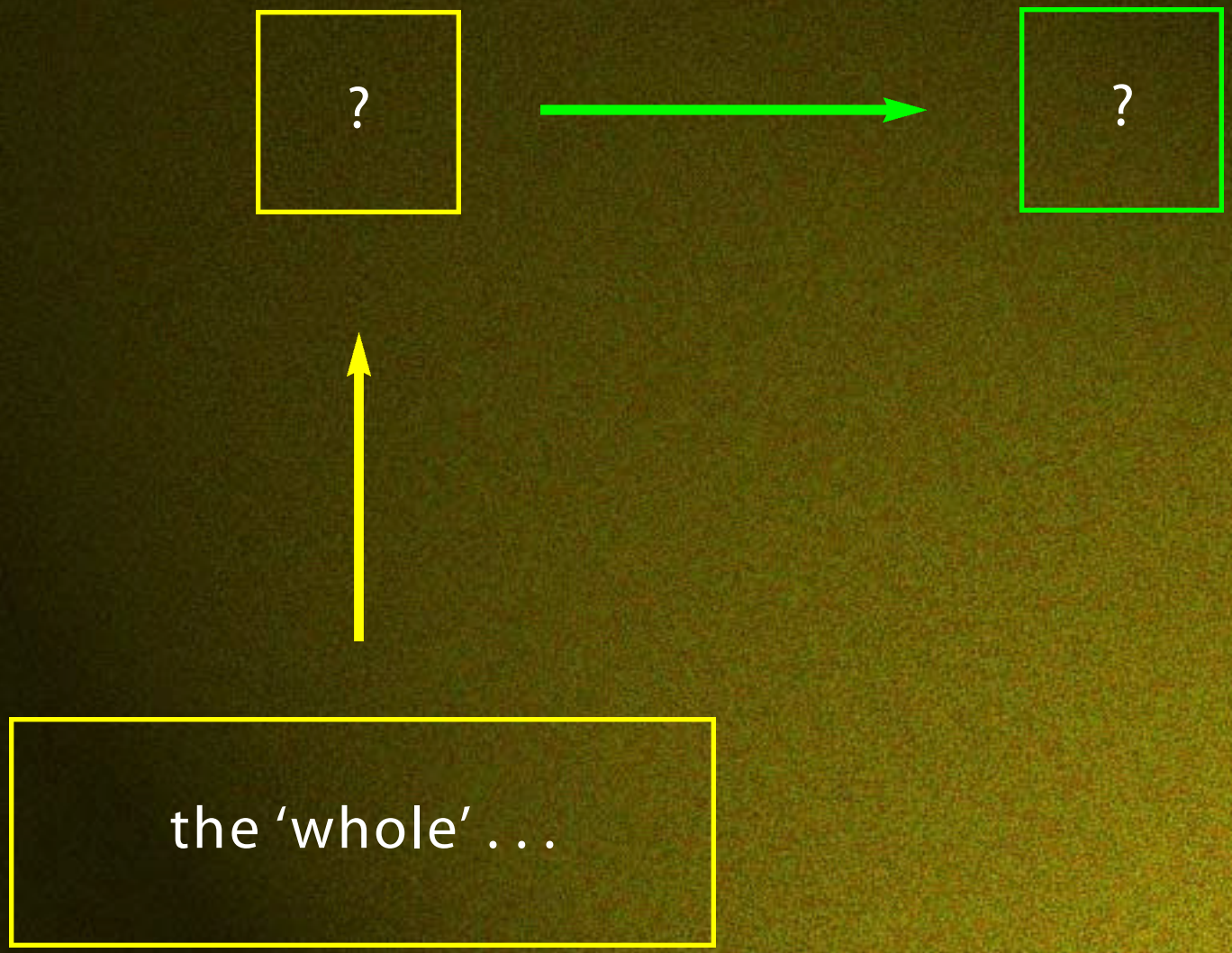
In terms of our understanding, we do not know what the ‘whole’ is.



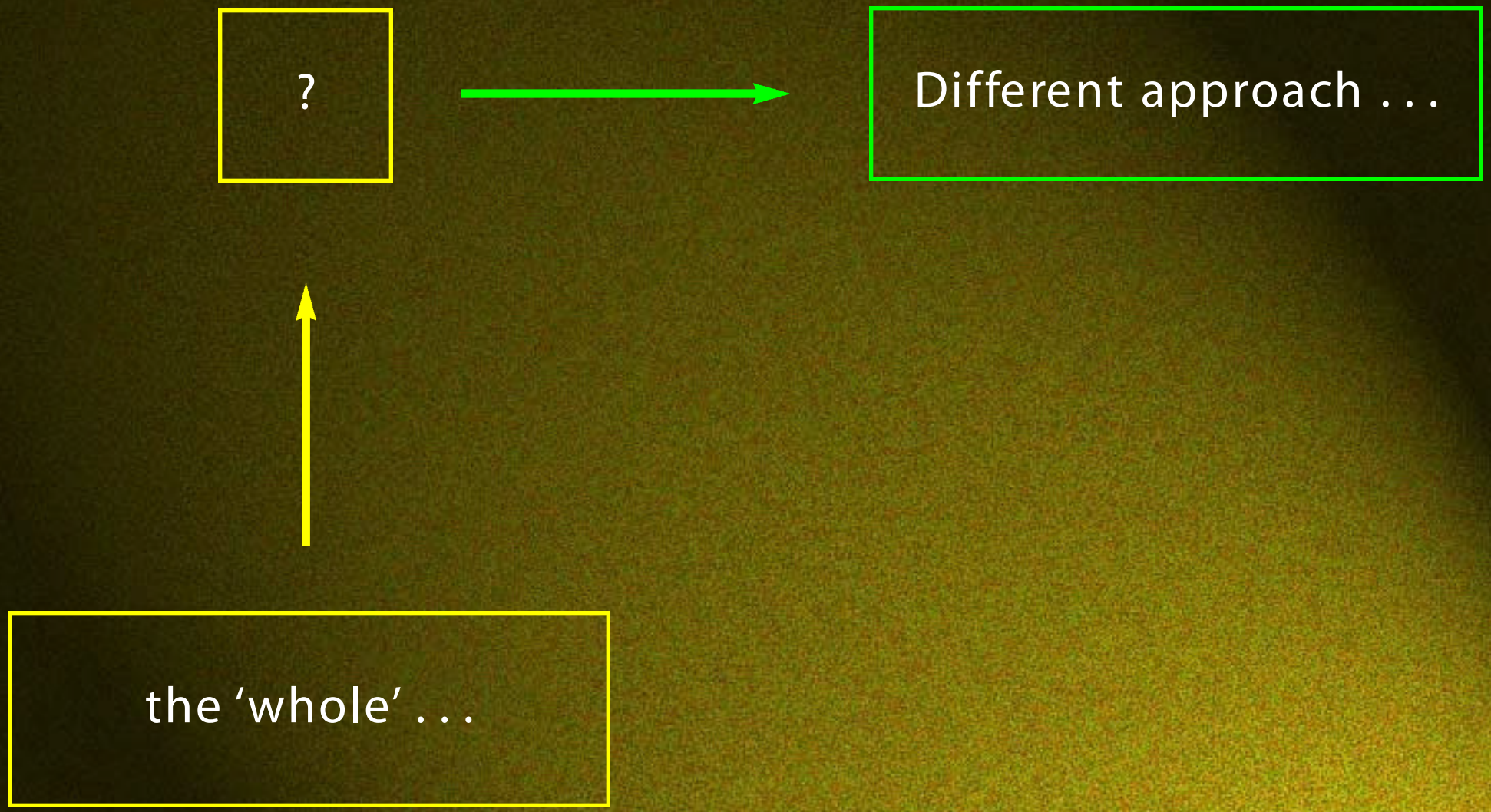
We do not understand, we cannot ‘see’ the boundary of our Universe.



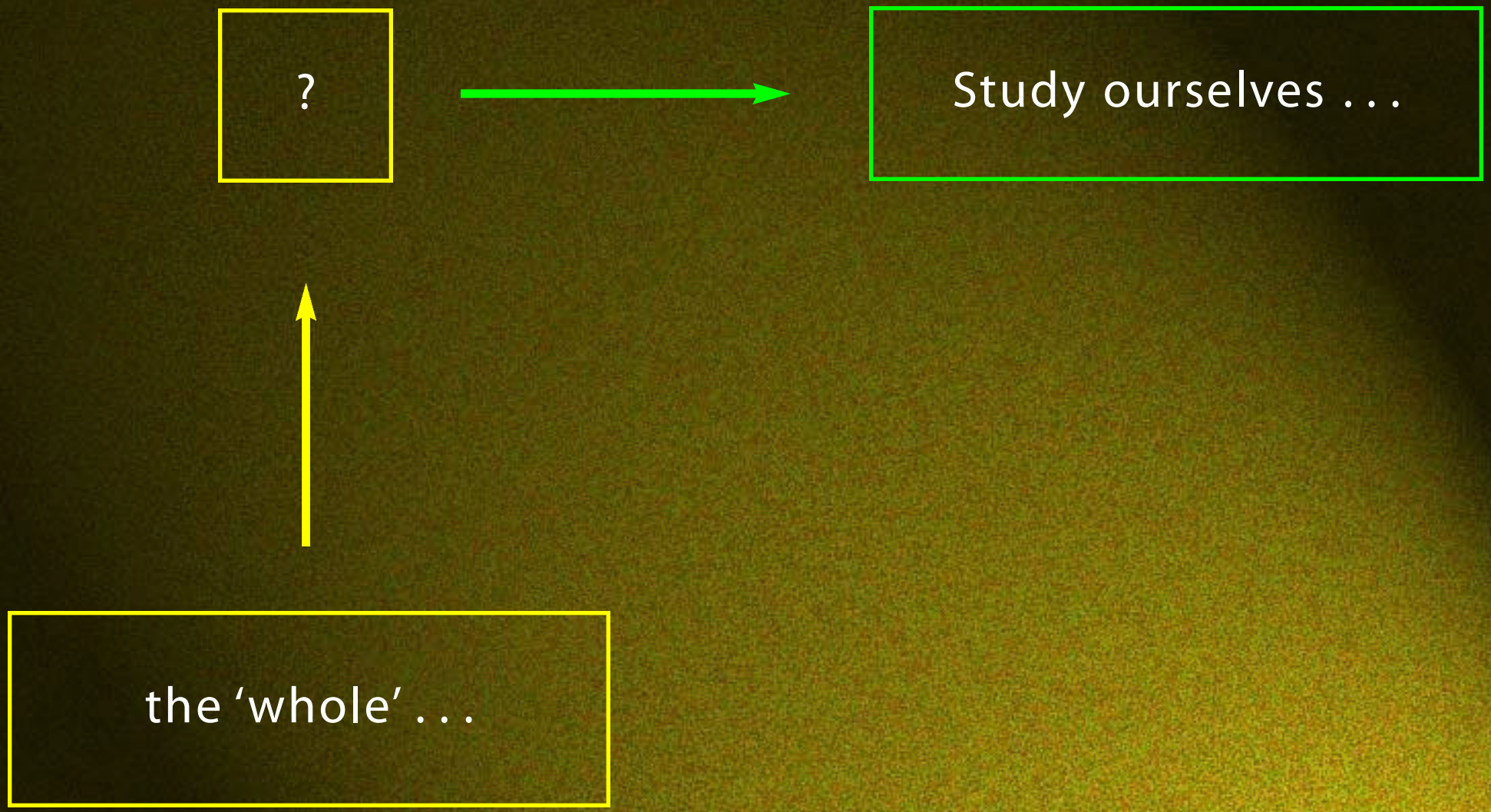
We cannot “see” what lies beyond our Universe.



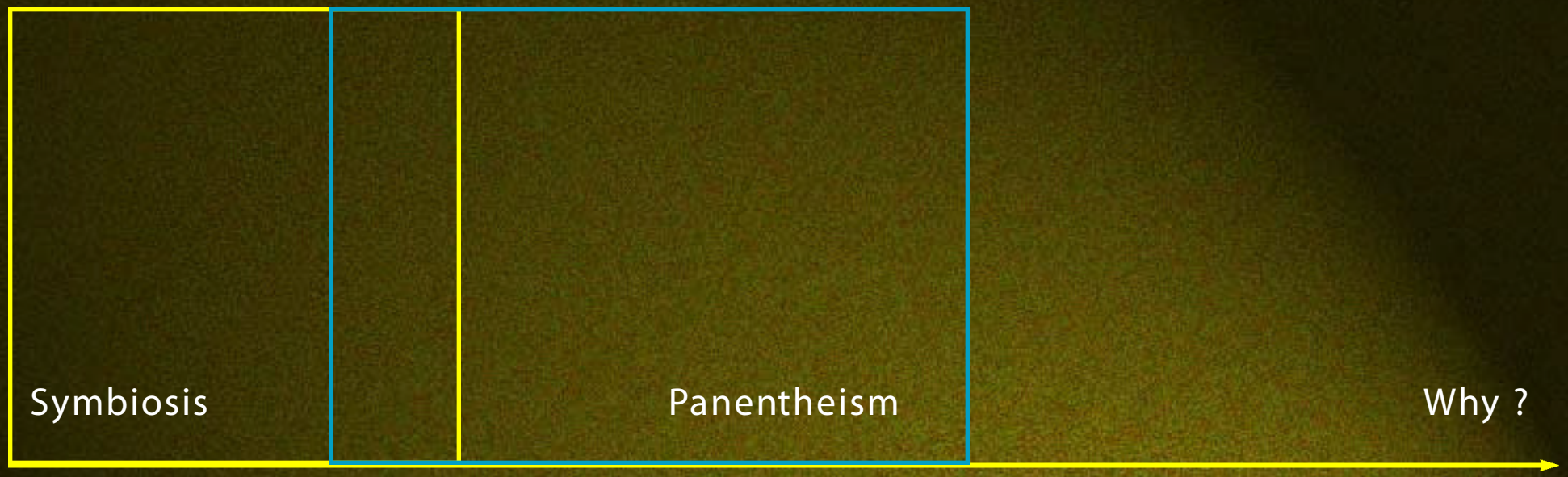
Therefore, instead of trying to understand our purpose to the ‘whole’ by examining the ‘whole’,



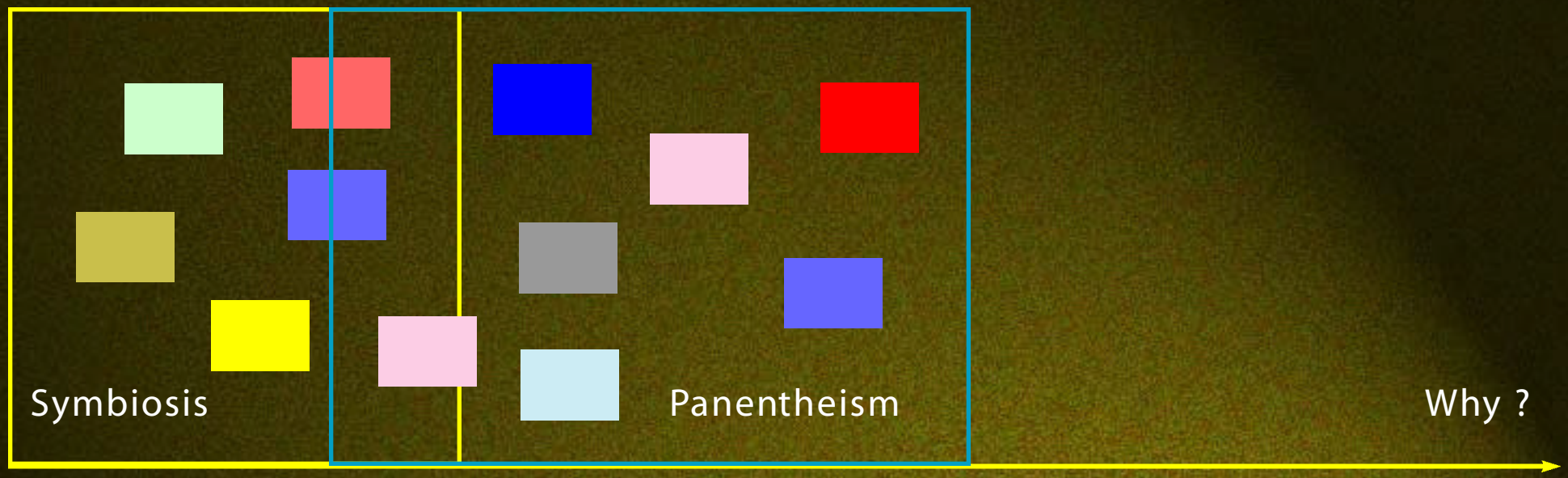
let’s take a different approach.



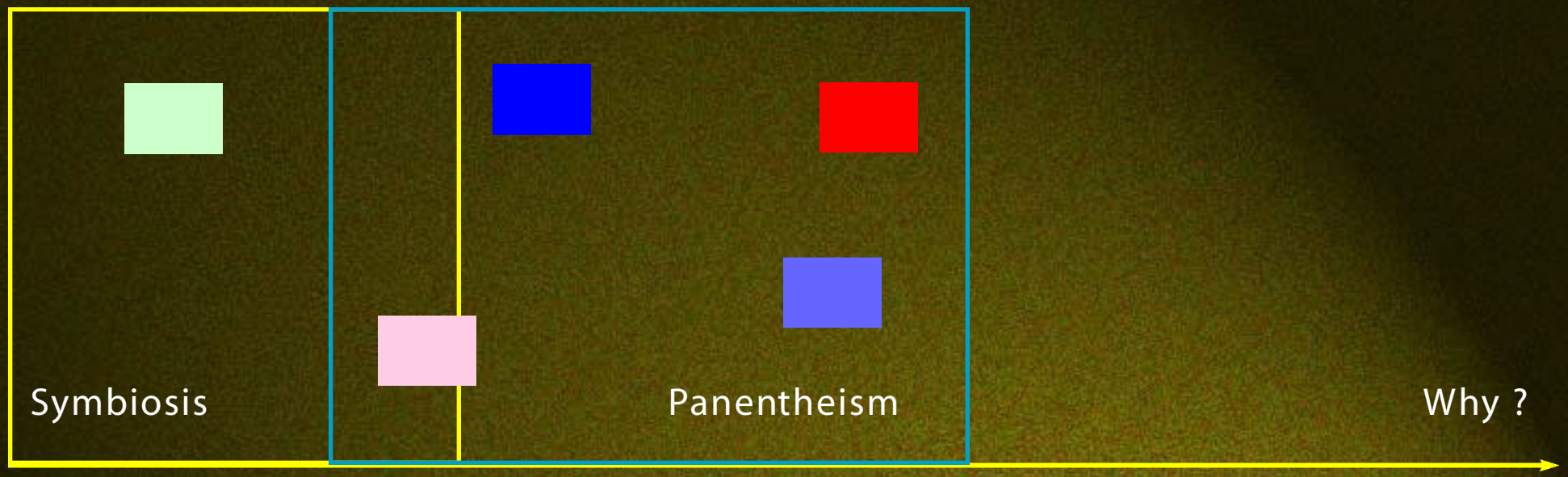
Let’s begin instead to study ourselves, so that we may come to understand what our purpose might be.



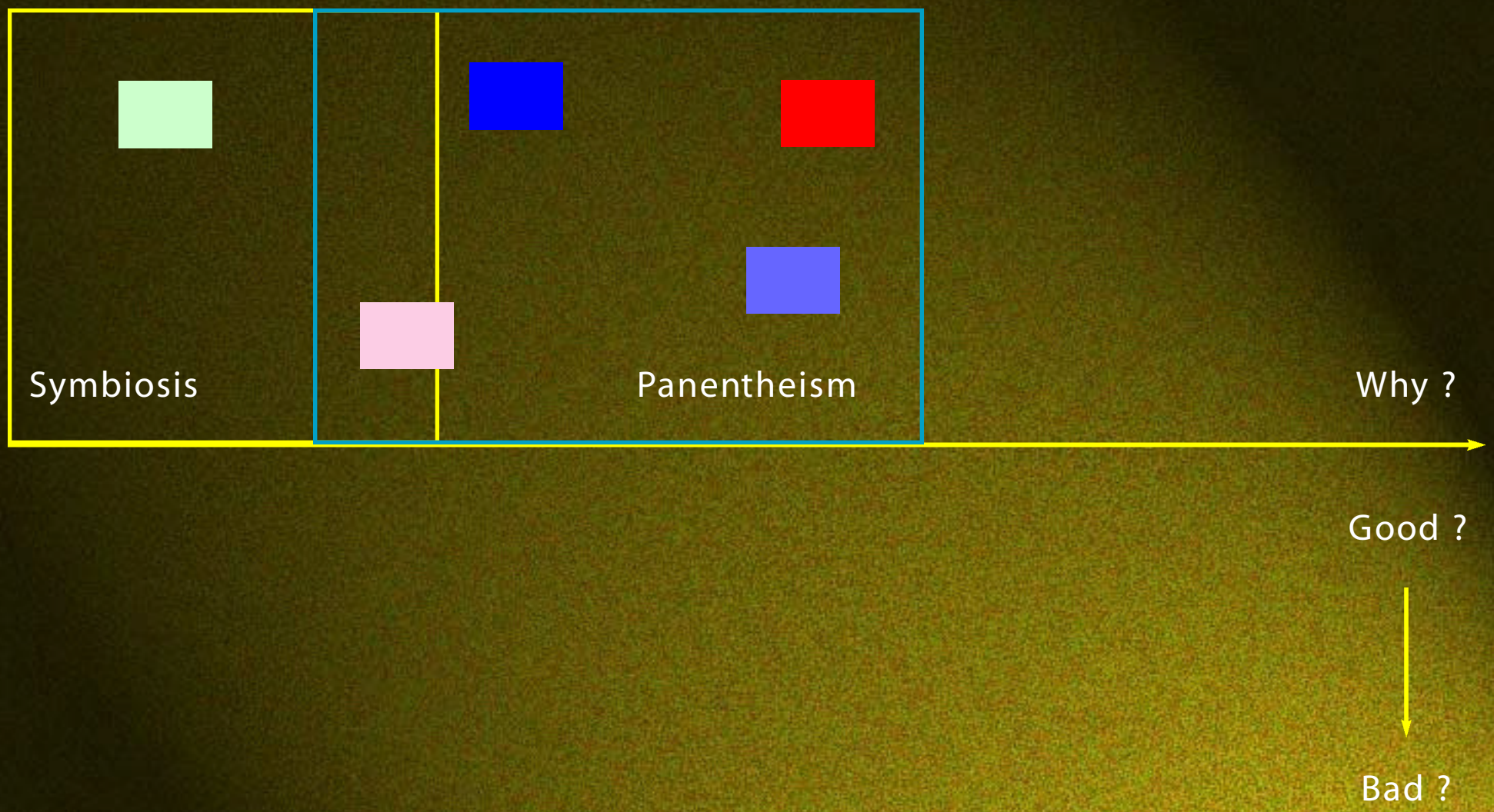
Symbiosis and a concept know as panentheism can help us to find answers to our question: 'Why?'



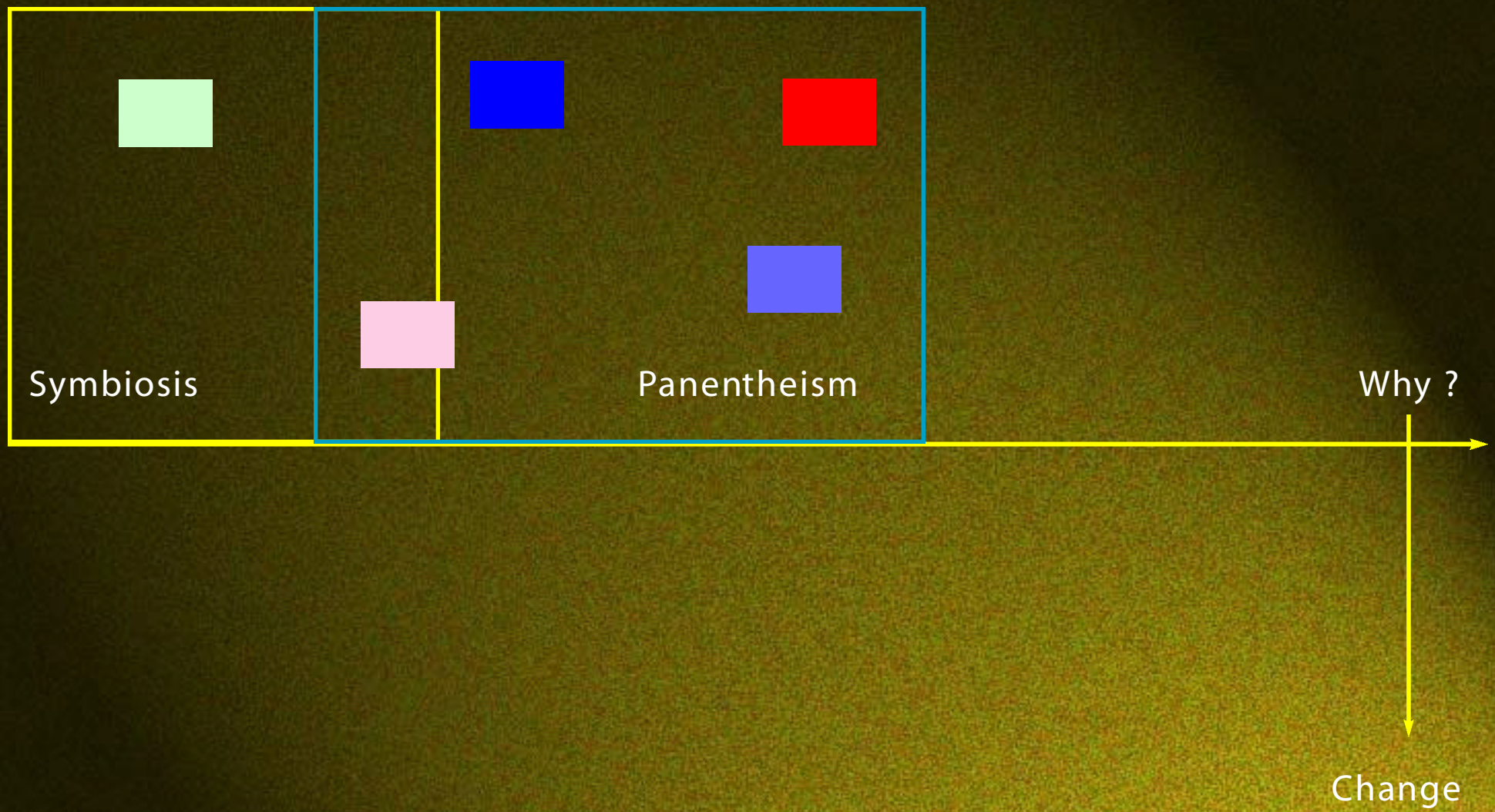
With symbiosis, the ‘whole’ is dependent upon each of its individual parts.



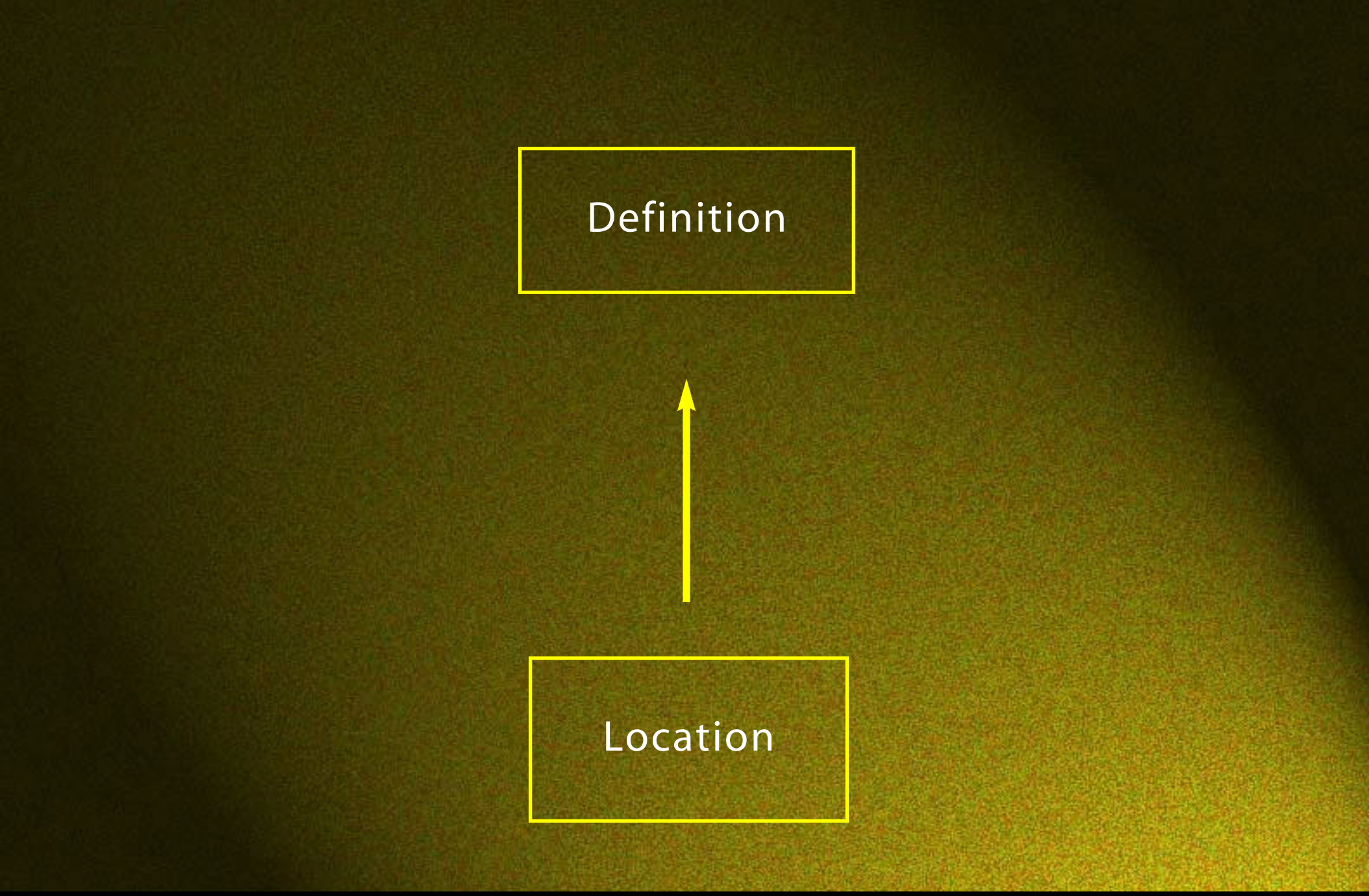
Without each of its parts, the nature of the ‘whole’ changes and becomes something other than what it originally was.



Whether it changes for the better or worse is completely subjective. What is important to understand, for now, is

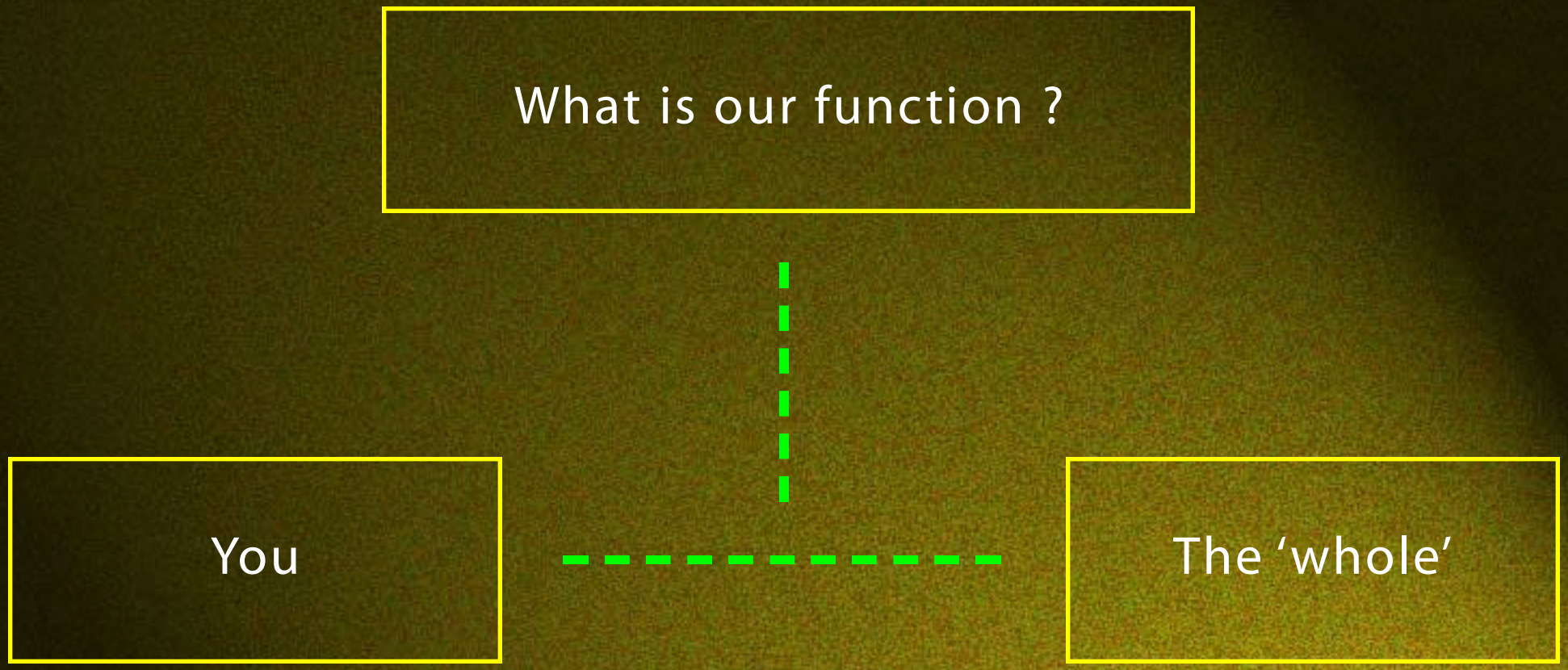


if a piece of the ‘whole’ is removed from the ‘whole’, then the essence of the ‘whole’ changes.

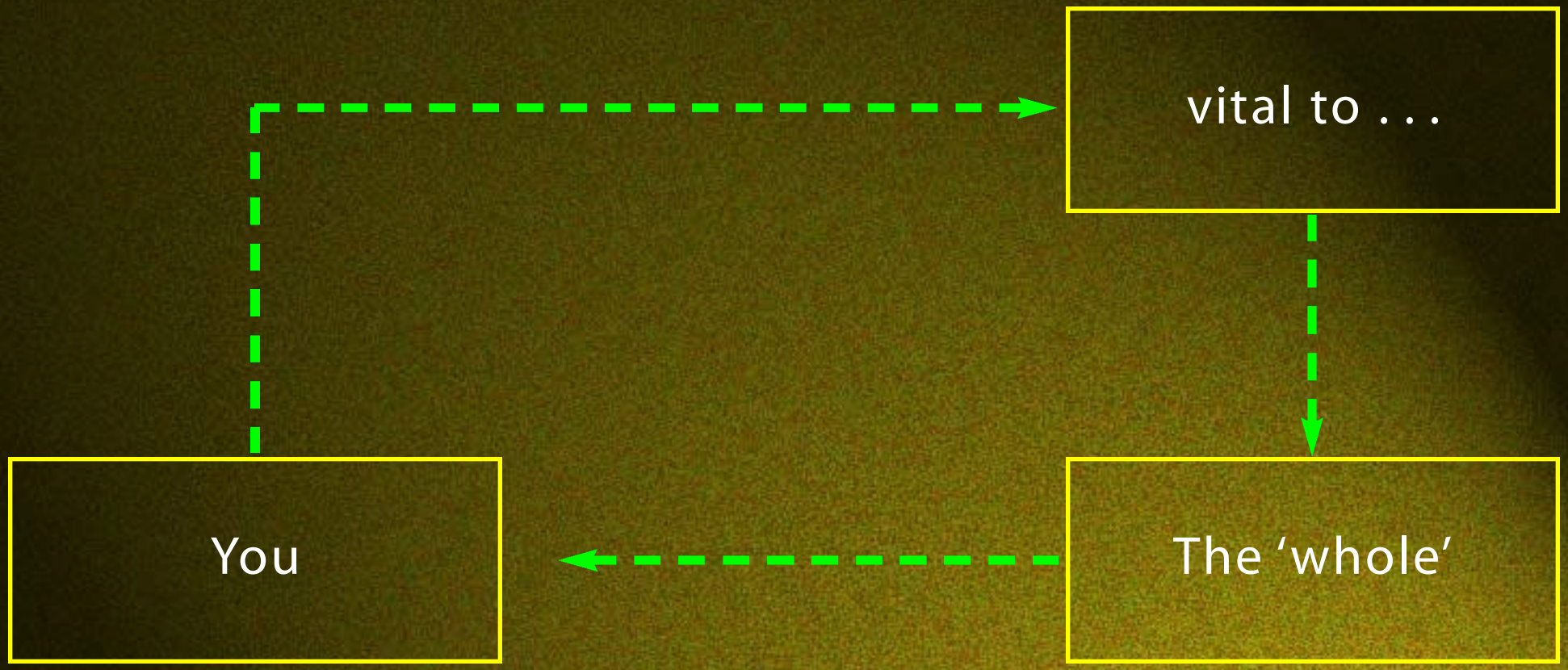


Location provides the means of defining what we are.

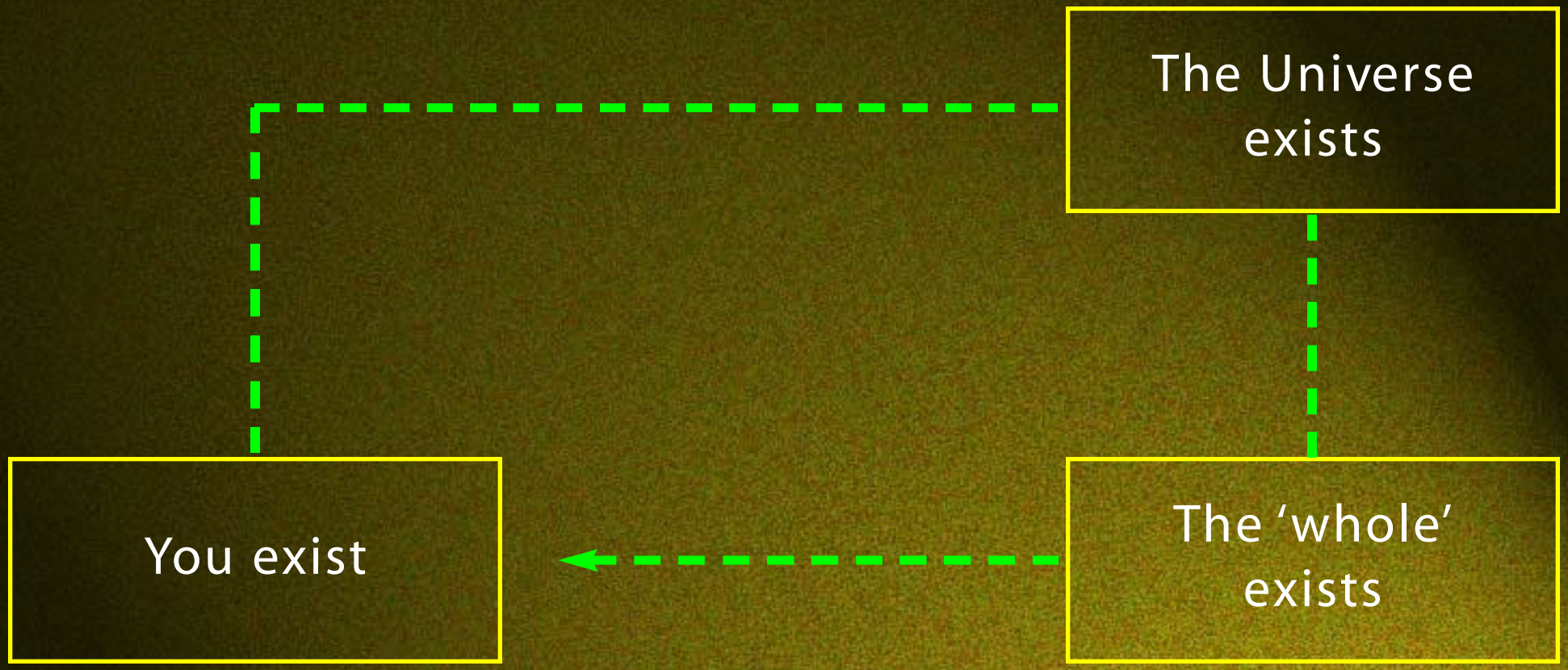
If we exist, then we are a part of the ‘whole’.



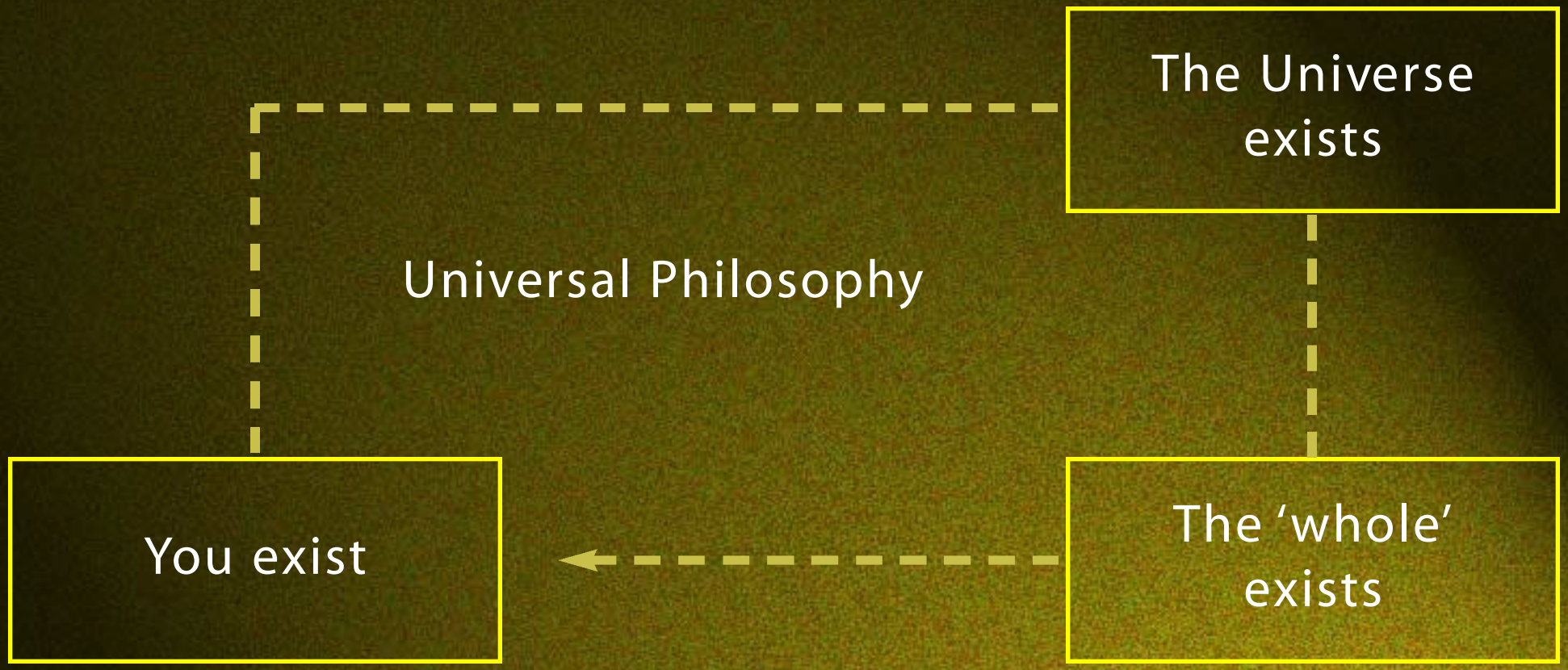
The question becomes: 'If we exist, then what is our function?'



If we are within causation, then we are a vital part of the ‘whole’.



In conclusion: you exist, the Universe exists,
and the 'whole' exists.



This is very important to remember, for it provides the first insight into the creation of a Universal Philosophy.

- our actions affect not just ourselves

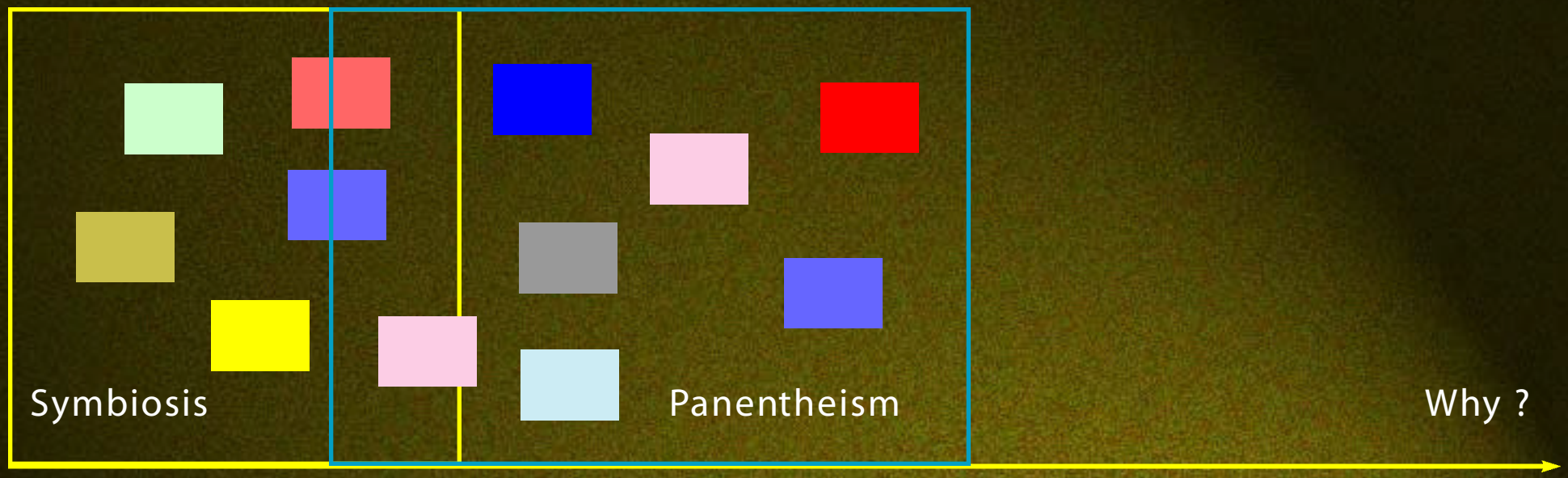
Being part of the ‘whole’, our presence and actions

- our actions affect not just others
- our actions affect not just our environment

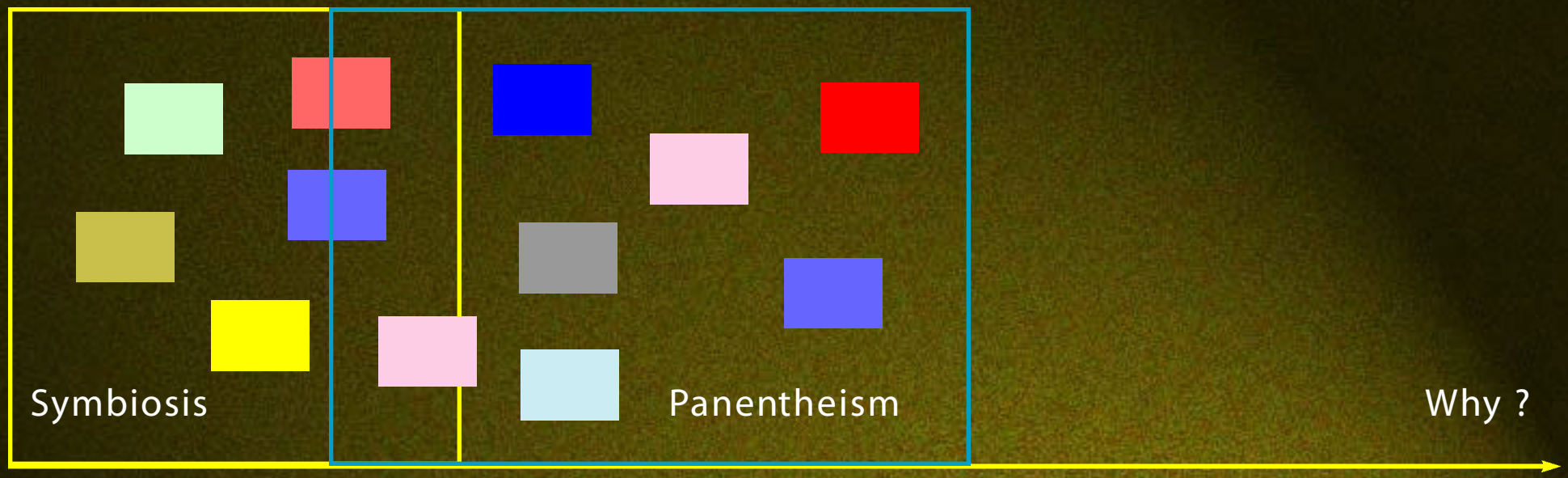
but

- our actions affect: the ‘whole’, the summation, the ‘totality’, and God itself

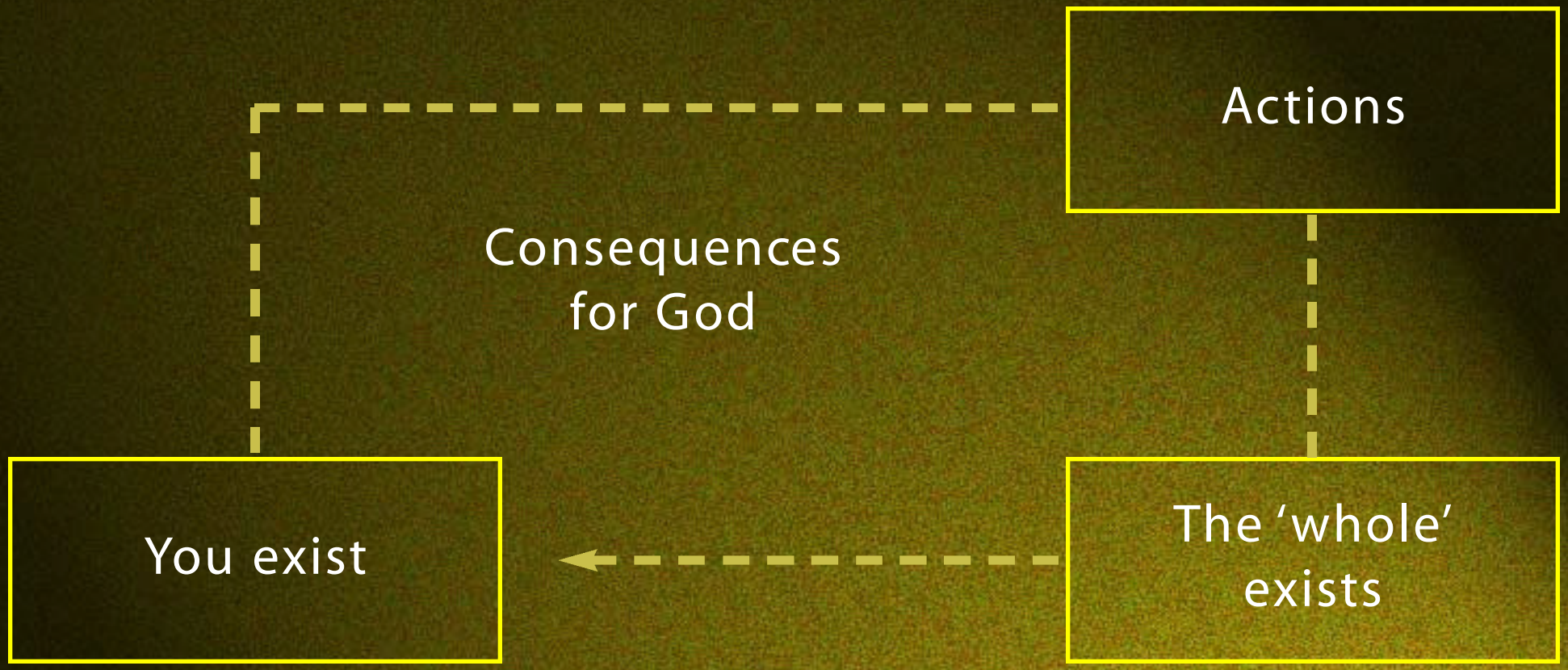
within the ‘whole’ has consequences.



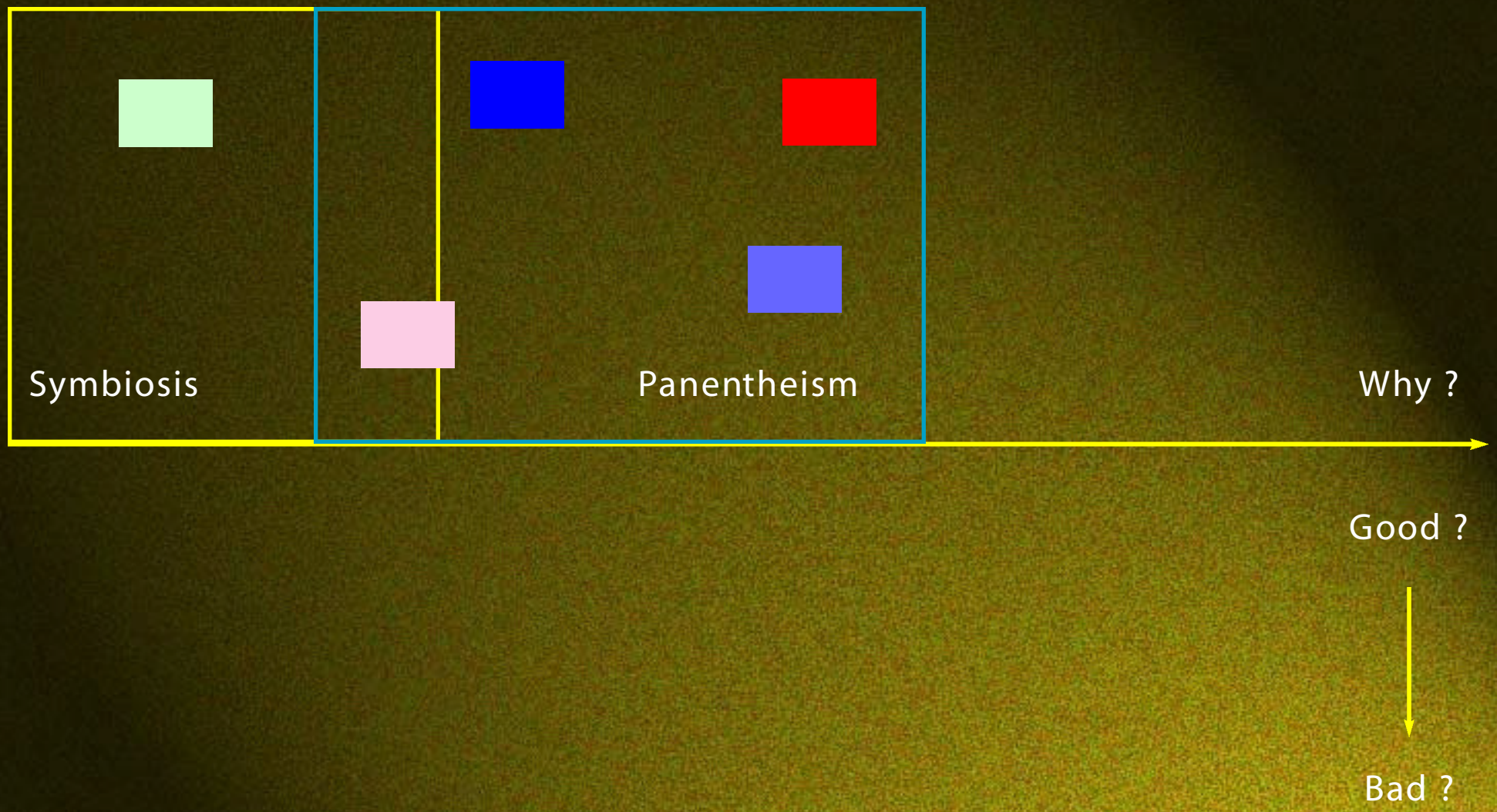
We affect the nature of what the ‘whole’ is and can be.



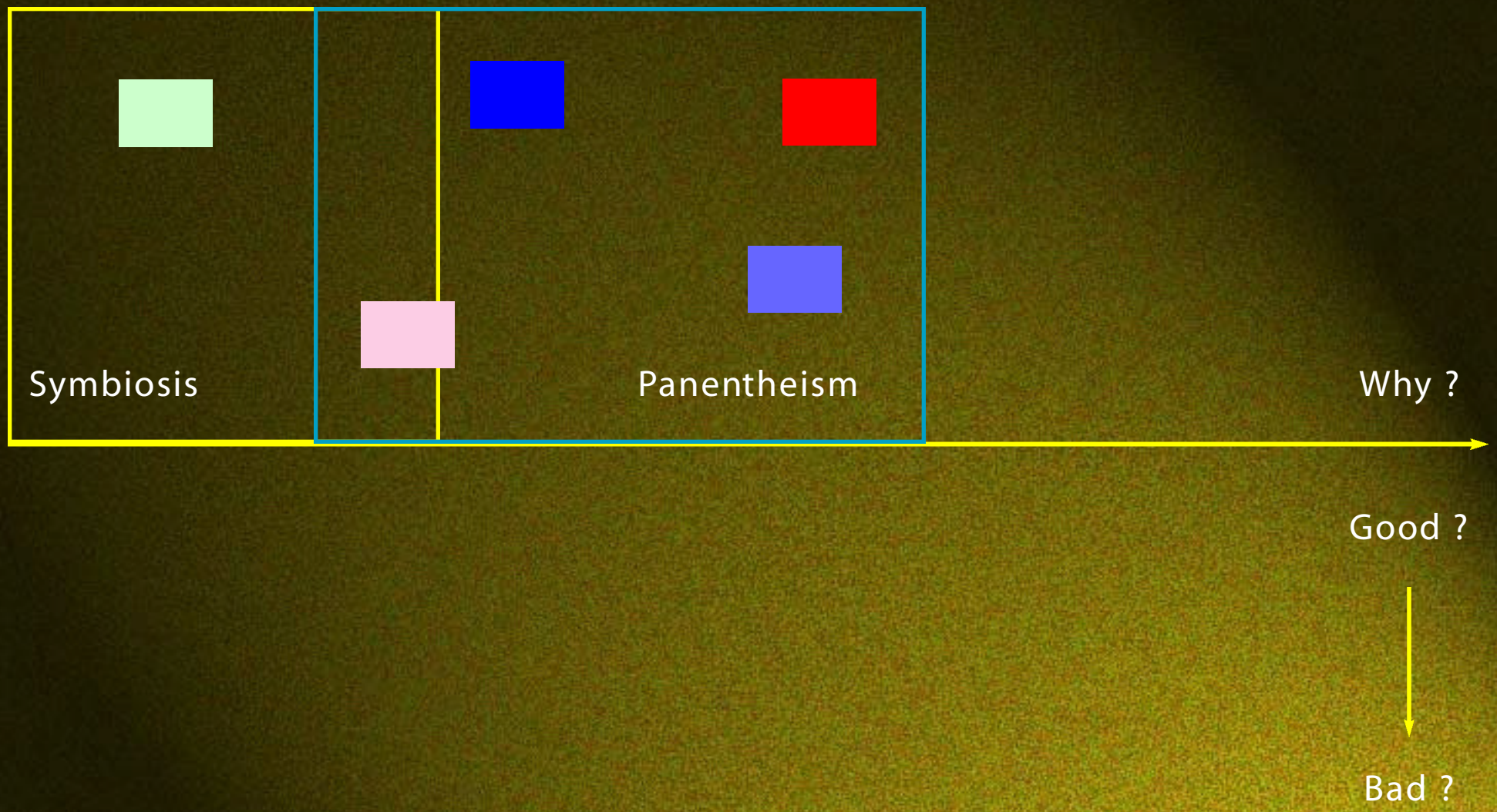
We affect what the ‘whole’ is in the process of becoming.



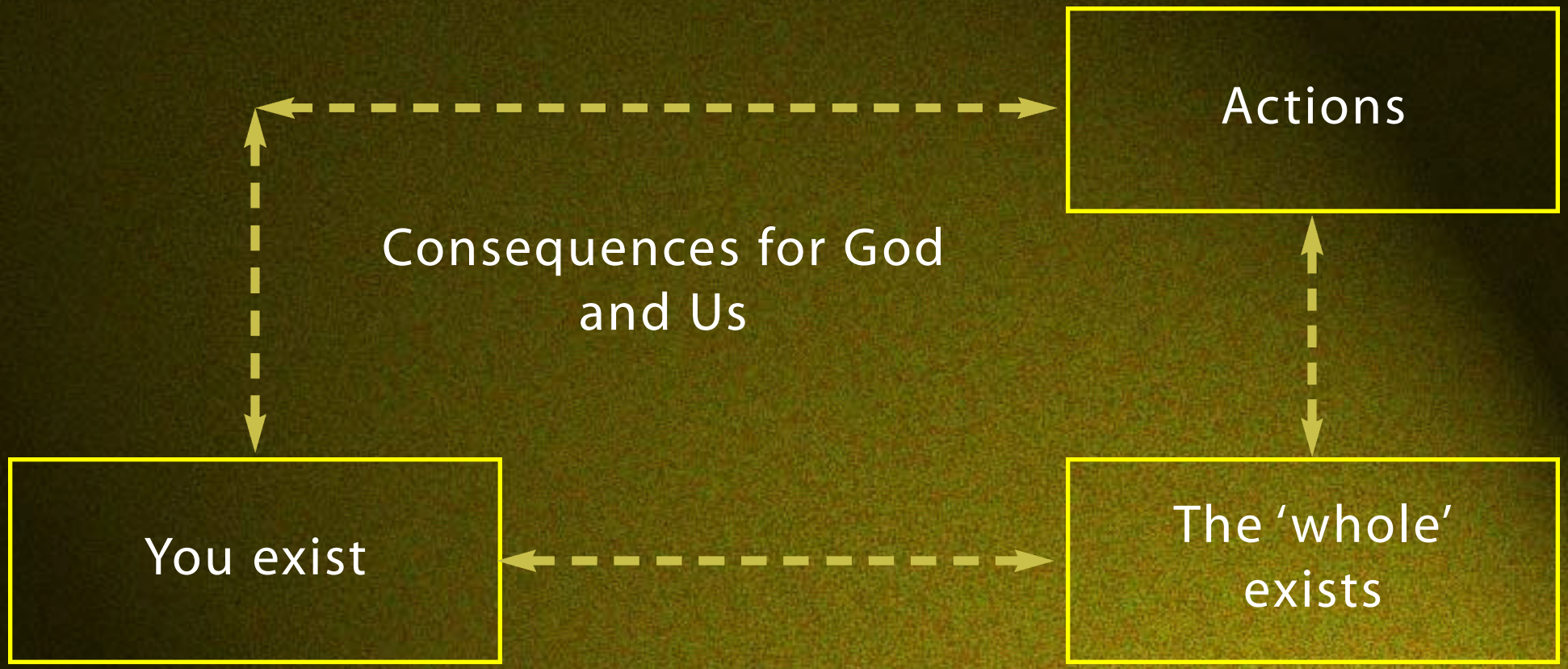
This is a logical conclusion to draw, for how could our actions not affect the 'whole', affect God?



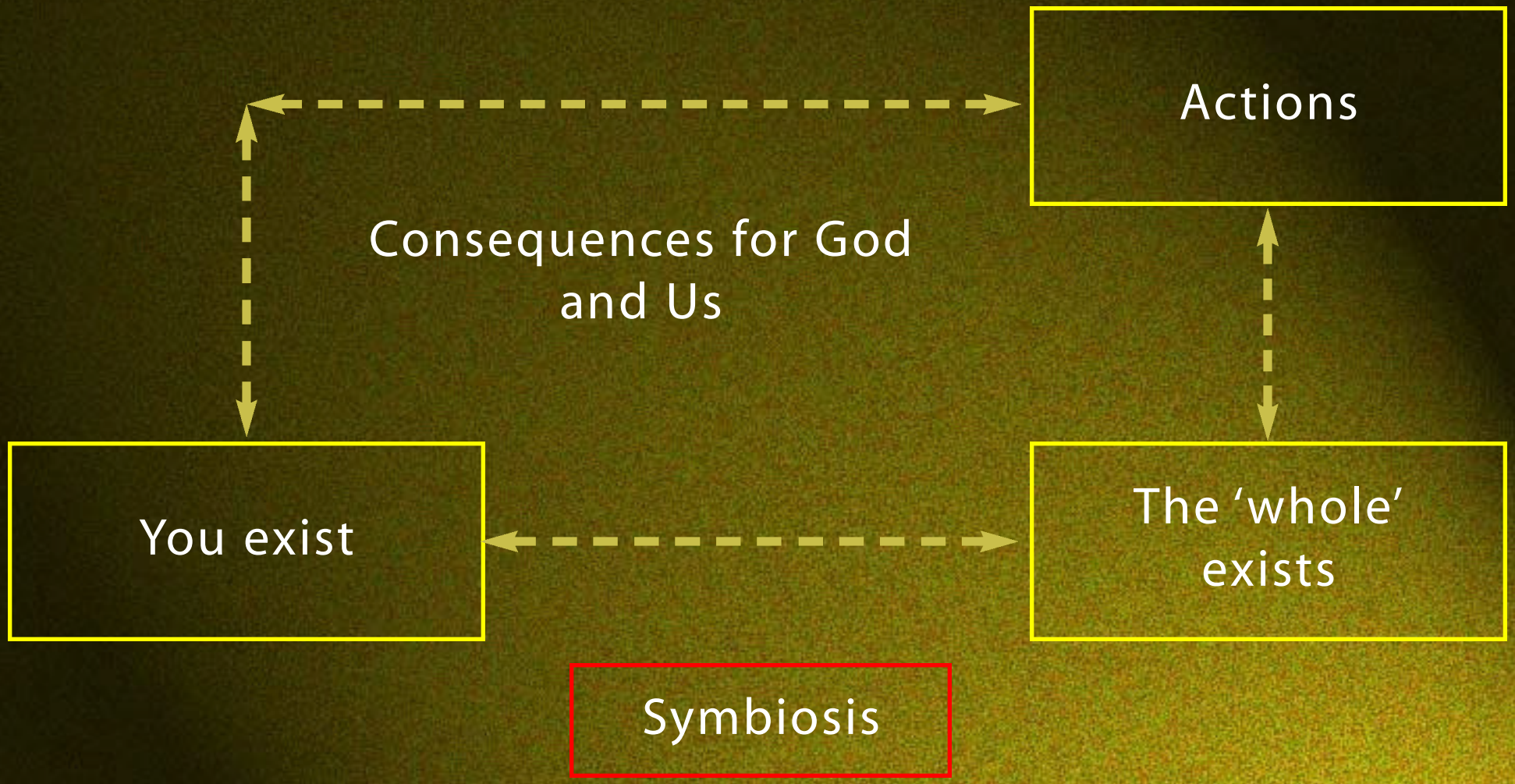
If we exist inside the ‘whole’,



we affect the ‘whole’.



Under this model, the 'whole' does not just affect us but we affect the 'whole'.

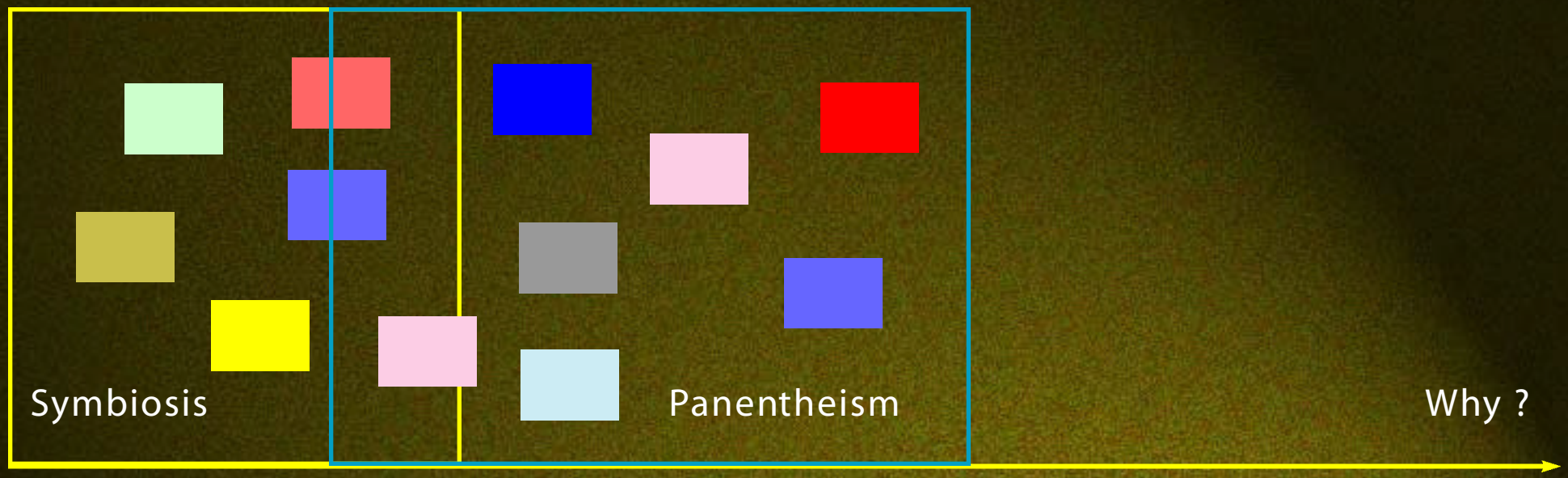


This relationship between the 'whole' and ourselves we call Symbiosis.

P A N - E N - T H E I S M

“ALL - IN - GOD”

Under this model



Symbiosis

the whole and its parts interact.

- fusing the religious concept - Panentheism

  supported by scientific observation and philosophical reasoning

- with the scientific concept - Symbiosis

  supported by philosophic reasoning and religious belief

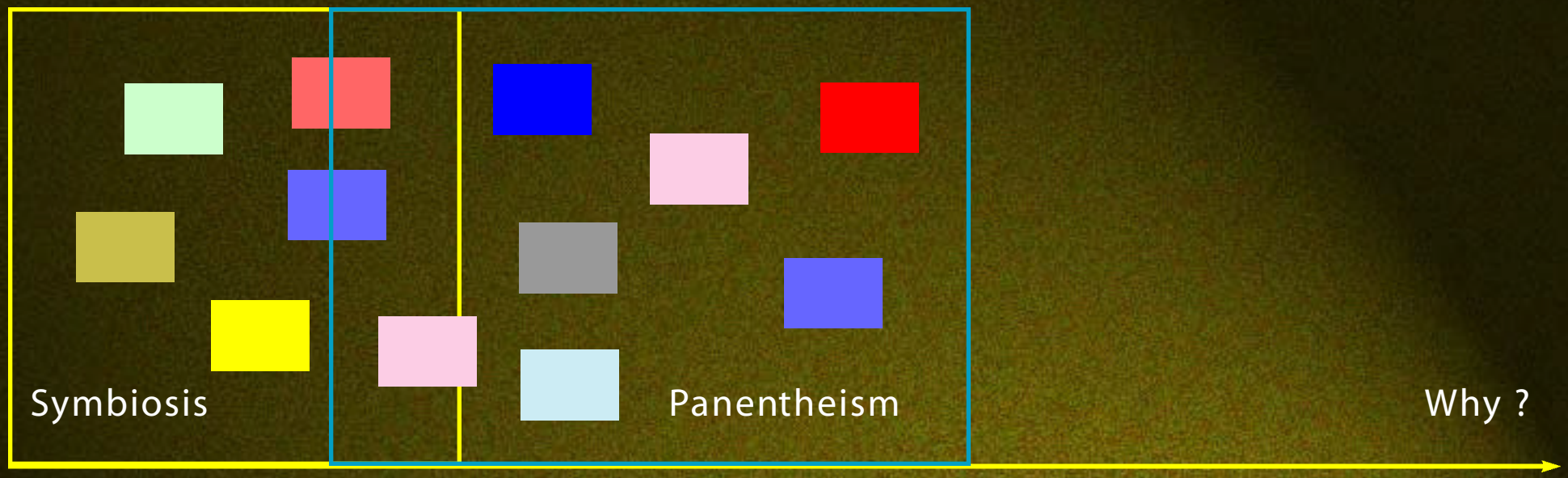
- using philosophy - Reason

  supported by religious beliefs and scientific observation

Under this model, using reason to fuse faith and observation:

- Faith - Religion
  - an ontological system
- Observation - Science
  - an cosmological system
- Reason - Philosophy
  - an metaphysical system

We obtain a complete Holistic system, we obtain a
'Universal Philosophy called:



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