Module: 3

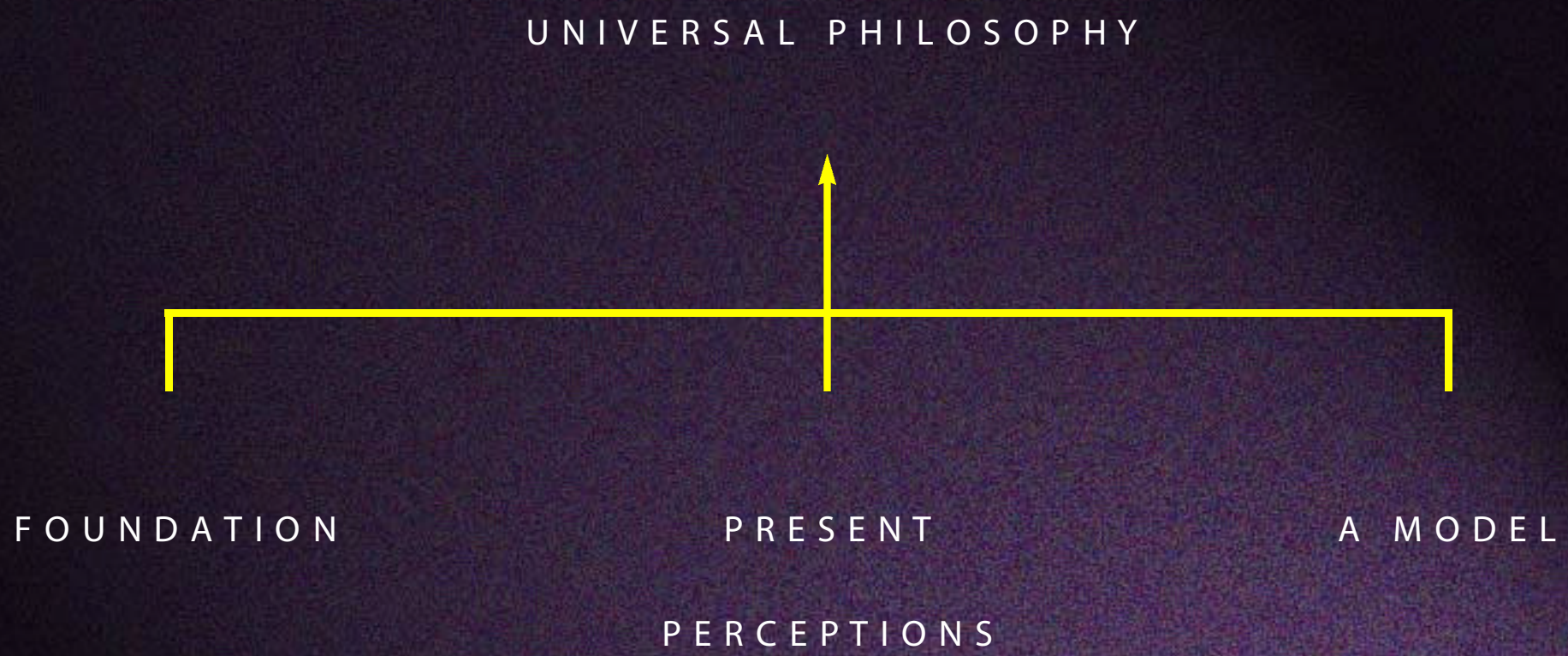
Truths

- "What are Truths?"

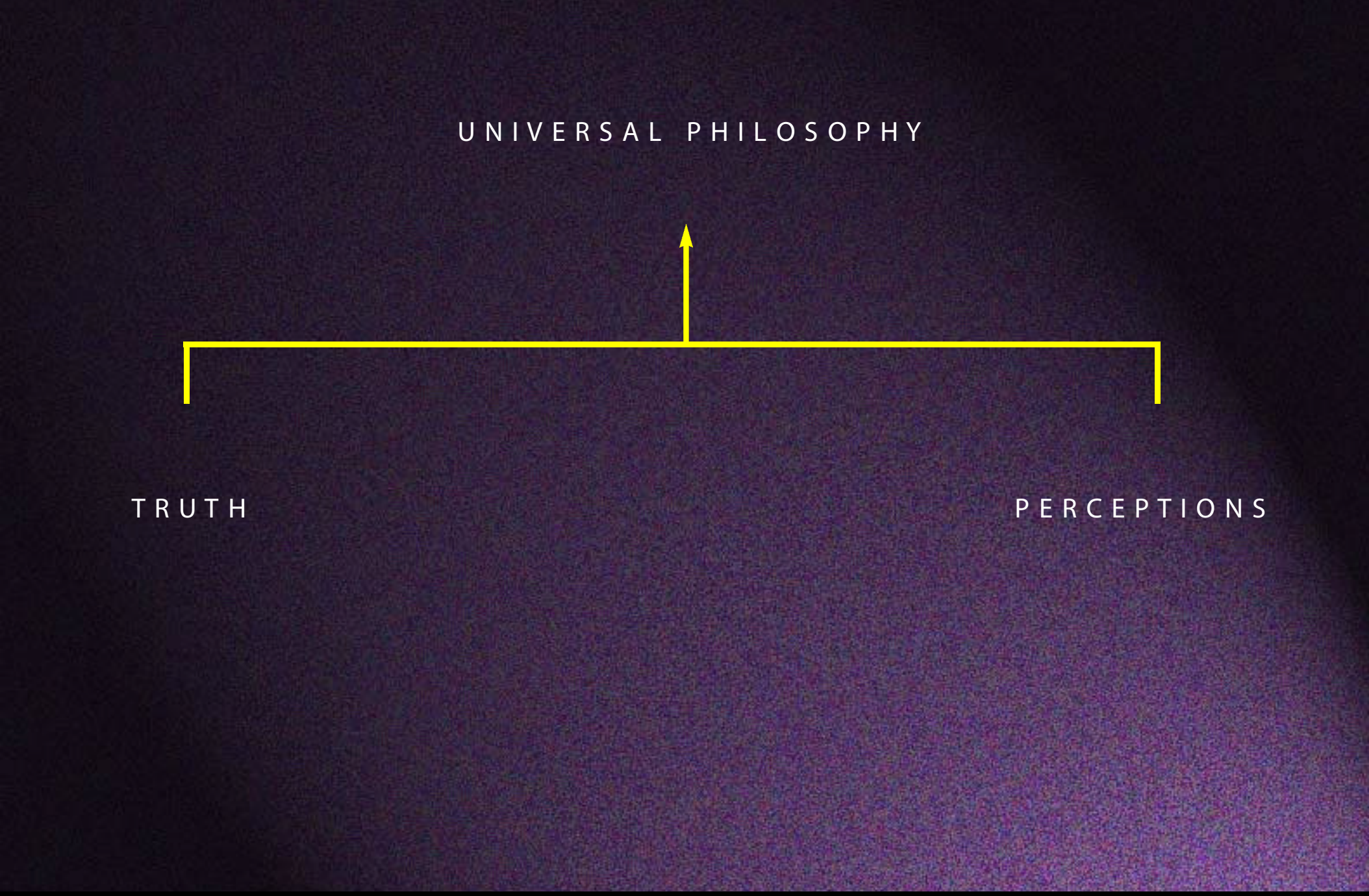
Step One: The Materials

- the bricks
- the stone
- the mortar

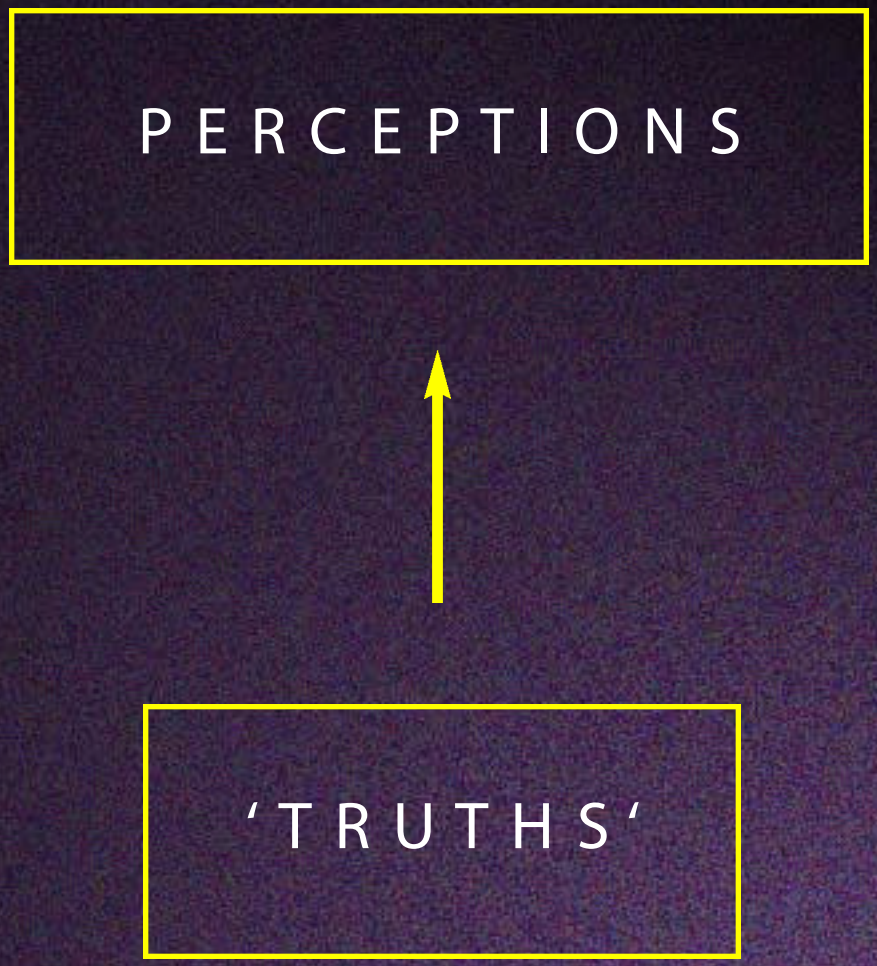
Before one can begin to build a model of a Universal Philosophy, one must find the material with which to build the model.



The process of building a model of a Universal Philosophy, which will act as a foundation for our present perceptions, is



in essence a search for ‘truth’ based upon perceptions.



Perceptions are concepts we form regarding what we understand to be 'truths'.

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As this millennium ends, and another begins, it is vital that we create a Universal Philosophy, a model of an ethic upon

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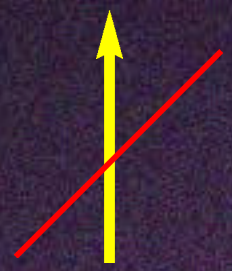

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which we can all agree. If we do not do so, we will limit our potential and purpose within the Cosmos.

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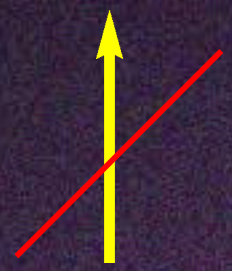

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If we do not do so, we will continue as we are.

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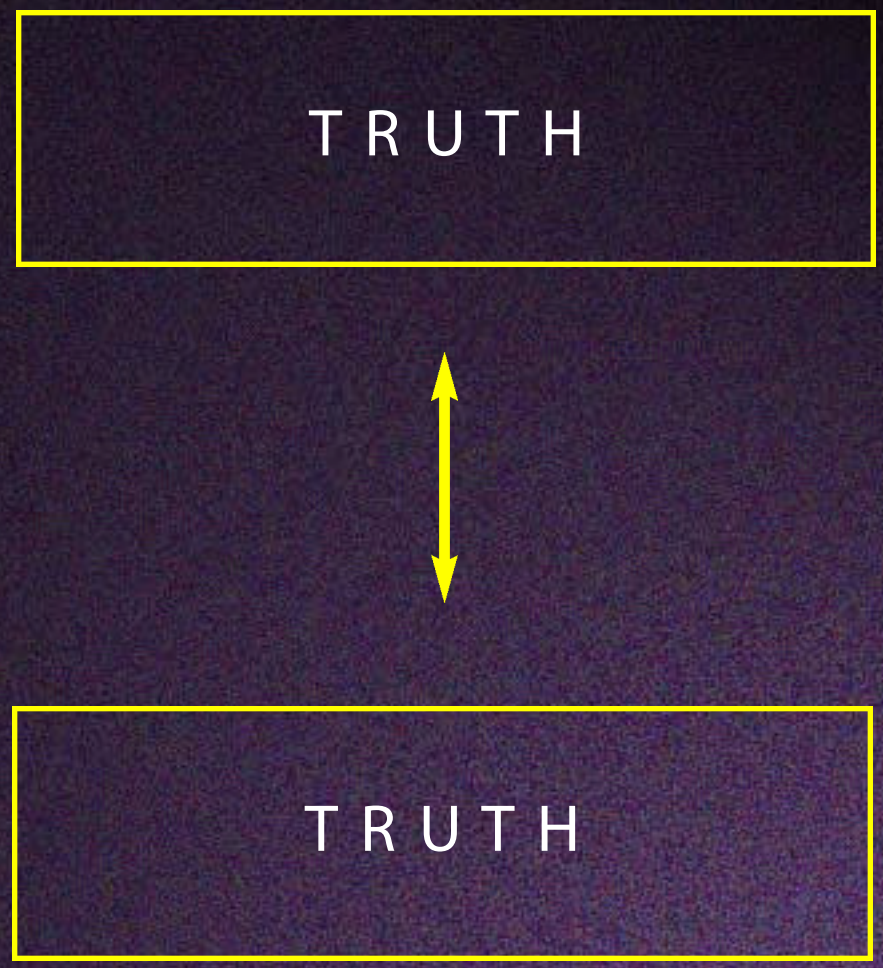
A MODEL

To reach our full potential, we will need to develop a Universal Philosophy capable of supporting and embracing

- Religion
  - Science
    - Philosophy

all varieties of thought, whether they be religious, scientific, or philosophical.



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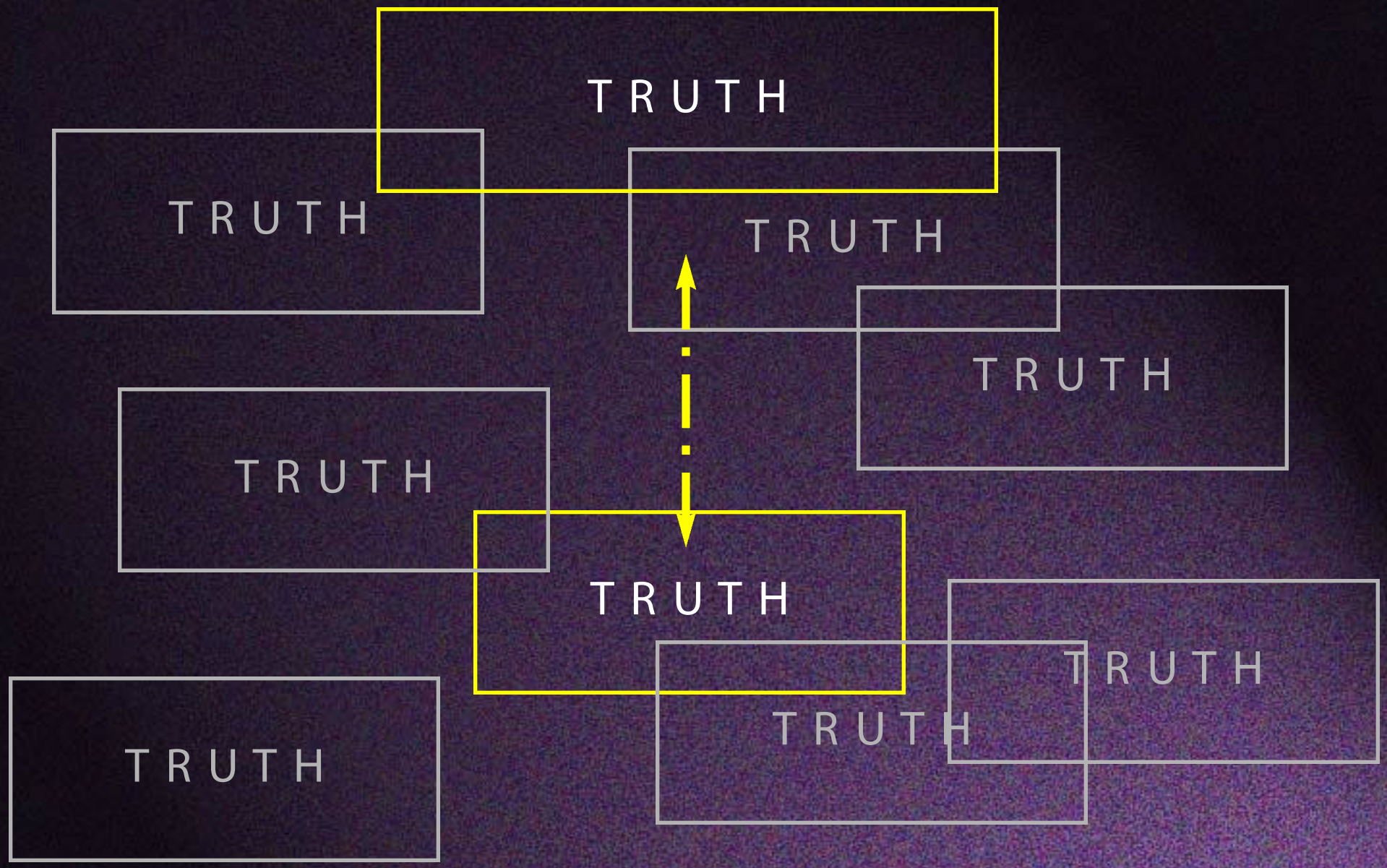
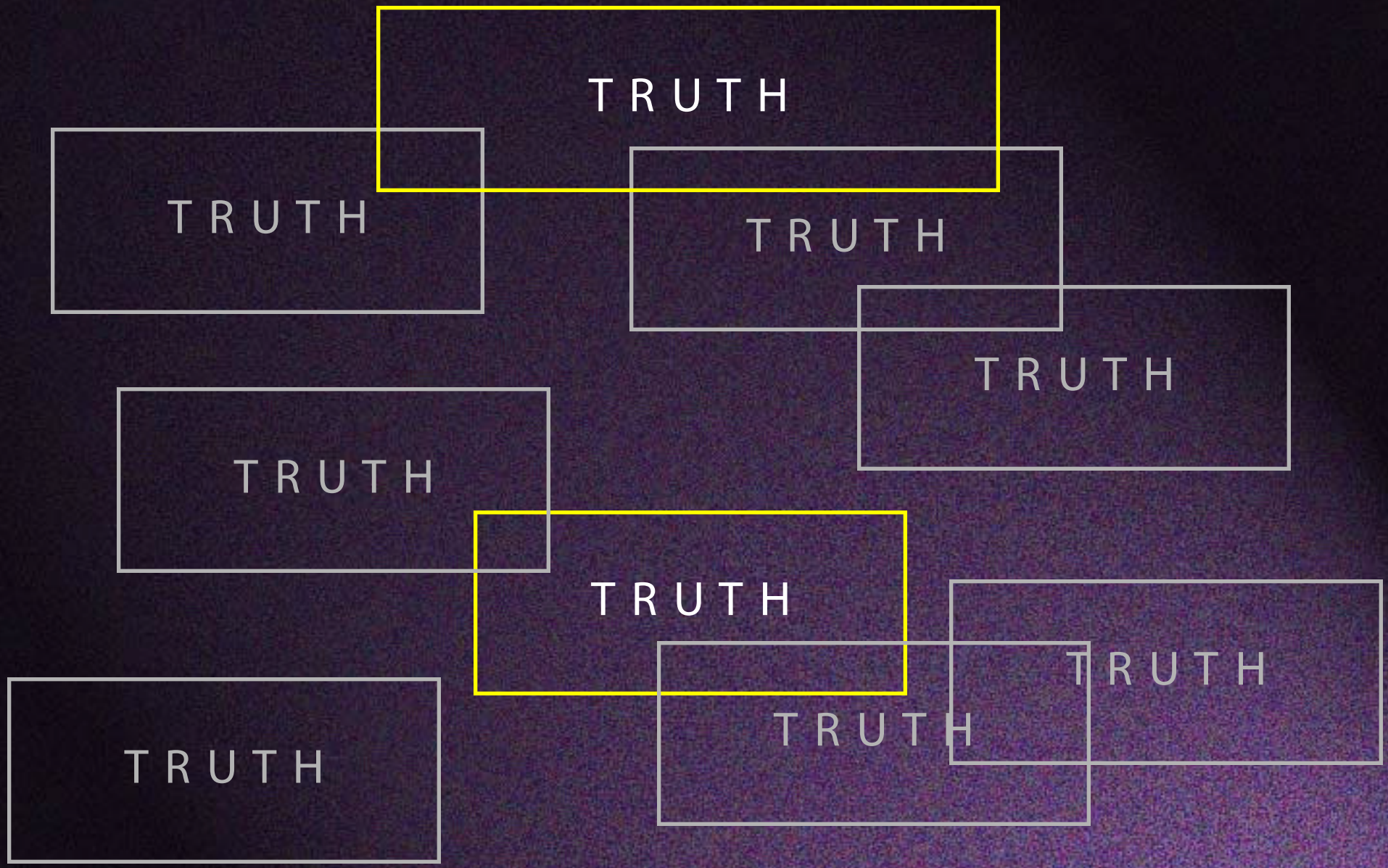


Truths are elusive



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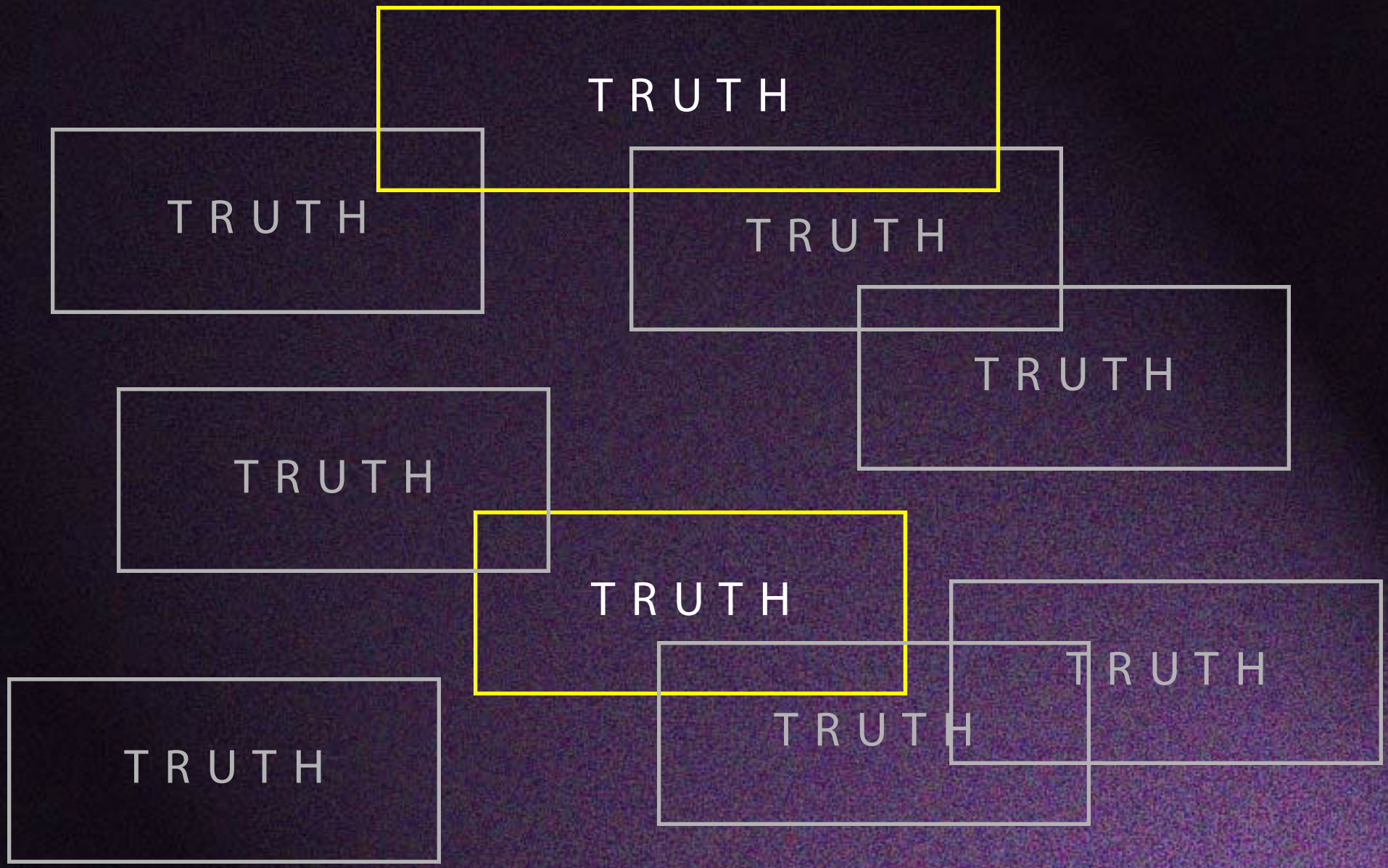

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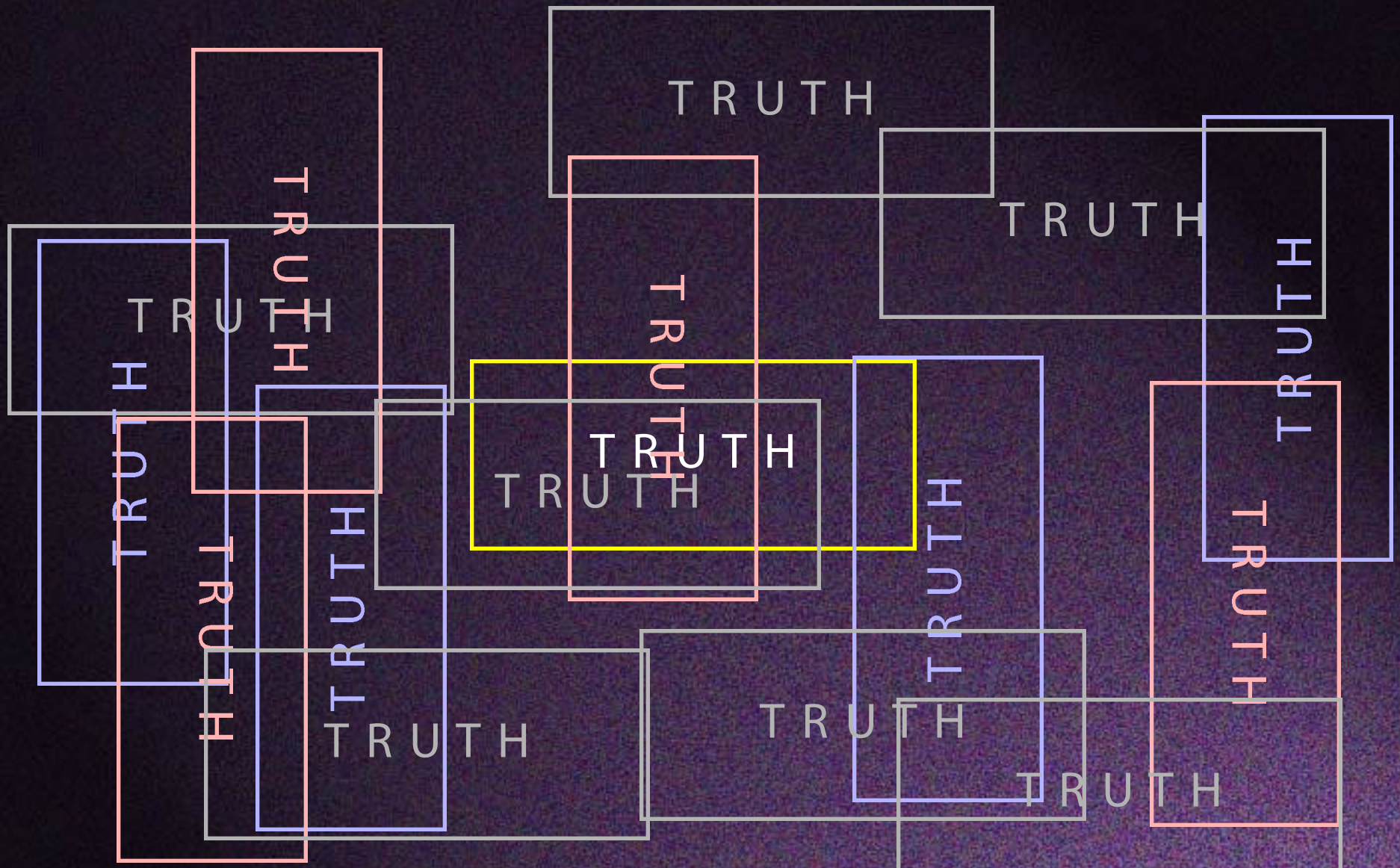
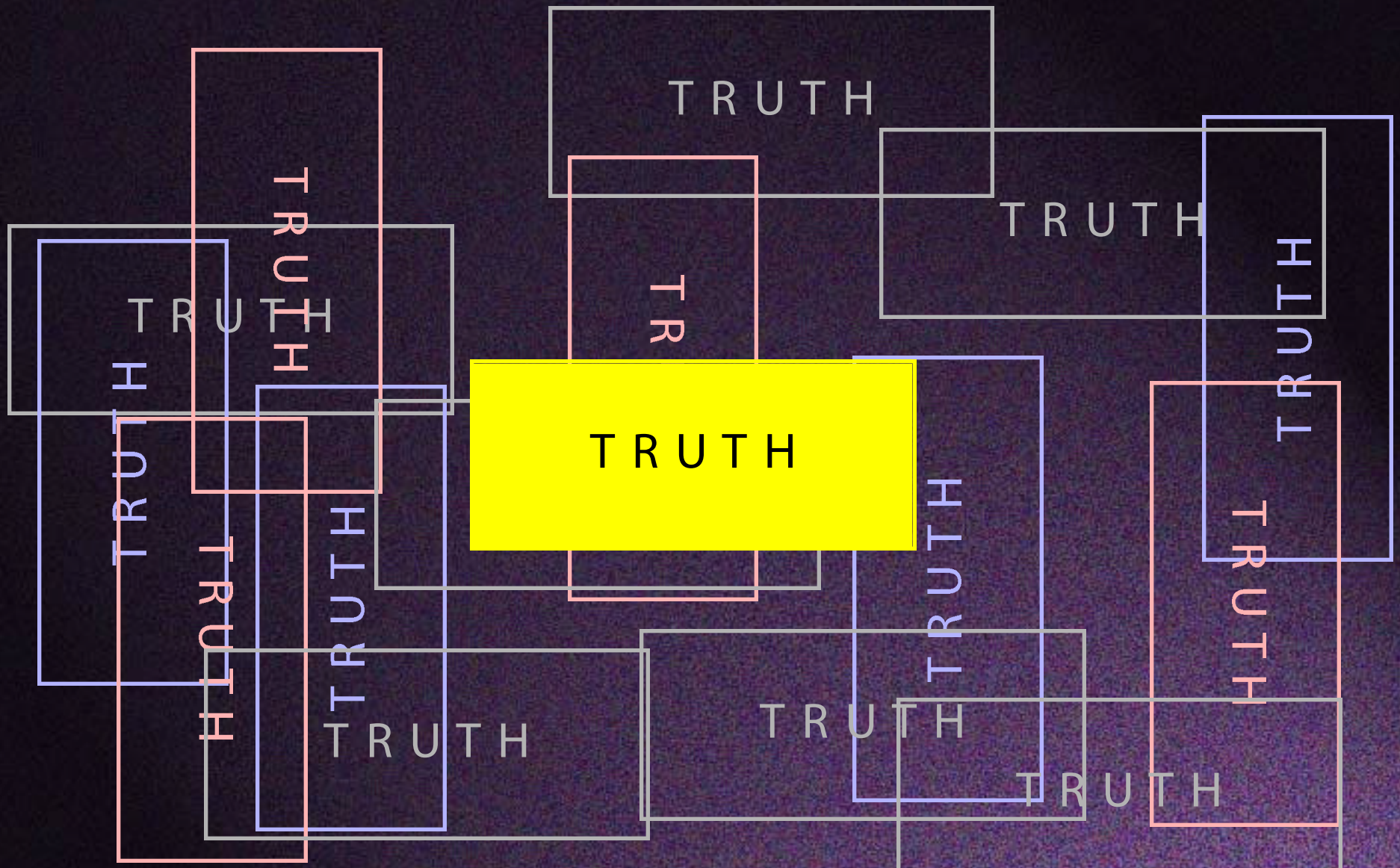
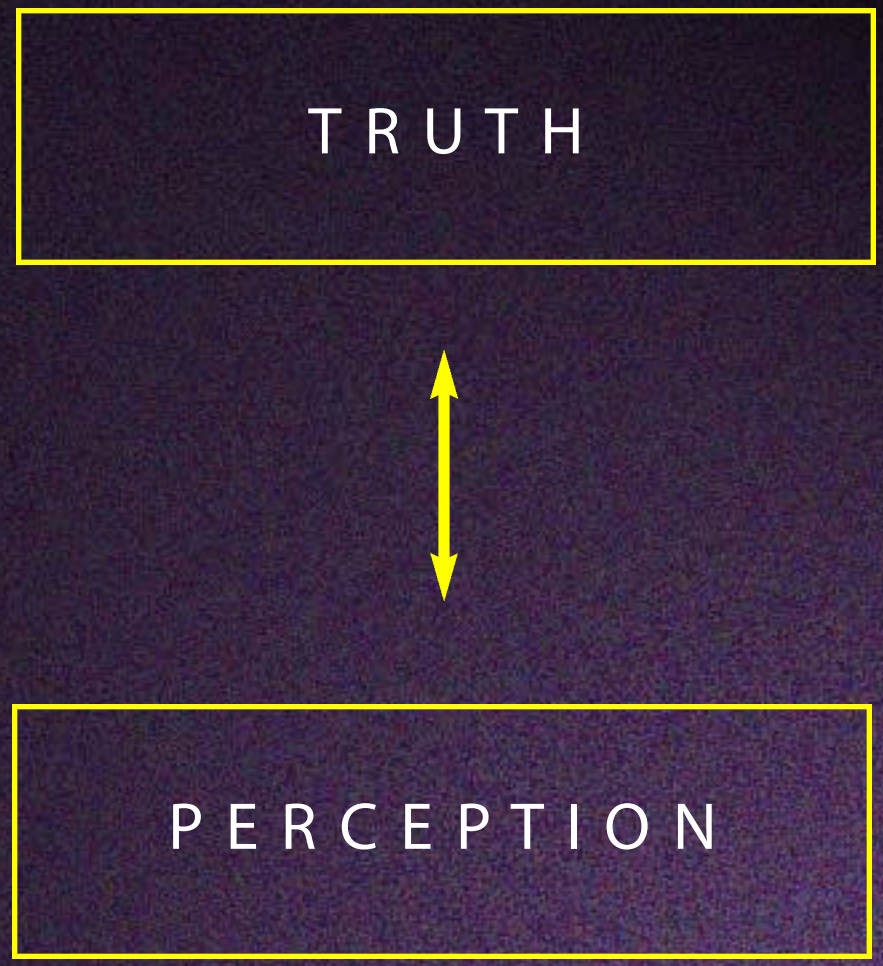


Many would say ‘truths’ are abstract, personal, relative, contradictory, paradoxical, cultural, subjective...



So just what are ‘truths’?



Truths are what we perceive them to be.

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UNIVERSAL TRUTHS

Therefore if we are to build a ‘Universal’ philosophy, we must work with what are called ‘universal’ truths.

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Universal ‘truths’ are just that - ‘universal’.

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‘Universal truths’ are truths upon which, for the most part, all humankind can agree.

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‘Universal truths’ are ‘truths’ upon which, for the most part, life forms throughout our Universe can agree.

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In fact, 'Universal' truths are truths upon which, for the most part, life forms within all universes can agree.

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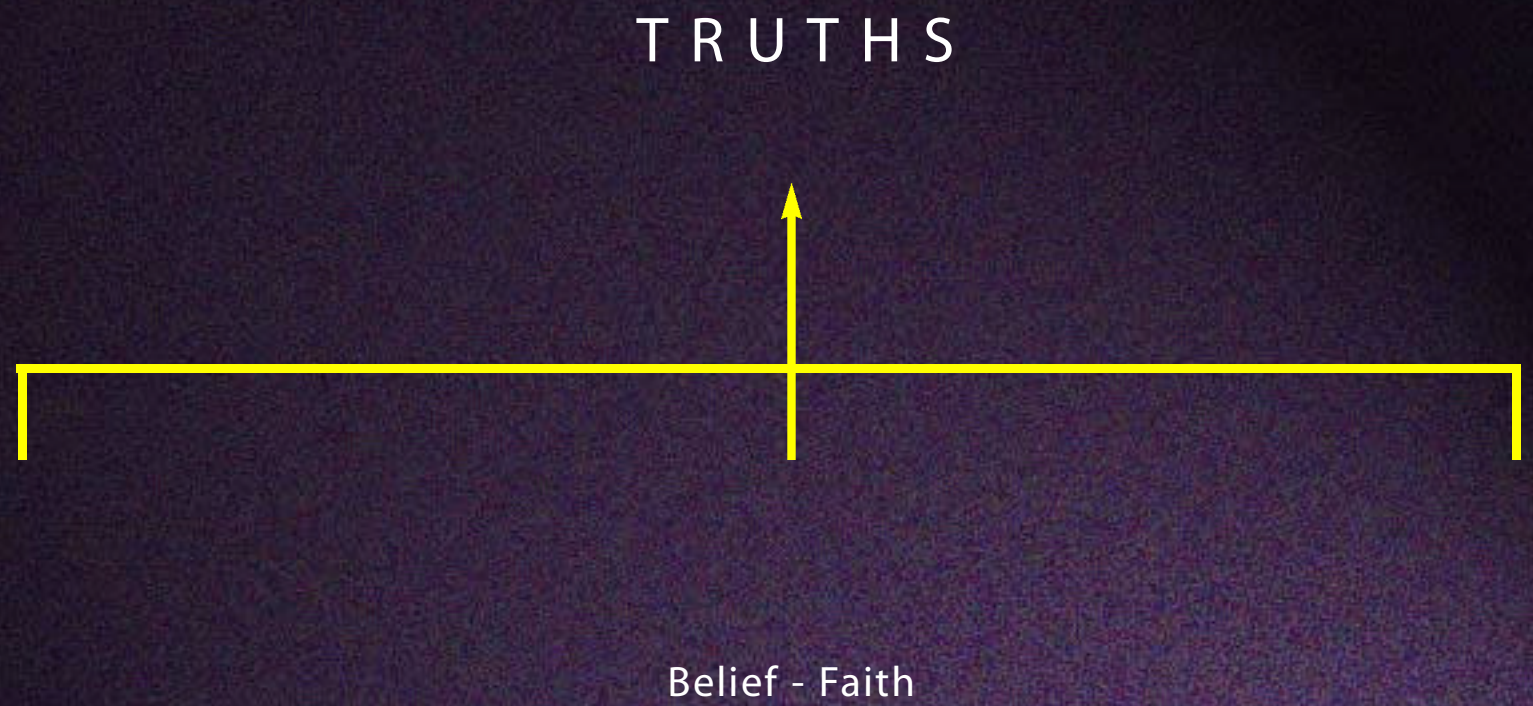
THREE MEANS OF KNOWING

Truths - As a species, we have three means of knowing what we believe to be truths.



We form ‘truths’ based upon what we ‘believe’.

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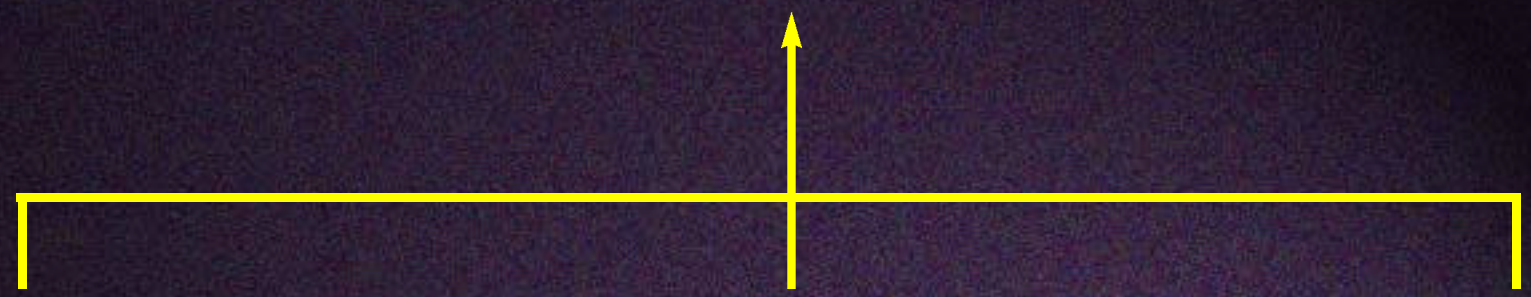

Observation

Belief - Faith

We form ‘truths’ based upon what we ‘observe’.

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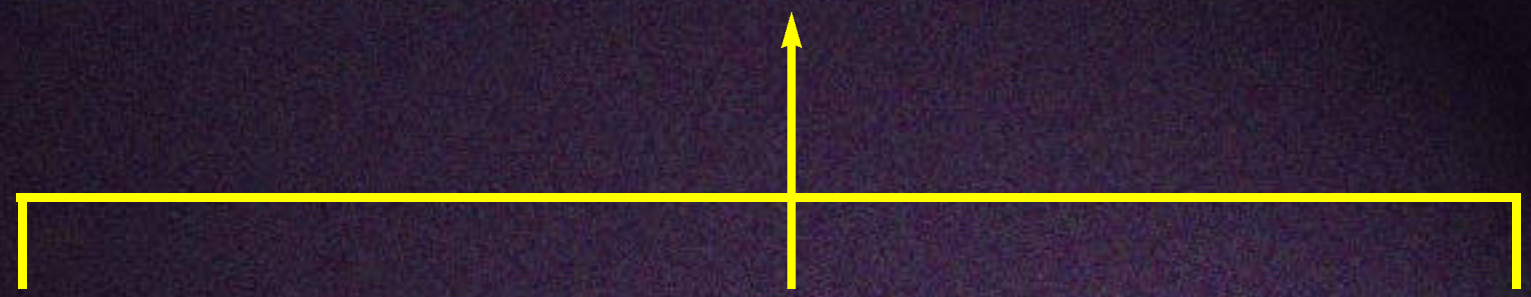

Observation

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Reason

And we form ‘truths’ based upon what we ‘reason’.

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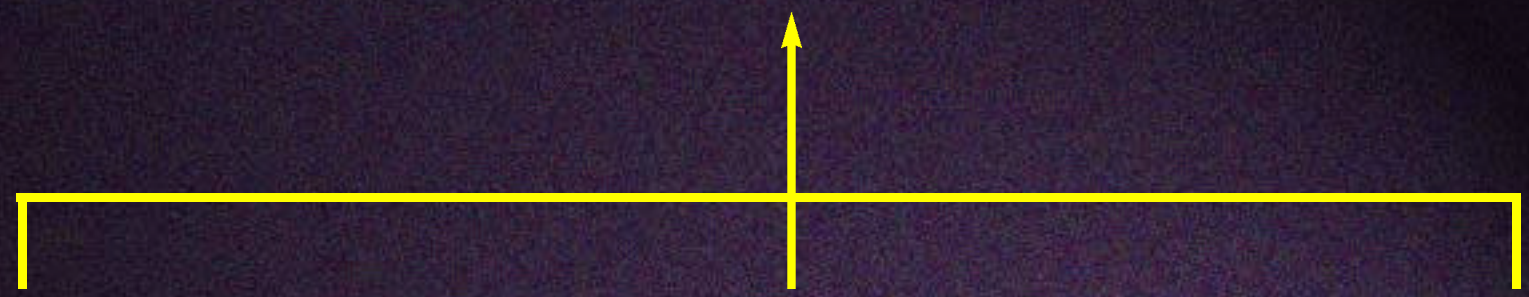

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These three means of 'knowing' 'truths' are best represented by the fields of Science, Religion, and Philosophy.

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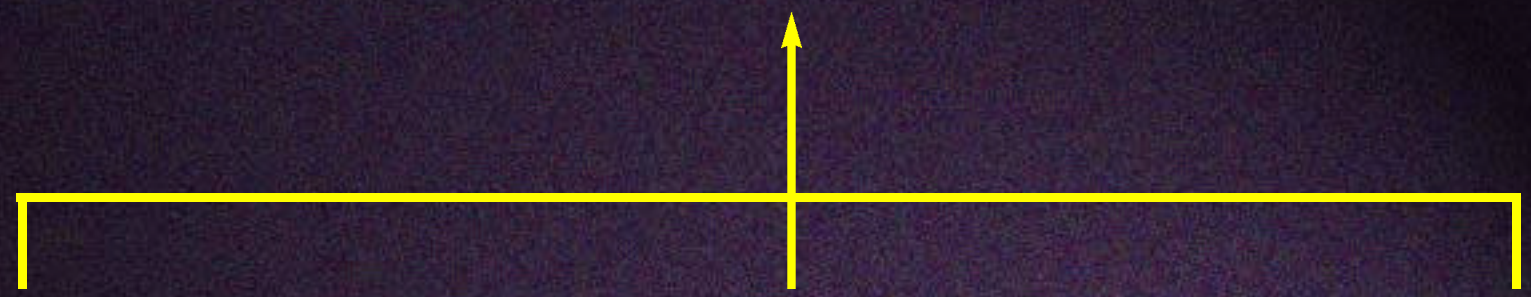

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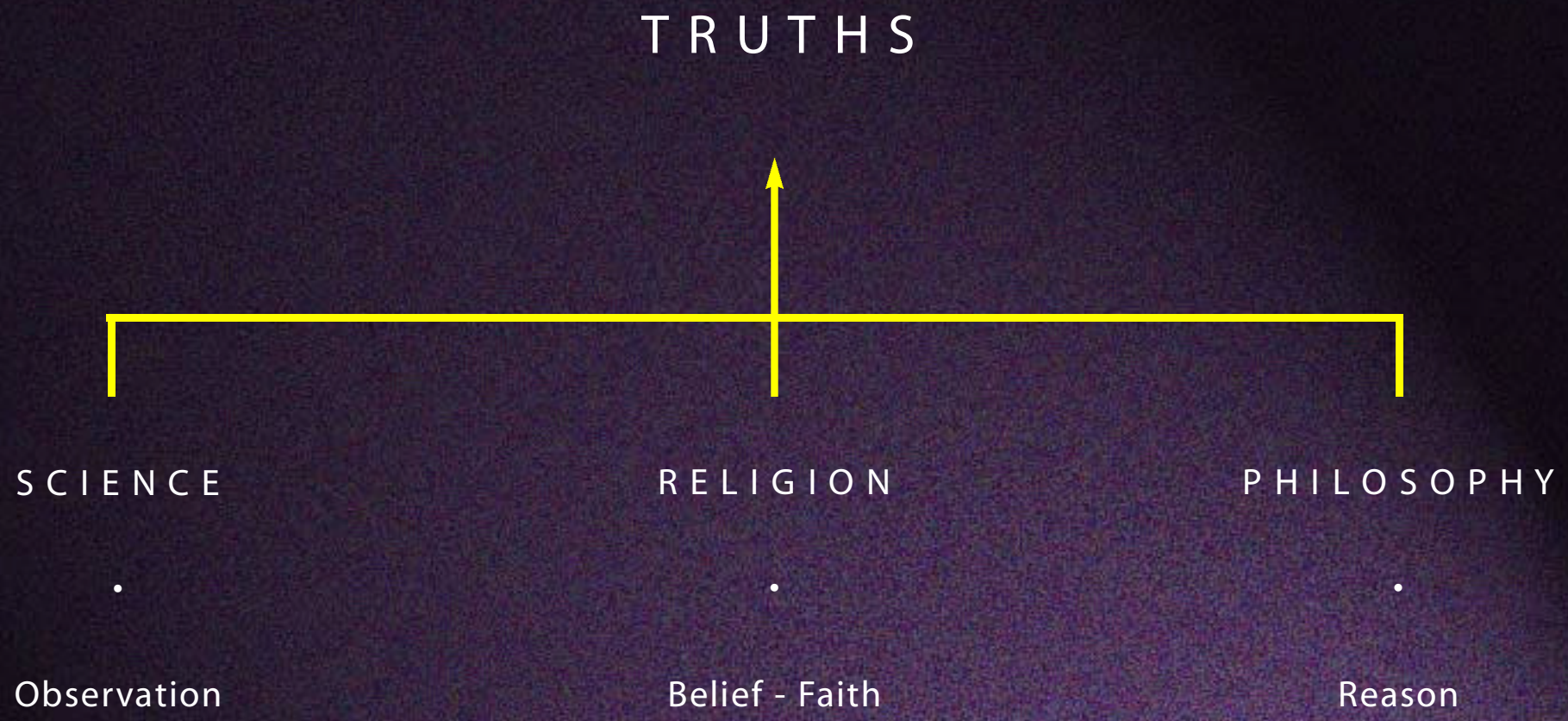
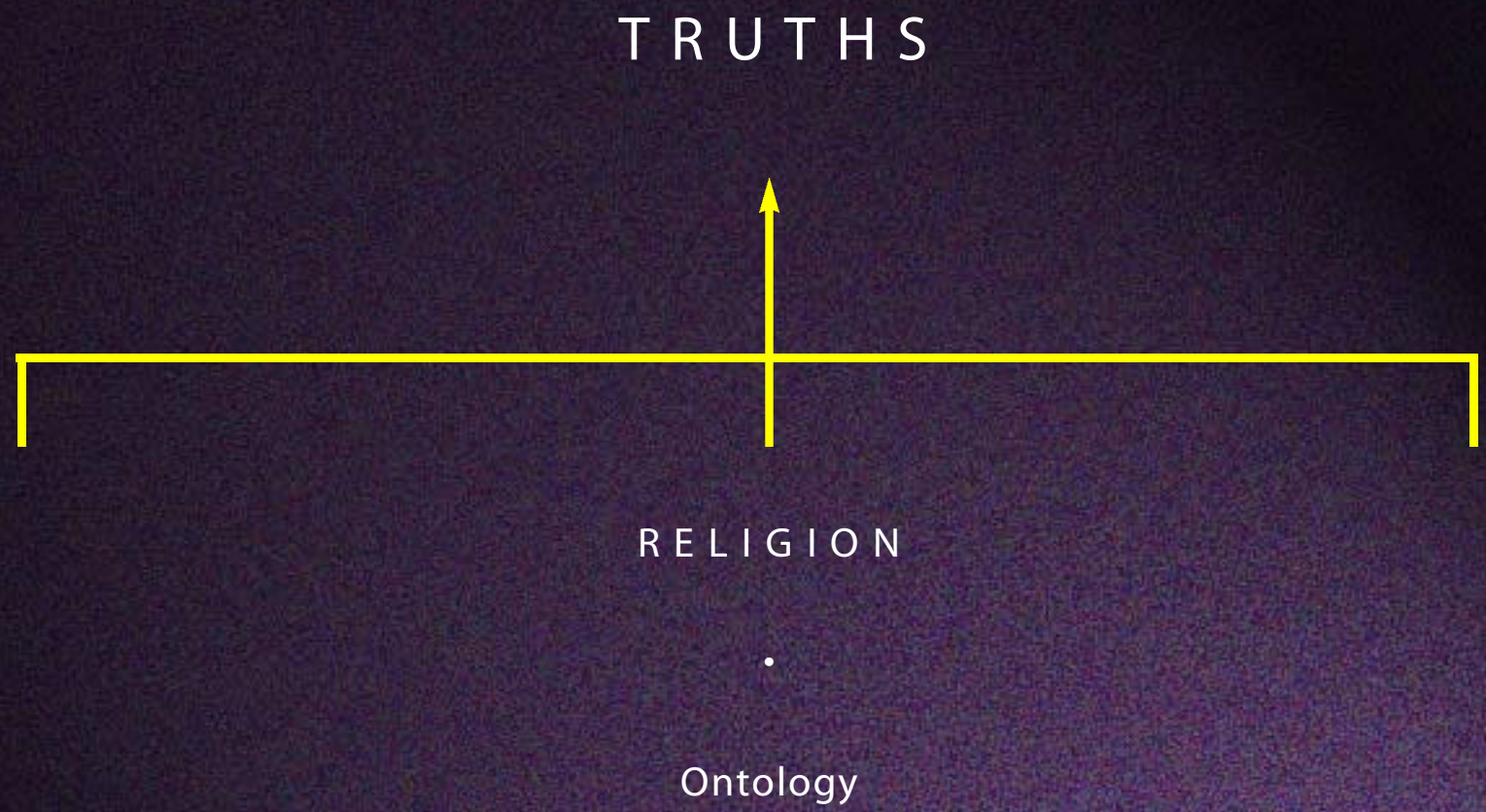
Because each of these sources of knowledge is so vast, we will, in this presentation, focus our attention on one small



area of each. This is the first step. Later, society can expand on each field of perception more fully as time permits



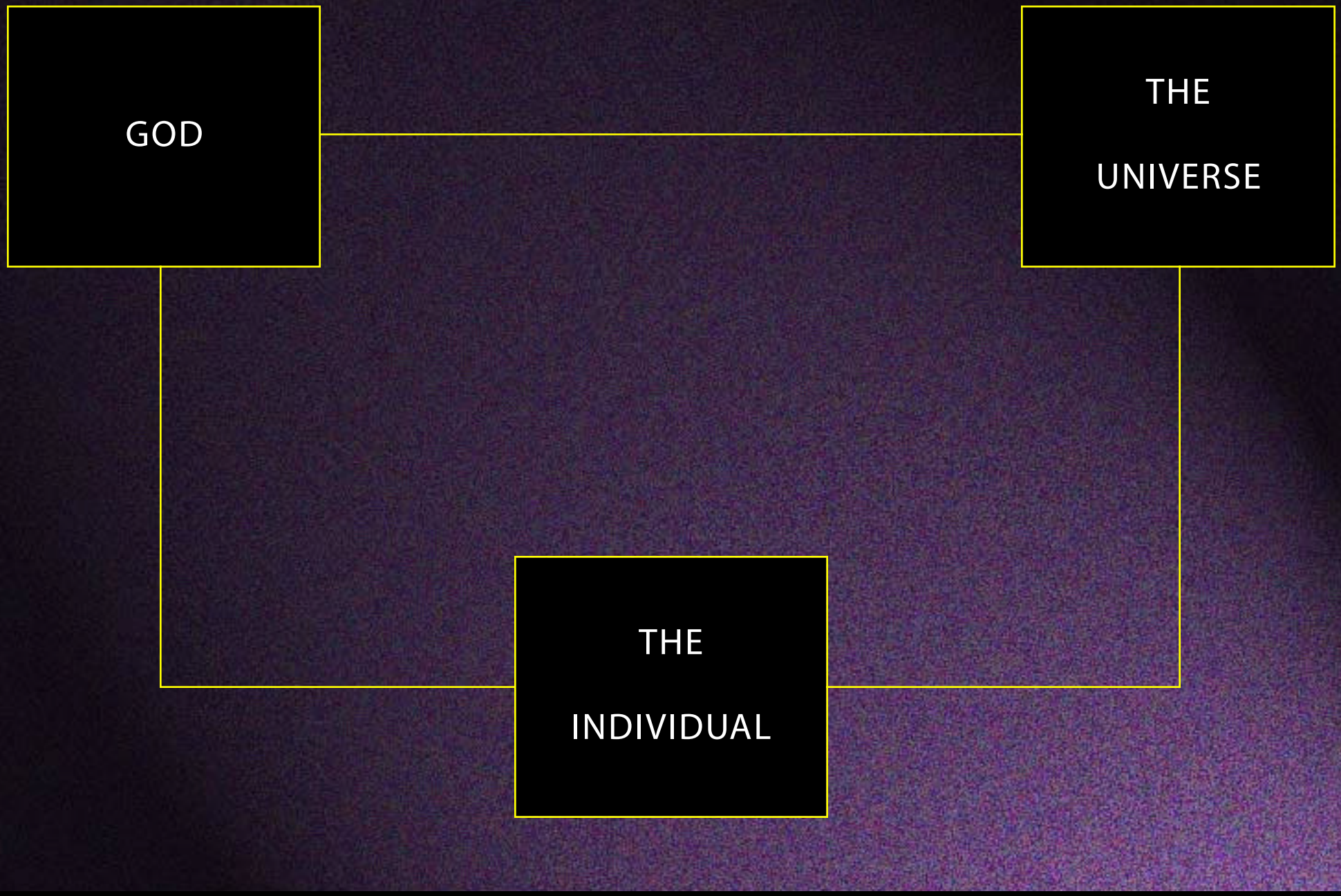
and as our species evolves. With regards to religion, we will focus our attention on ontology.

Ontology concerns itself with the study of what lies beyond the Universe.

Ontology

- you - the soul
- the Universe
- God (the larger Reality)

Ontology concerns itself with three concepts:
you - the soul, the Universe, and God (the larger Reality).



Ontology focuses upon God while always wondering about the Universe and the individual and how the three interrelate.

Ontology

- Where are we?
- What are we?
- Why do we exist?

Ontology asks the questions: Where are we? What are we?
And why do we exist?

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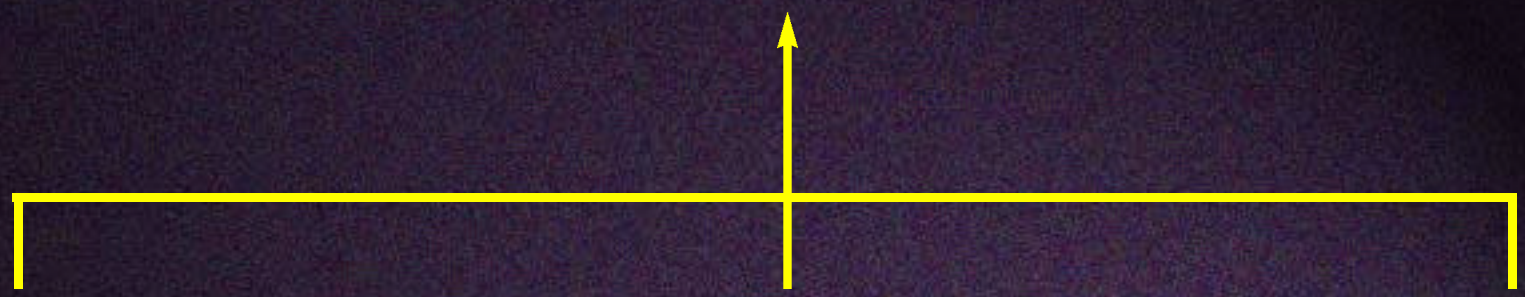

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Cosmology

With regards to science, we will focus our attention on cosmology.

Cosmology concerns itself with the study of what lies beyond the Universe.

Cosmology

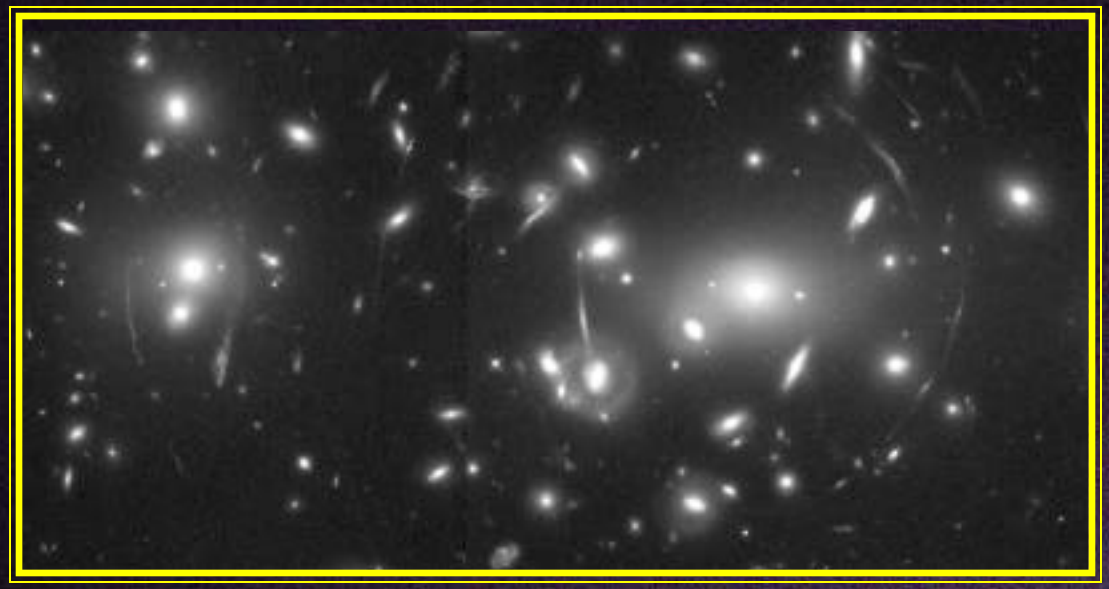
- you
- ‘reality’ - the Universe
- ‘Reality’ - what lies beyond the Universe

Cosmology concerns itself with three concepts: you, ‘reality’ - the Universe, and ‘Reality’ (the larger reality) - what

Cosmology

- you
- ‘reality’ - the Universe
- ‘Reality’ - what lies beyond the Universe

lies beyond the Universe if in fact anything should exist there,
if in fact there is a place beyond the Universe.



Relationship to the Individual

Cosmology focuses upon the Universe while always wondering about the individual and what lies beyond the borders

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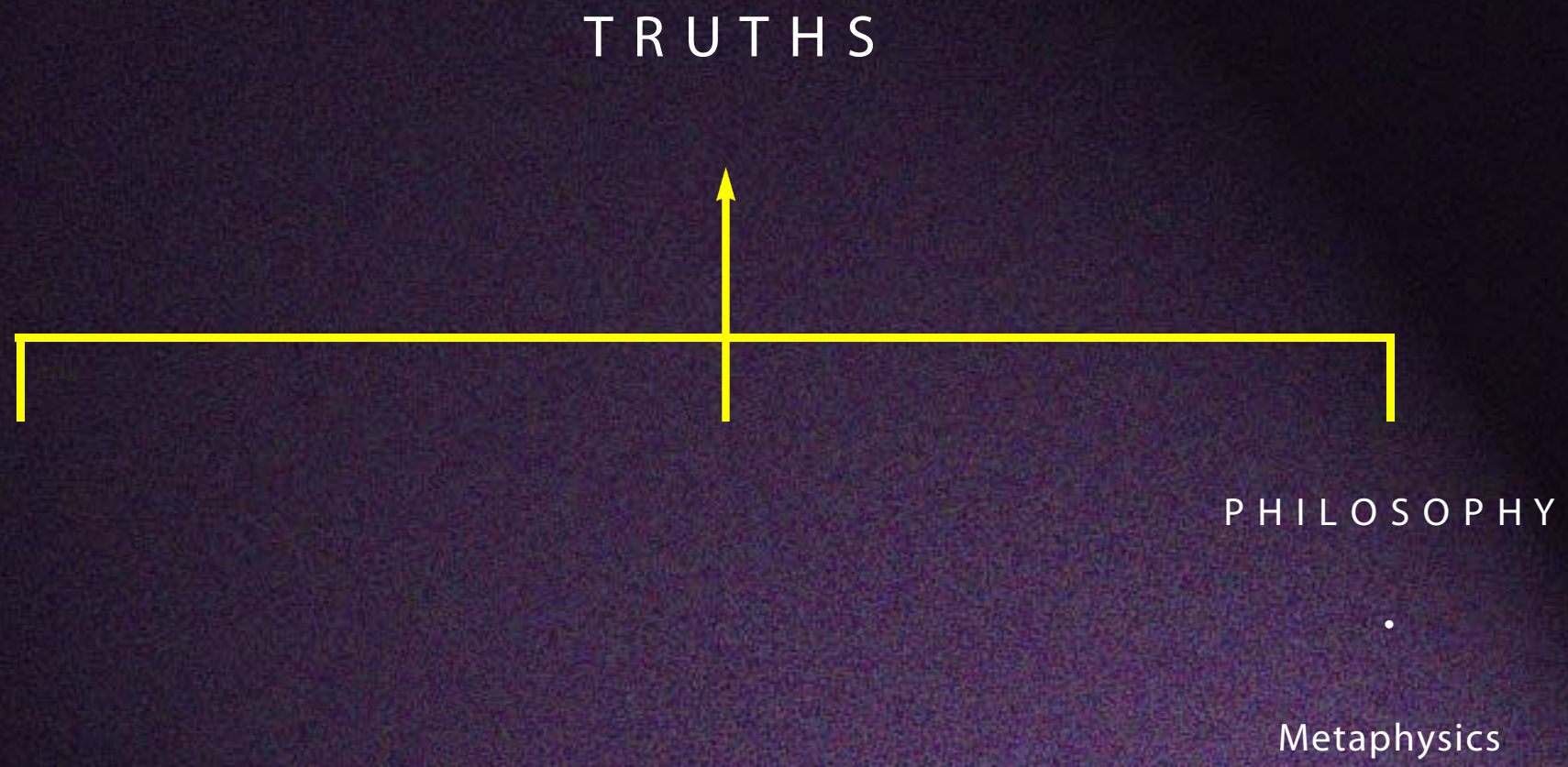

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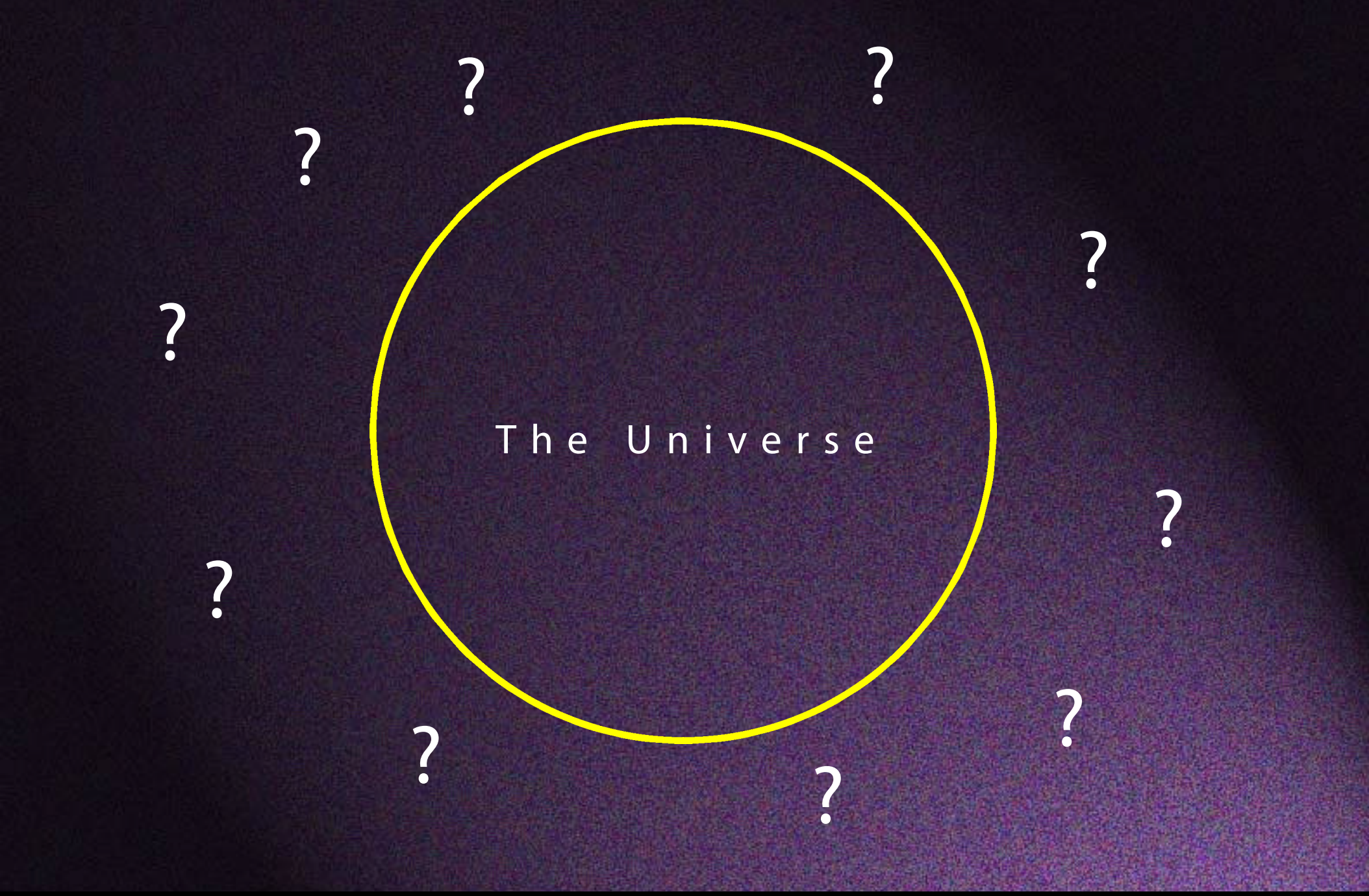

Metaphysics concerns itself with the discussion of what lies beyond the Universe.

Metaphysics

- ‘being’ (the entity) - you
- being (the process) - the Universe
- ‘Being’ (the larger reality) - what lies beyond
  the Universe if in fact anything should exist there,
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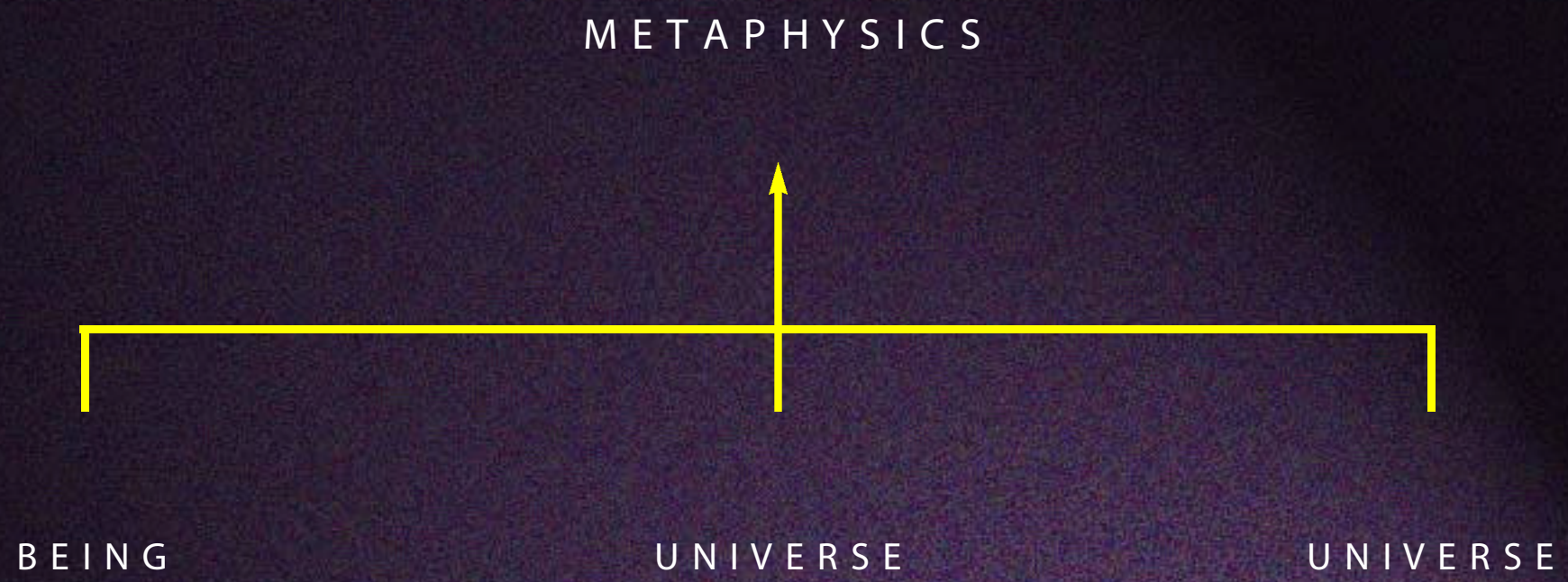

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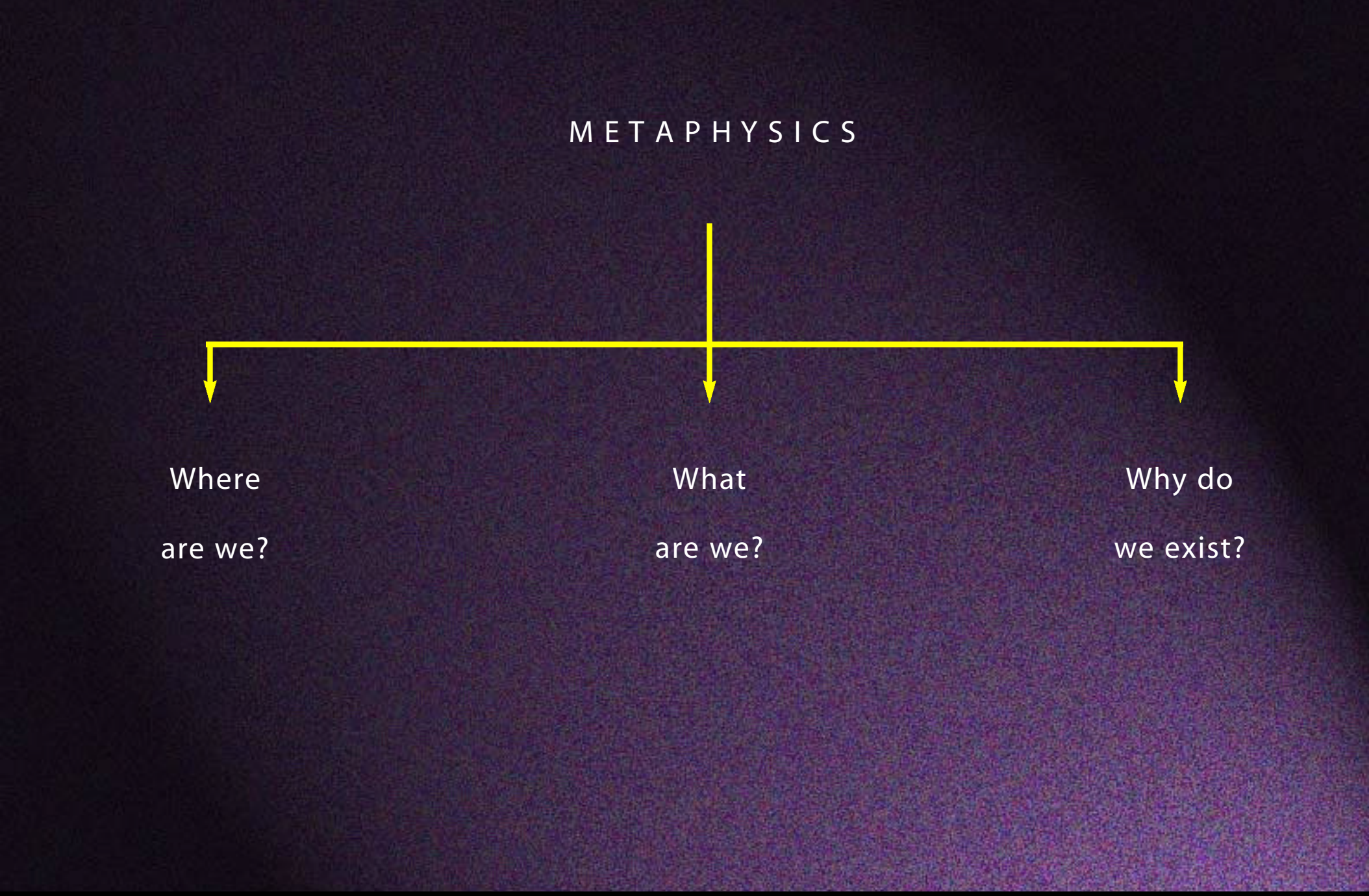

wondering how the three interrelate. Metaphysics asks the questions: Where are we? What are we? And why do we exist?

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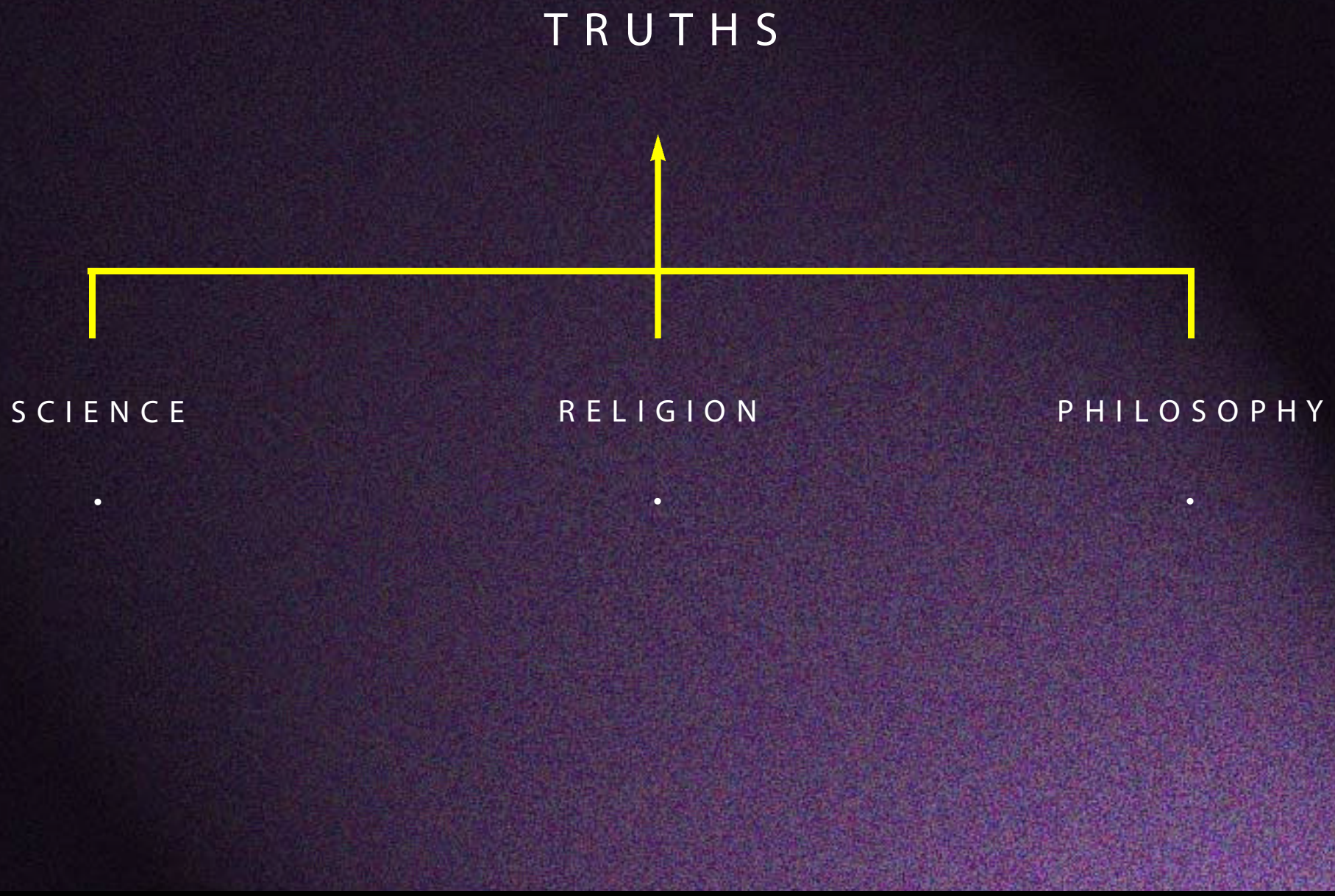

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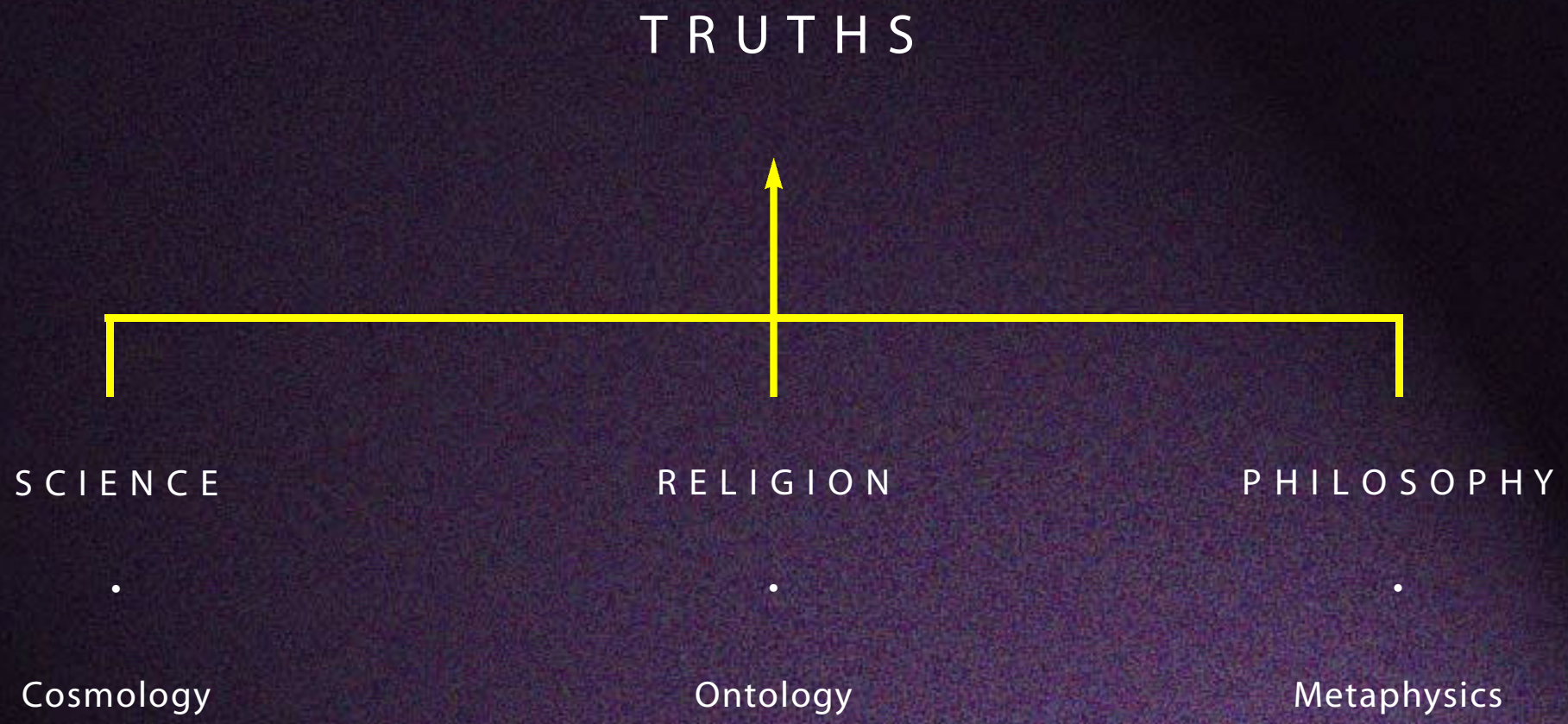

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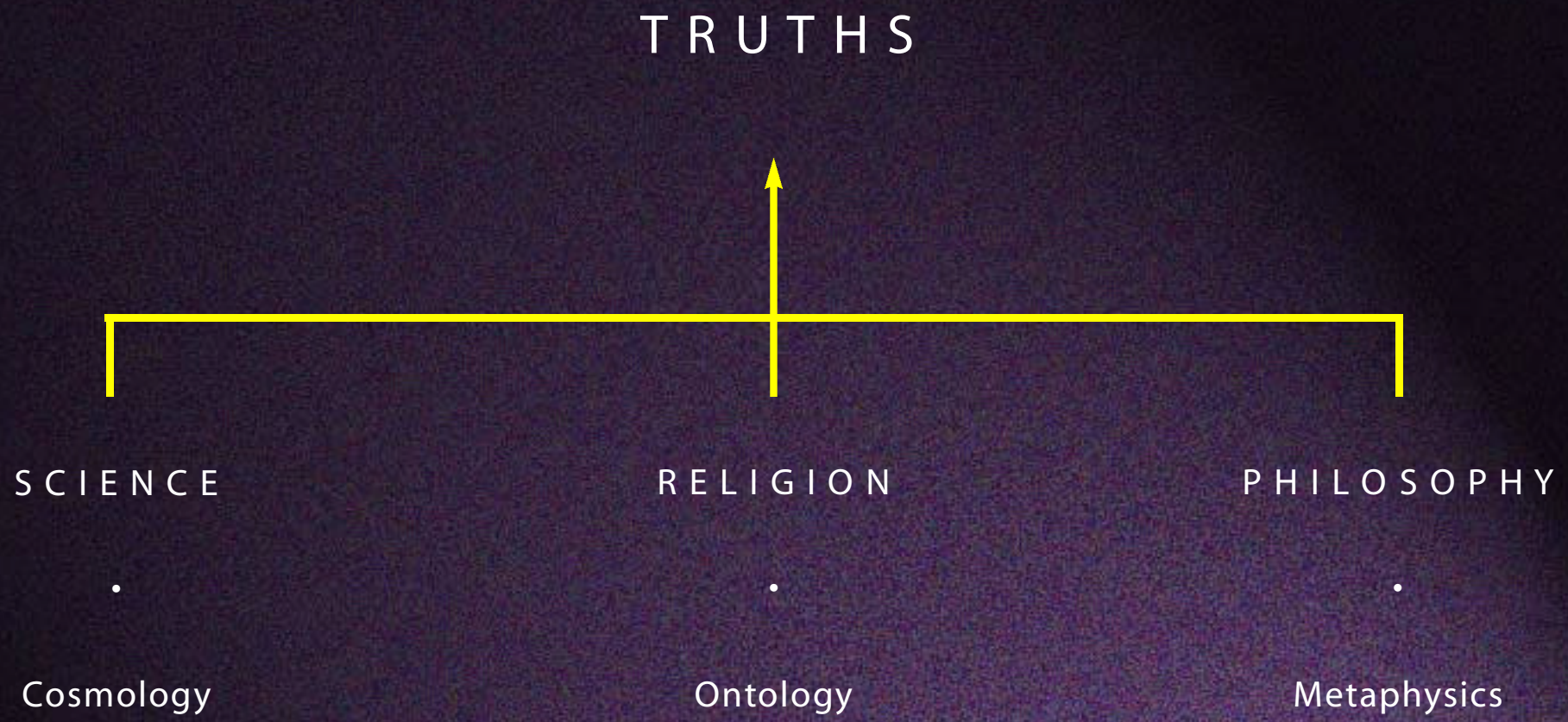

The three means we have of finding truths

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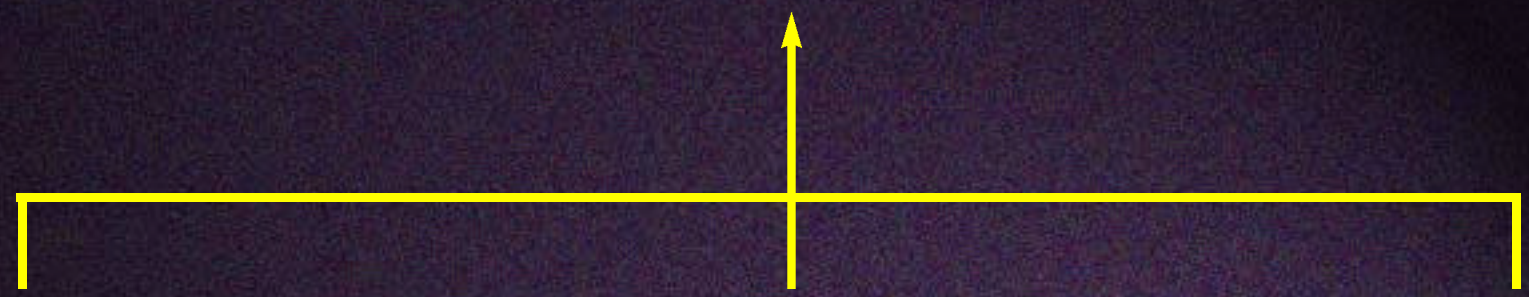

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are all searching for the answers to the same three questions.

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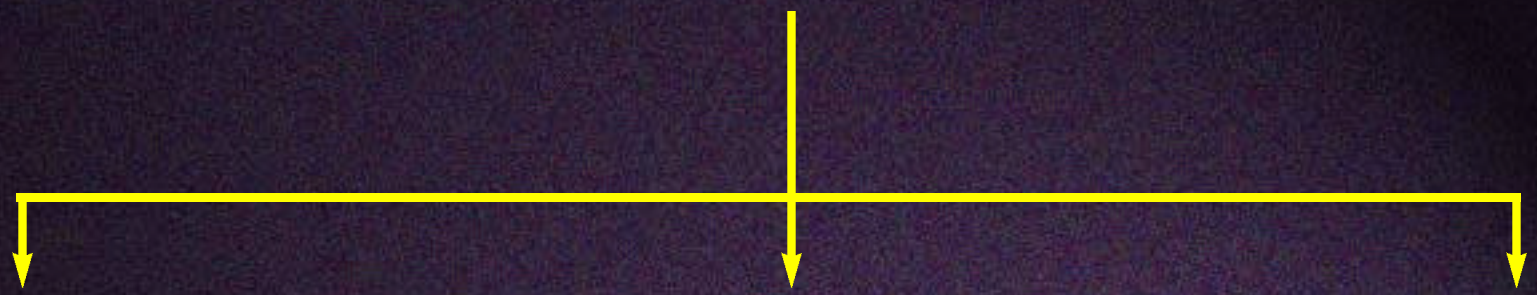

Where are we?

What are we?

Why do we exist?

All have found ‘truths’ to be elusive.

TRUTHS

All have stood tall with hands outstretched,

holding what they perceived to be ‘truths’,

TRUTHS

proudly offering to the rest of us the 'truths' they have worked so hard to discover

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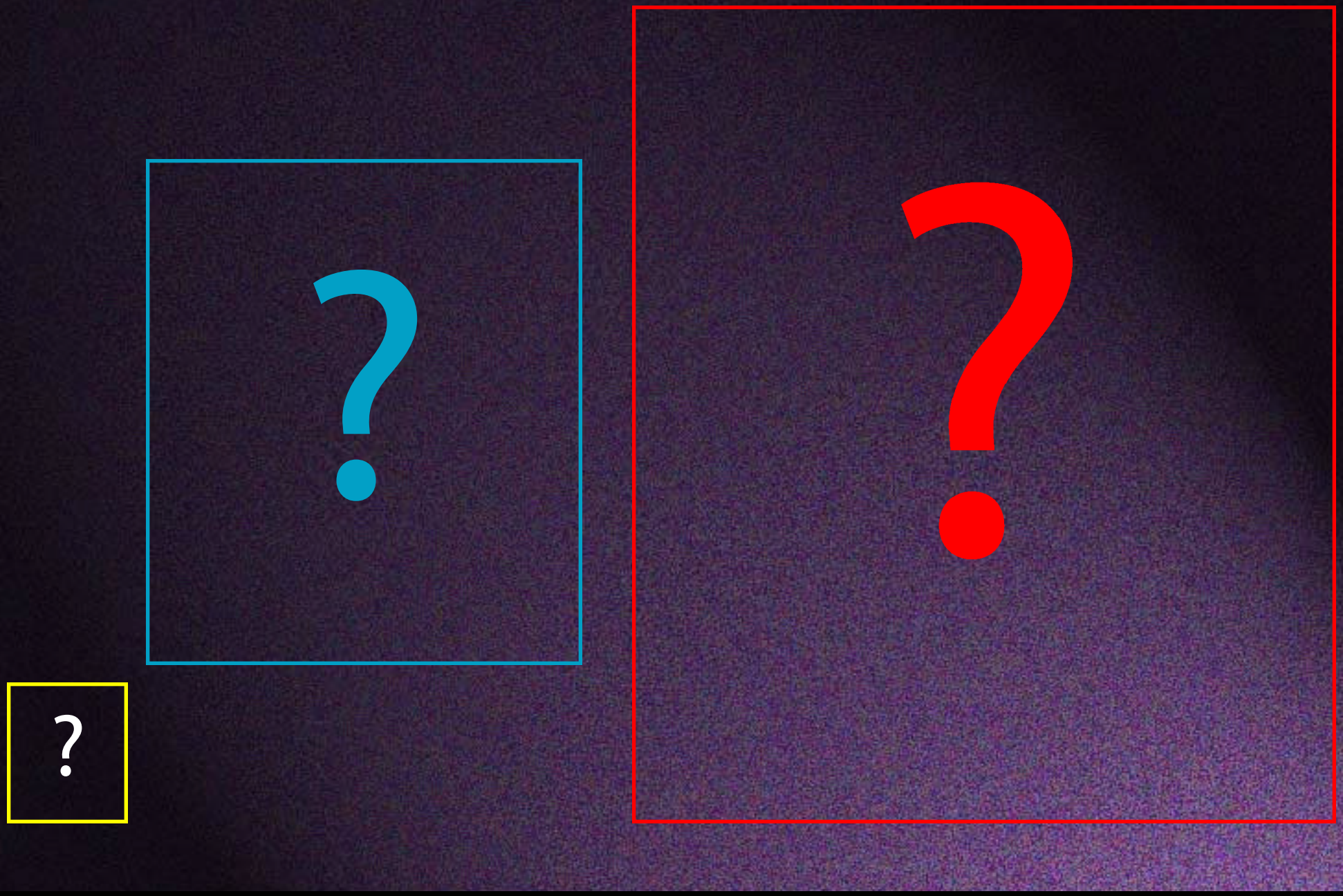
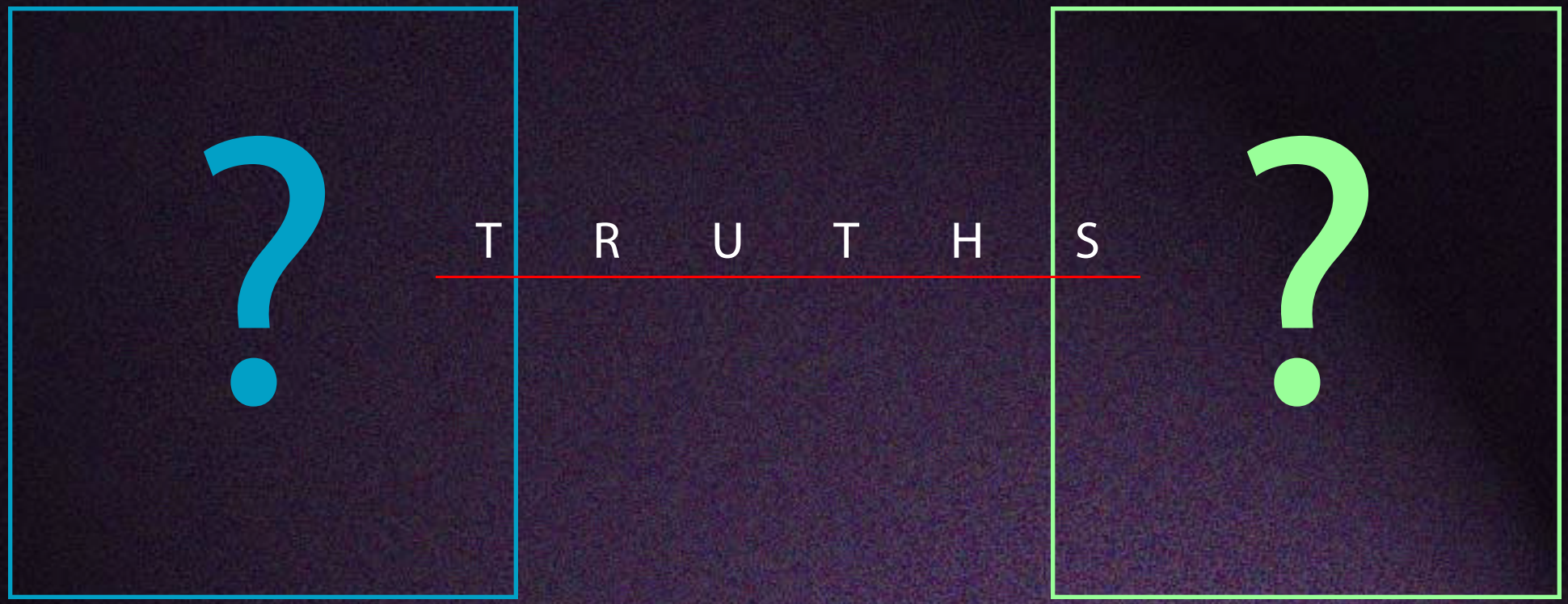
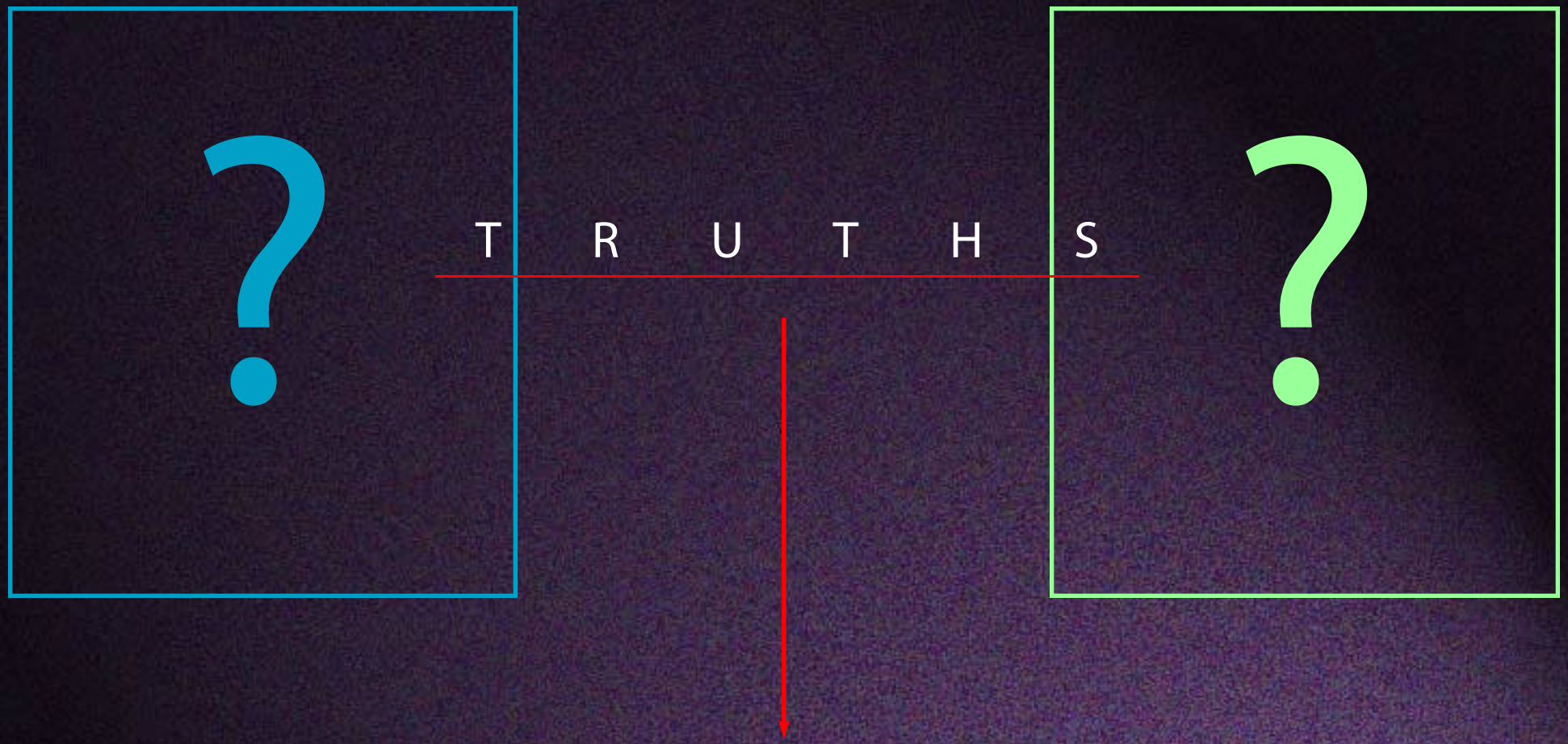
only to see these ‘truths’ evaporate in the vastness of time.



Truths - What can we know for sure? - At the outset, let us first say that we do not ‘know’ what ‘truths’ are.

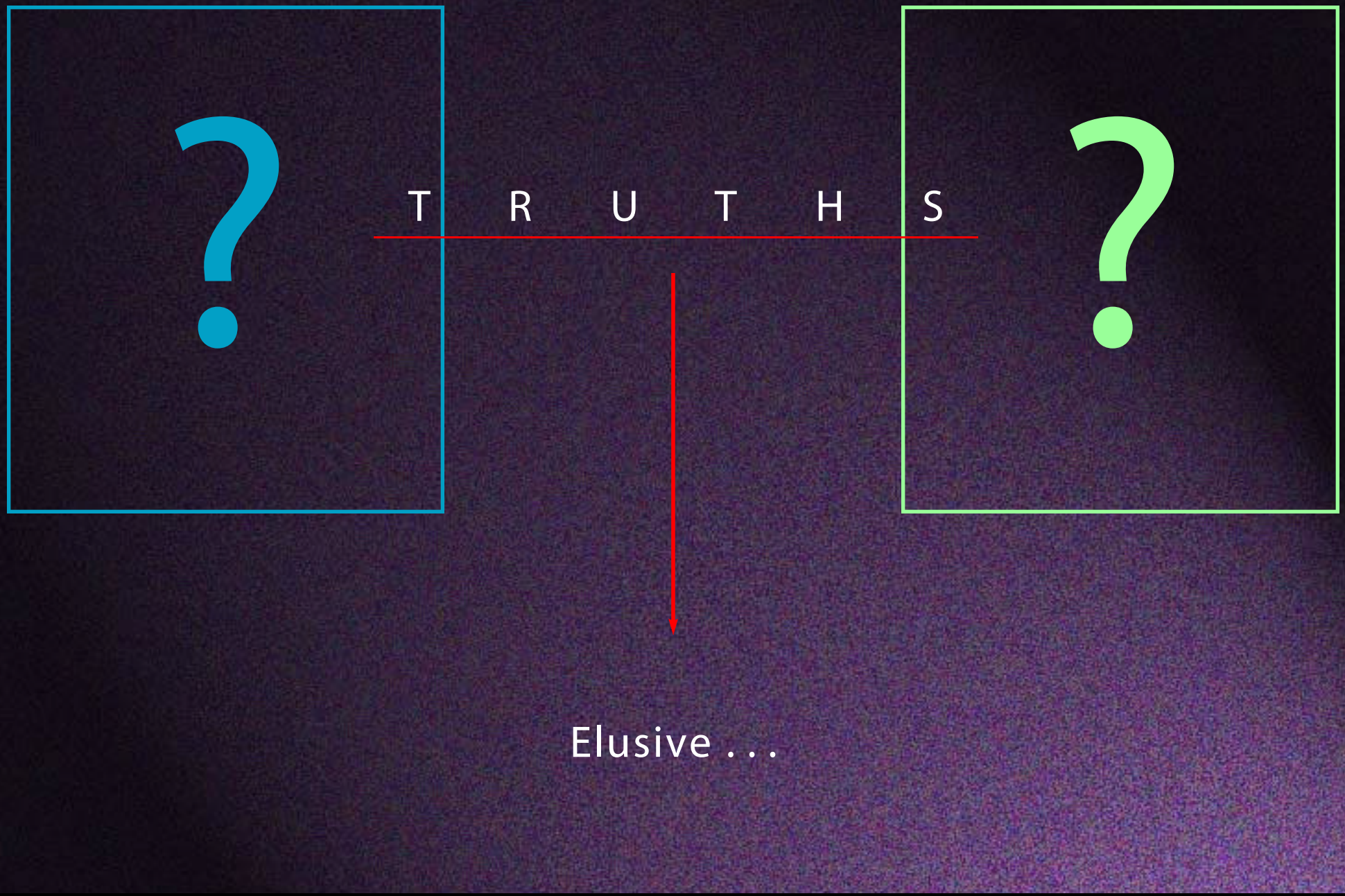


We can never be absolutely sure the truths we consider to be 'truths' are just that, 'truths'.

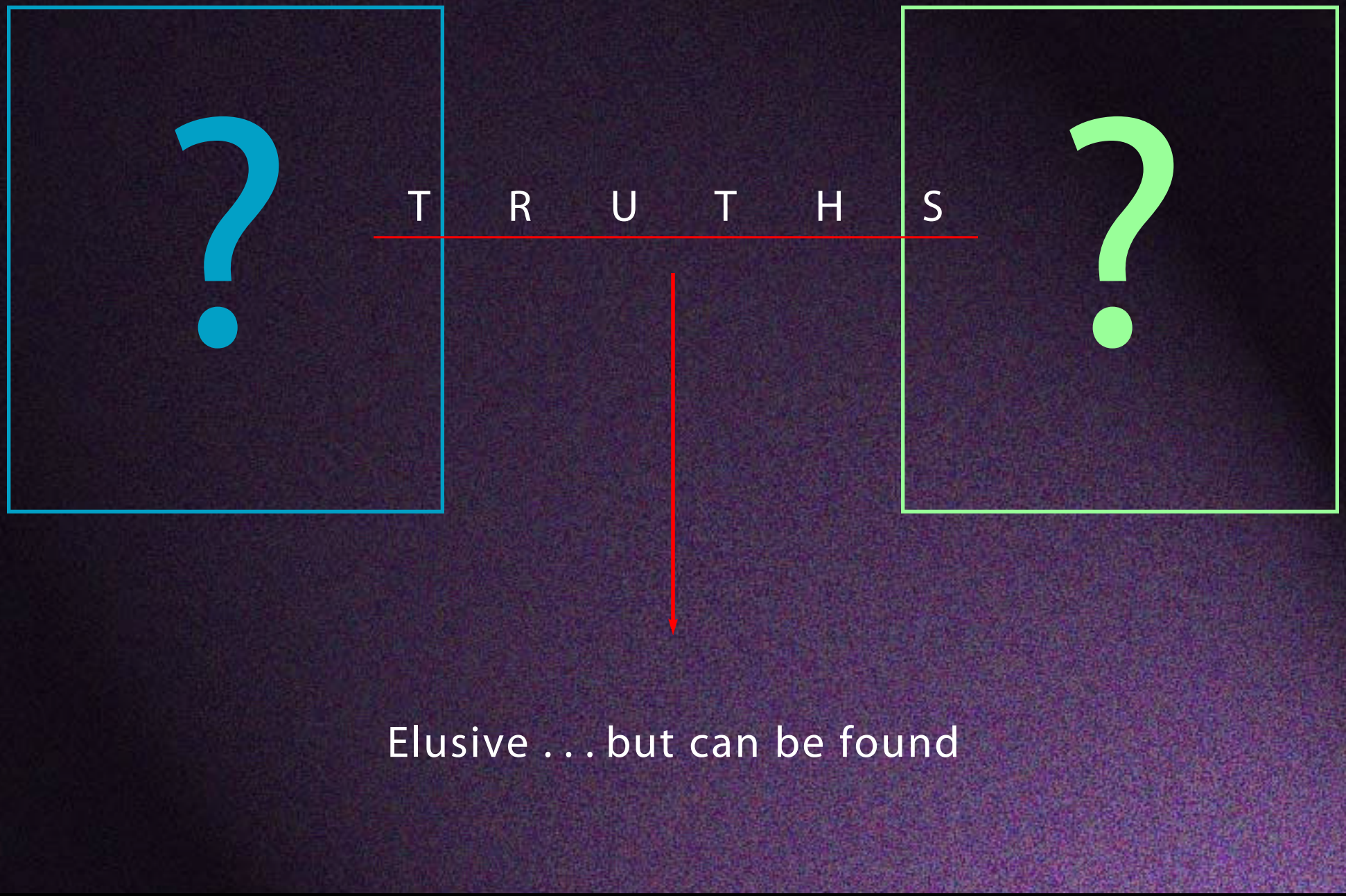


Making a Start - Defining ‘truths’

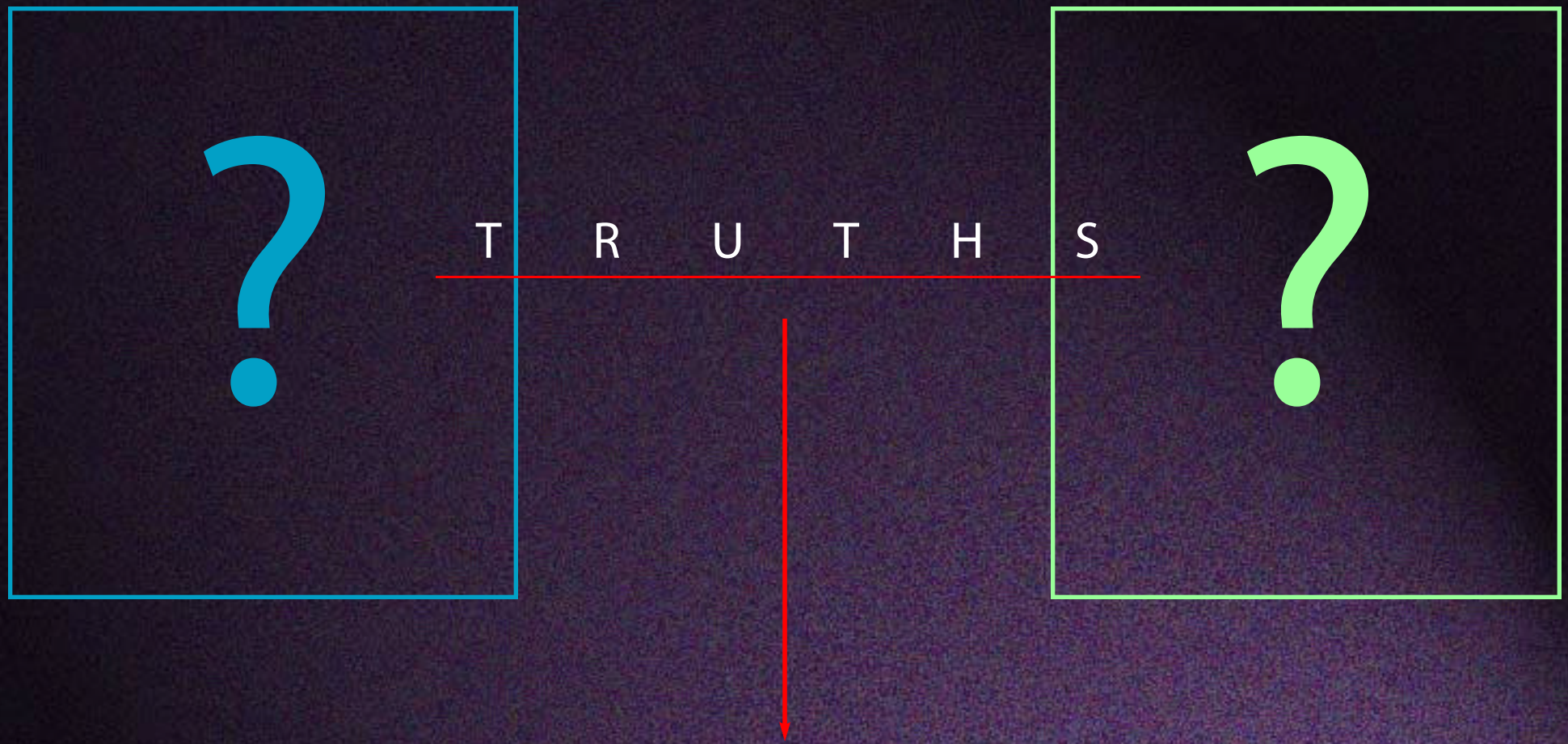
But we can make a start. We can define ‘truths’ as best we can and proceed from there.



It is the belief of the World Embracing Hope Foundation that truths, as elusive as truths may appear to be,



can be found nevertheless.



Elusive . . . but can be found . . . so, let's begin . . .

Having established this principle, let us
begin our search for truths.

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