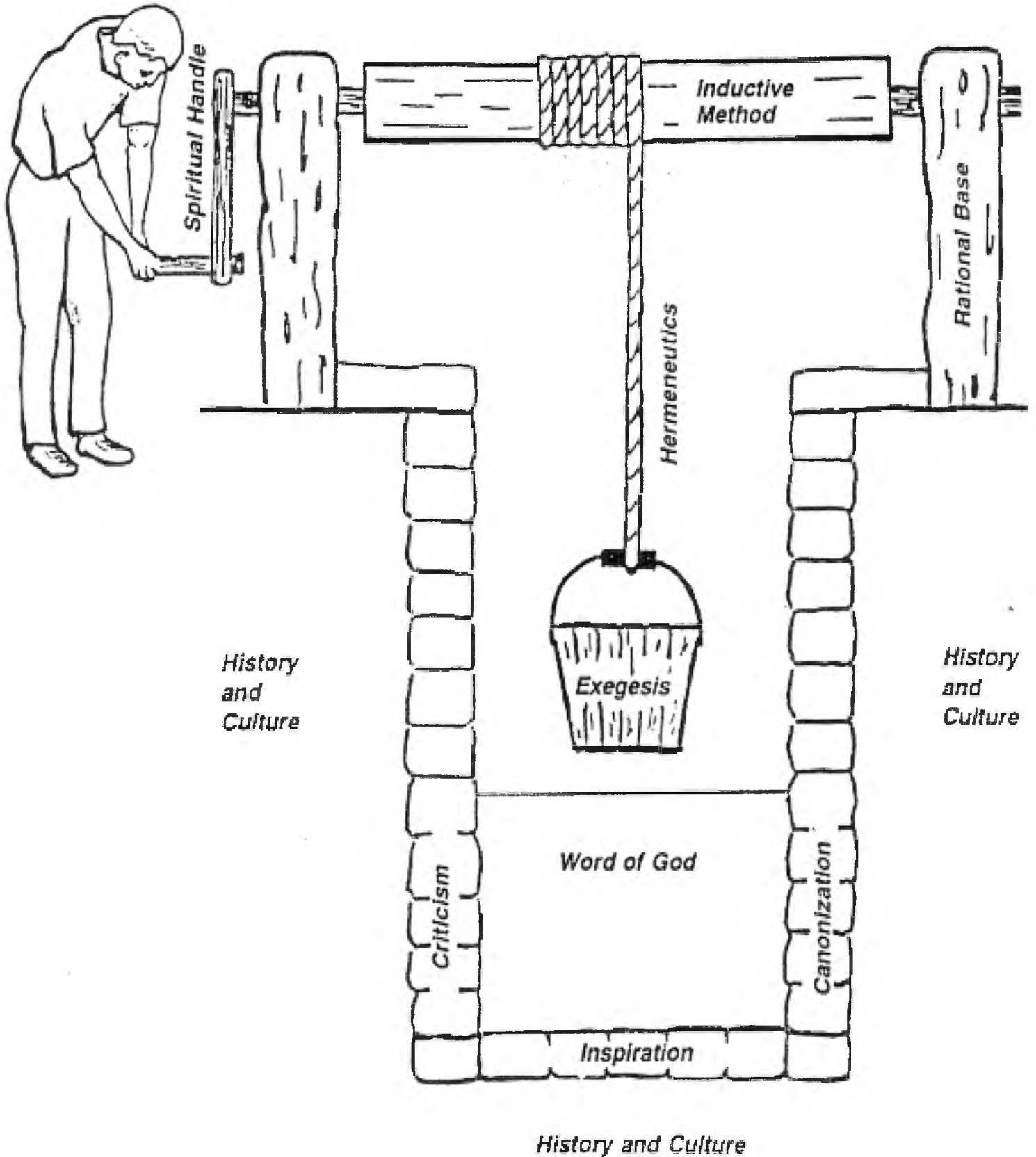


# THE FUNCTION OF HERMENEUTICS



## PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

1. MEDITATE, PRAY, OBEY AND BE OPEN
2. ASSUME THE CLARITY OF SCRIPTURE
3. STRESS THE PRIORITY OF THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGES
4. LOOK AT THE LITERARY CONTEXT
5. REMEMBER THE BASIC UNIT OF SCRIPTURE
6. LET SCRIPTURE INTERPRET SCRIPTURE
7. AVOID CONFUSION BETWEEN TRUTH AND THE INSPIRED RECORD
8. NEVER DETERMINE THE DOCTRINE FROM THE ILLUSTRATION
9. CHECK OUT THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND
10. AIM FOR ONE INTERPRETATION WITH MANY APPLICATIONS
11. ALWAYS PROCEED FROM THEN TO NOW
12. BE CAREFUL ABOUT SPIRITUALIZATION
13. ALLOW FOR THE FULLER MEANING OF SCRIPTURE
14. DETERMINE THE TEACHING INTENTION OF THE AUTHOR
15. DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE CULTURAL AND THE TRANSCULTURAL
16. DISCERN WHAT IS MORE CRITICAL AND WHAT IS LESS CRITICAL
17. RECOGNIZE THE FACT OF PROGRESSIVE REVELATION
18. COMPREHEND THE BIBLICAL COVENANTS
19. DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH
20. SEPARATE BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE RETURN
21. SUBMIT TO THE HIERARCHY OF SCRIPTURE
22. KNOW THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LITERATURE
23. UNDERSTAND THE USE OF LANGUAGE
24. HIGHLIGHT THE THEME OF SALVATION
25. APPRECIATE THAT ALL TRUTH HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED
26. ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE FINITE CANNOT COMPLETELY FATHOM THE INFINITE
27. BEWARE OF PRIDE AND PREJUDICE
28. WATCH OUT FOR HOBBY HORSES AND PET PEEVES
29. RESPECT THE INSIGHT OF OTHER CHRISTIANS
30. CONSIDER THE HISTORICAL INTERPRETATIONS OF THE TEXT