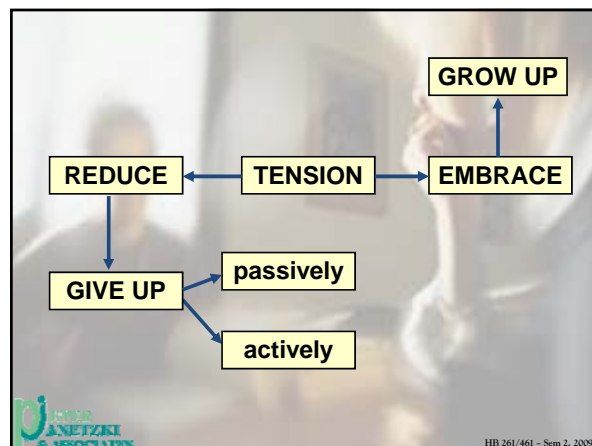


| | Compatibilist | Reconstructionalist | Transformationalist |
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| The Bible | Culturally relative therefore fixed and conditioned by the culture of its day. | Historically accurate - Must be taken literally. | Historically accurate - Inerrant in all that it affirms and its principles transcend time and culture. |
| The Fall & Its Impact upon human Kind | No fall - therefore the essence of God that exists within all people is not effected - corruption is a result of external influences hence its emphasis on social change and education. | The fall is a real historical event with cosmic consequences - the image of God within us is obliterated/ destroyed - therefore all is bad nothing is good within us. | The fall is a real historical event resulting in the image of God within us being corrupted/ marred/ damaged. |

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| Theol | Liberal/ rational | Dogmatic/ fundamentalist | Orthodox/ mid-ground |
| View of salvation | Social change and education to counter the corruption of people. | A personal response to Christ which results in the demolishing of the person followed by a rebuilding work of God. | A personal response to Christ which is followed by a journey/ process of renewal/ renovation/ restoration. This process is unique for each person and involves many and varying stages. |

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| Epistemology | All secular knowledge is compatible with Scripture. Secular knowledge is autonomous therefore Scripture can not be used to evaluate it. | Secular knowledge is of no value. Scripture alone is the source knowledge. | There is a form of knowing outside a relationship with Christ however true knowing happens in a relationship with Christ. Revealed truth in the Scriptures has the purpose of transforming us. Secular knowledge is of value provided it is critically evaluated by Scriptural absolutes and is transformed by reinterpreting it into a Christian framework. |



The Paradox of Human Nature

“Original Sin” vs “Original Blessing”

“Original Sin” - our propensity towards laziness, fear & narcissism


“Original Blessing”- our ability to alter human nature, to change and grow - if we choose to do so



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“I would define an idealist as one who believes in the capacity for transformation of human nature. I am not, however, a romantic. I would define a romantic as one who not only believes in the capacity for transformation of human nature but also believes it ought to be easy. Romantics gravitate to simplistic formulas such as “love conquers all.” In my work as a psychiatrist it gradually became clear to me that many would not change and grow despite all the love in the world. Changing human nature isn’t easy. But it is possible.”


(Peck, 1997, p.215)



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“Most patients come to psychotherapy asking to change one way or another. But from the moment therapy begins, they start acting as if change were the last thing that they want to do, and they will often fight against it tooth and nail. Psychotherapy, designed to liberate, shines the light on the truth upon ourselves. The adage “The truth will set you free, but first it will make you damn mad” reflects the resistance of our human nature to change. It is clearly not easy for us to change. But it is possible-and that is our glory as human beings.”

(Peck, 1997, p.216)




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We move forward when our discomfort with the present outweighs our fear of growth.

(Schnarch 1997, p.368)

I remember a friend saying that when the pain of remaining the same is greater than the pain of change, you’ll change.

(Walsh 1996, p.30)



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Case Conceptualisation

As we join and journey we collect pieces of a picture

Therefore we need to listen well so that we get the right pieces so that we construct the right picture




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All therapists construct a picture of the client’s problem

The skilled therapist effectively uses skills & strategies as tools to enable them to construct the client’s problem

Therefore construct the picture well!




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