

HT 502

Class 12 CHRISTIANITY IN THE MODERN ERA (1880–1960)

The Evangelical Reaction to New Theology, the Period of Polarization (1910–1930)

The Evangelical Reaction to New Theology, the Period of Reorganization (1930–1950)

The Fracture of the American Evangelical Consensus (1950–Present)

OUTLINE OF AMERICAN CHURCH HISTORY

Historically

Colonial Era	National Era	Modern Era	Post-Modern Era
Age of Divine Sovereignty	Age of Biblistic Rationalism, Common Sense	Age of Rationalism, Science	Age of Privatism, Despair, Self
Theocentrism	Biblicistic Rationalism	Autonomous Rationalism	Individualism

Theologically

Course Overview

- I. Christianity and the Age of Enlightenment in Europe (1600–1800)
- II. Christianity in the Era of British Colonialism (1600–1776)
 - *The Rise of Pietism
- III. Christianity in the National Era (1776–1880)
- IV. Christianity in the Modern Era (1880–1963)**
- V. Christianity in the Post-Modern Era (1960–2021)

III. The Modern Era (1880–1960)

A. Background: Religious Events and Movements in Europe.

B. The Development of American Liberal Theology.

C. The Development of Response to Denominational Latitudinarianism.

D. The Charismatic Movement in America.

E. The 20th Century Evangelical Reaction and Assimilation.

F. The Modern Civil Rights Movement.

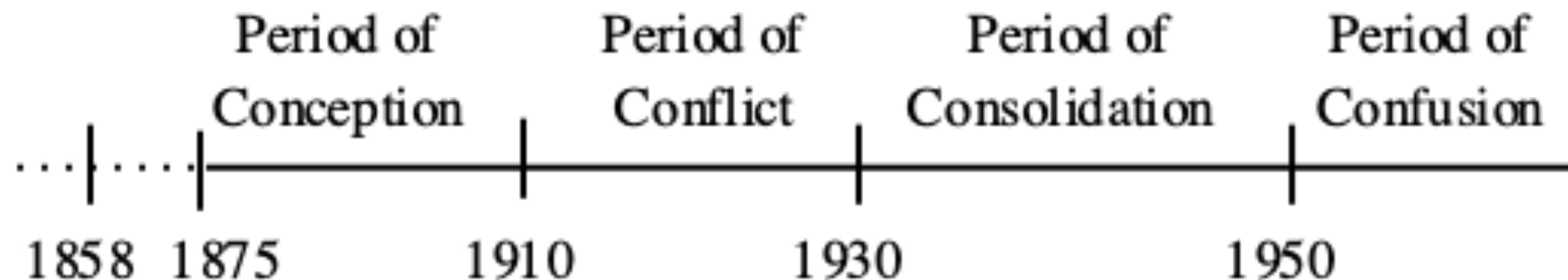
G. The Current State of Mainline Denominationalism.

H. The State of Roman Catholicism in America post-Vatican I.

I. The Modern Ecumenical Movement.

IV. The Post-Modern Era (1960–present)

The History of the Rise and Development of the Evangelical Movement



The History of American Evangelicalism

Denominational Strife:
The Emergence of
Evangelicalism

The Triumph of
Evangelicalism

The Decline of
Evangelicalism (?):
The Rise of Neo Liberal
Evangelicalism

1880

1930

1980

Evangelicalism's Triumph,
Evangelicalism Today
(1930–Present)

The Realignment of Evangelicalism in the 1930s and 1940s

**Traditional
American
Denominationalism**



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New Denominational Groups

New Interdenominational Groups

New Nondenominational Groups

Independent Church Movement

The Presbyterian Separatist Movement

Presbyterian Church, USA

Orthodox Presbyterian Church

1936

Bible Presbyterian Church

1938

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Reformed
Presbyterian Church**

Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod

1965 Evangelical Synod

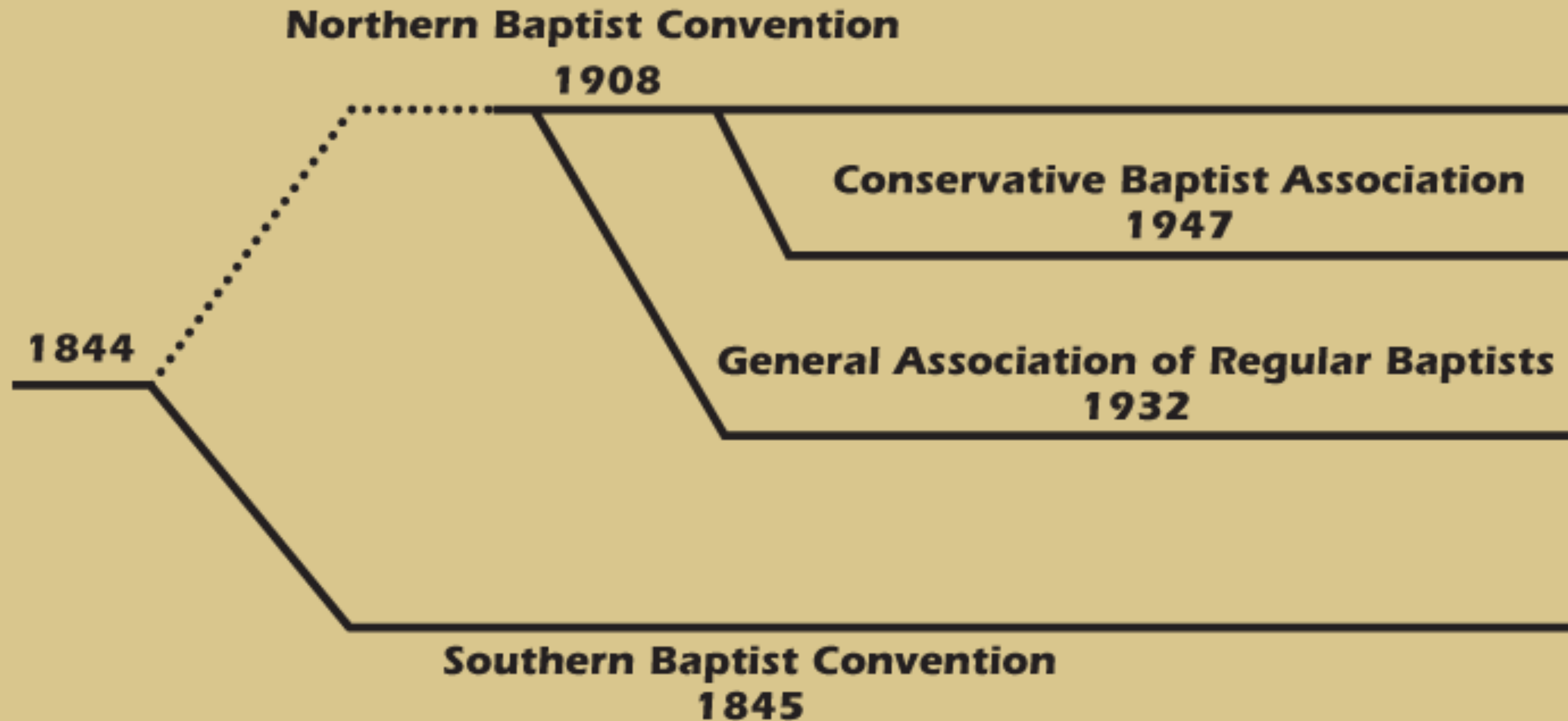
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The Restructuring of Evangelicalism:

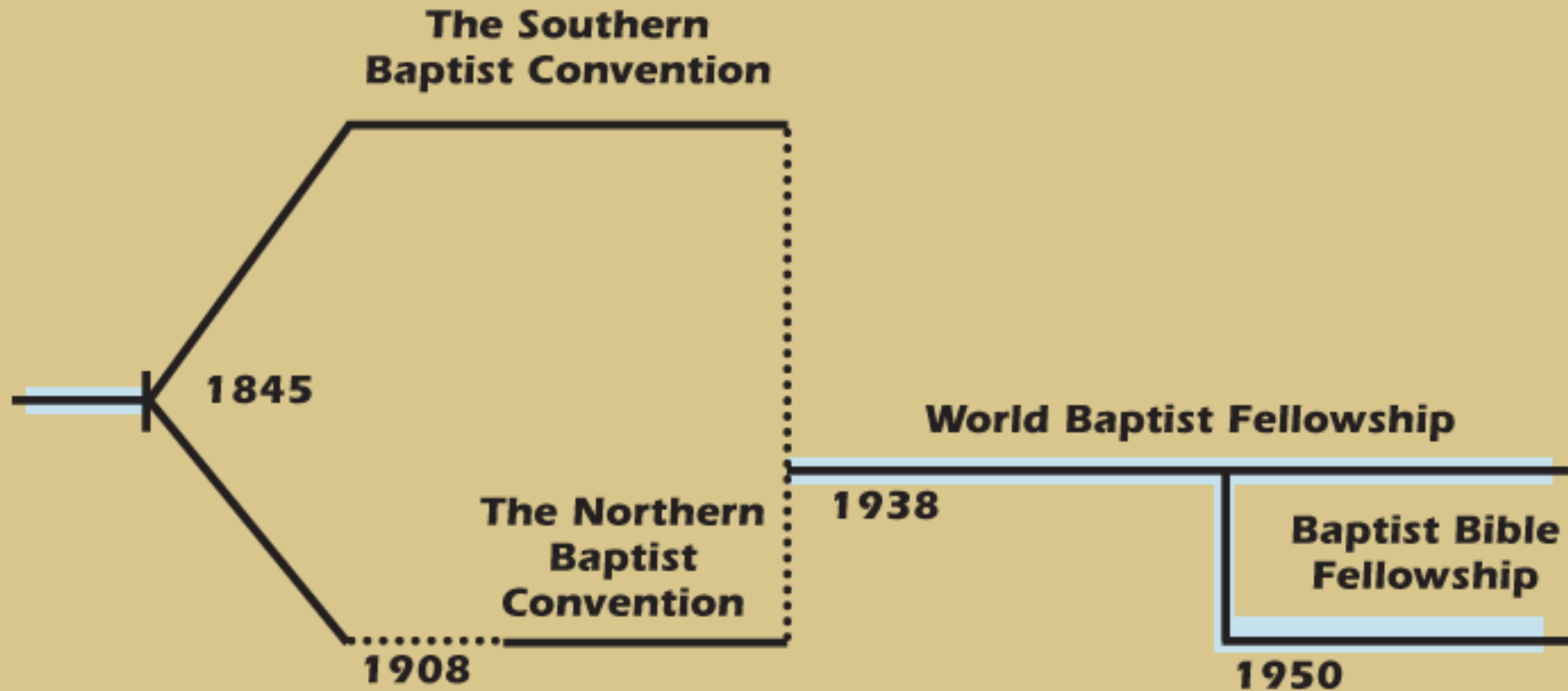
The Building of a New Coalition



The Northern Baptist Separatist Movement



Baptist Separatism: The Baptist Bible Fellowship



The Methodist Separatist Movement

Methodist Protestant Church

Methodist Protestant Church

1939

North
Methodist Episcopal Church

Bible Protestant Church

1939

South
Methodist Episcopal Church

1939

The Methodist Church

Evangelical Methodist Church

1946

Evangelical Methodist
in America

1956

Southern Methodist Church

1945

Fundamental Methodist Church

1942

The Emergence of Interdenominational, Cooperative, Separatist Organizations



The Origins of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America

**American
Conference of
Undenominational
Churches**

**Christian
Fundamental
Ministers Union**

(Chicago Congregationalists)

1930

IFCA

The diagram features a horizontal timeline. Two blue boxes on the left, labeled 'American Conference of Undenominational Churches' and 'Christian Fundamental Ministers Union (Chicago Congregationalists)', have arrows pointing to a vertical tick mark on a horizontal line. Below the tick mark is the year '1930'. To the right of the tick mark, the line continues as a thick blue bar, with the label 'IFCA' positioned above it.

The Spectrum of Fundamentalism (Shelly)



Militant
Fundamentalism

Pietistic
Fundamentalism

Rationalistic
Fundamentalism

The Spectrum of Fundamentalism (Quebedeaux)



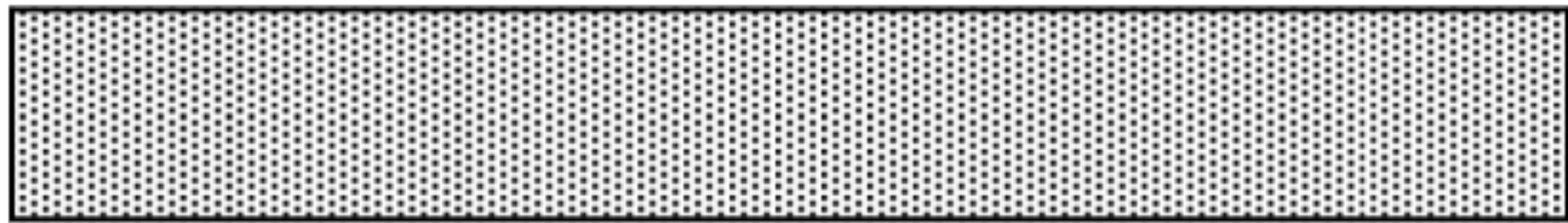
Separatist
Fundamentalism

Open
Fundamentalism

Establishment
Fundamentalism

New
Fundamentalism

The Spectrum of Fundamentalism Today



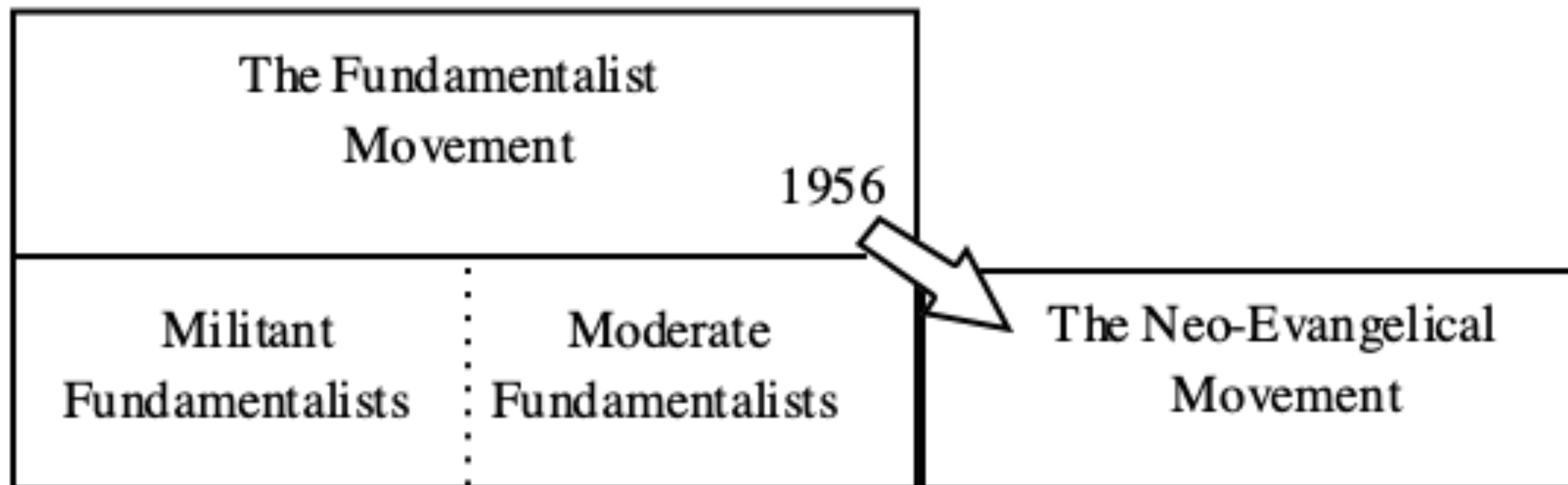
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Neo-Evangelicals

Moderate
Fundamentalists

Ultra
Fundamentalists

So-Called
"Fundamentalists"

The Face of Evangelicalism in America



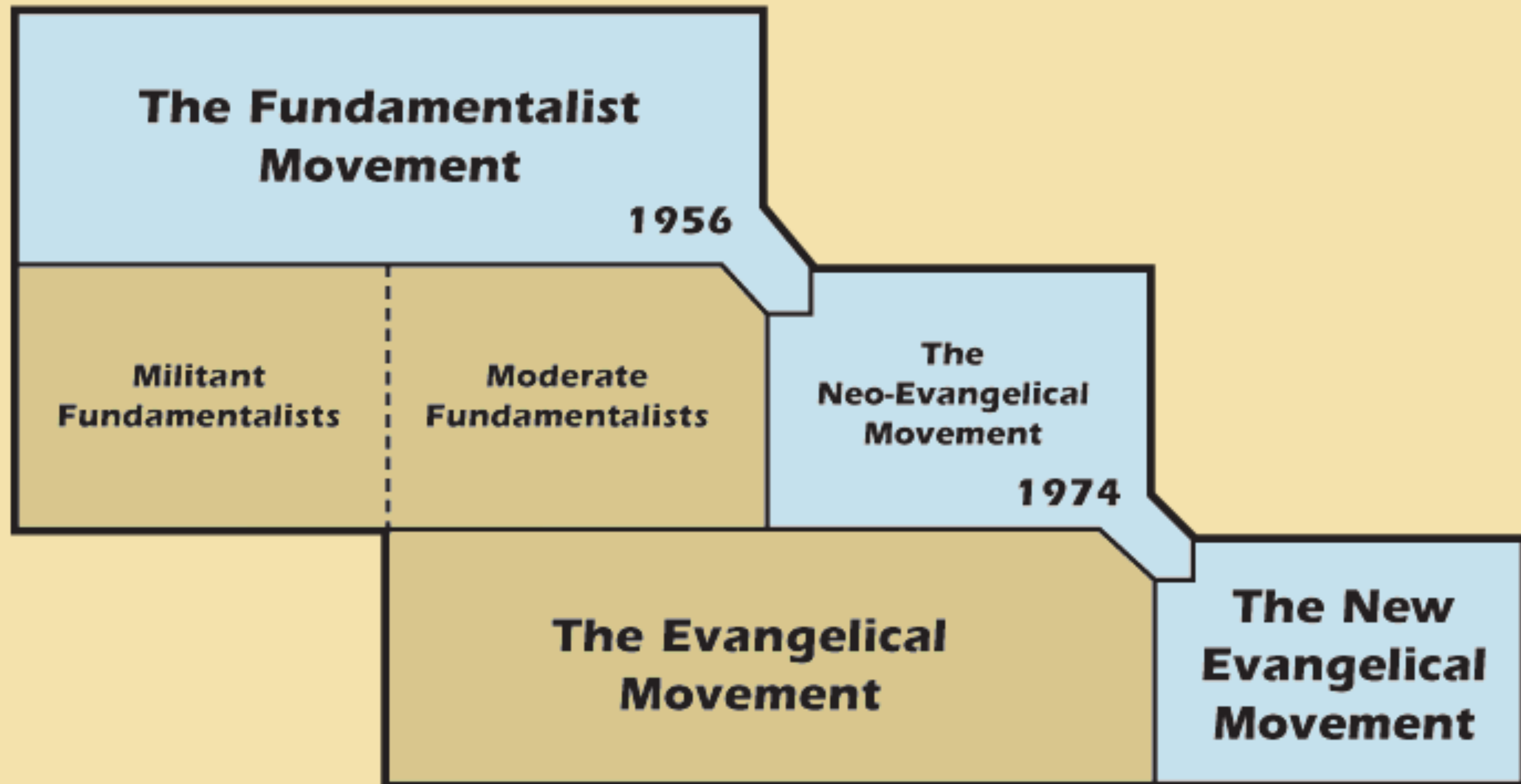
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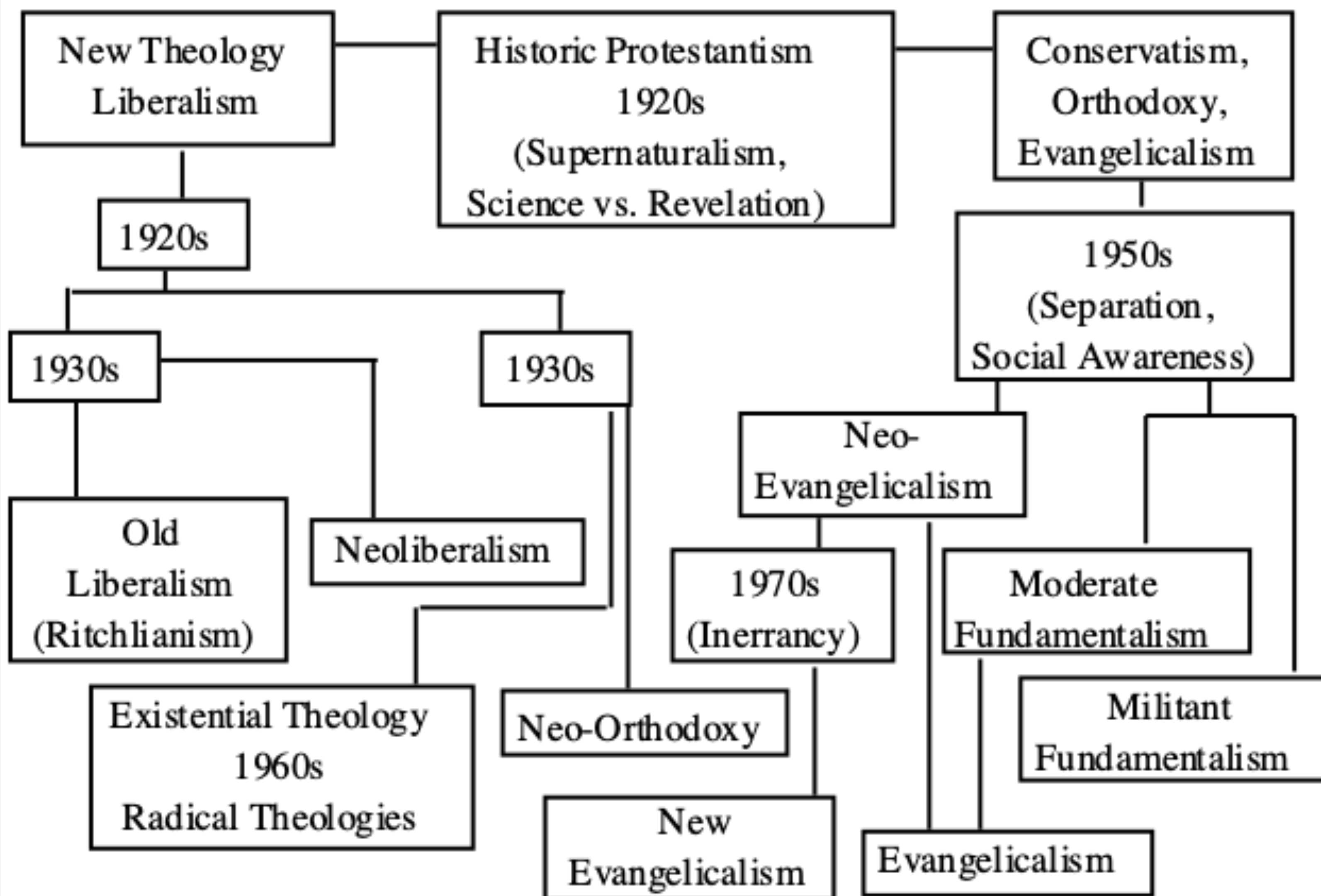
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The Fracturing of the Evangelical Consensus:

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The Shape of the Present



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American Evangelicalism: Caught in Change

"Evangelicalism indeed is in the midst of a crisis"
(S. Grenz, *Revisioning Evangelical Theology*, 14)

