

# CALVINISM & RECIPROCAL NARROWING



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I can't see this verse outside of a Calvinistic mindset. I hope you do a video on this verse.

John 3:27 "John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven."

# John 3:27 (KJV)

<sup>27</sup> John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

The phenomenon of people seeing verses like this as supporting Calvinism shows that Calvinism is functionally the opposite of insight. Calvinism serves as a blockage to cognitive fluency.

Insight is a rapid increase in cognitive fluency.

Calvinism serves as a rapid decrease in cognitive fluency. The rest of these slides will demonstrate this.

# AGENCY ARENA RECIPROCALITY

- Wisdom, Discernment
- Equanimity
- Meta-paradigmatic
- Ego-transcendence
- Faithful, Hopeful
- Present
- Adaptability
- Versatility
- Flexibility
- Aspirational

Arena closes itself to the individual.

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ARENA

Individual's perception of environment



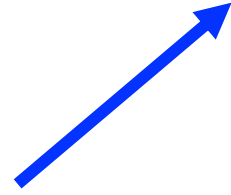
ATTUNEMENT

Alignment of the individual's capacity to impact the environment in ways that afford increased agency and favorable arena modification



AGENCY

Individual's capacity to act in in a meaningful way



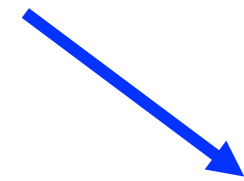
Arena opens its possibilities to the subject.

Increasing perception that the arena can be favorably modified.

## RECIPROCAL OPENING

Individual opens his potential and capacities to act meaningfully the arena.

I can transform into whatever is necessary to best maximize what possibilities the arena affords.



Individual opens himself to the Arena.

The more closing happens, the more closing is caused.

The environment cannot be anything other than what it is (how it is subjectively perceived).  
Arena decreasing potential to be favorably modified

## RECIPROCAL NARROWING

I have decreasing capacity to act meaningfully in the arena.  
I cannot be anything other than how I currently perceive myself.  
I cannot be different than how I am.

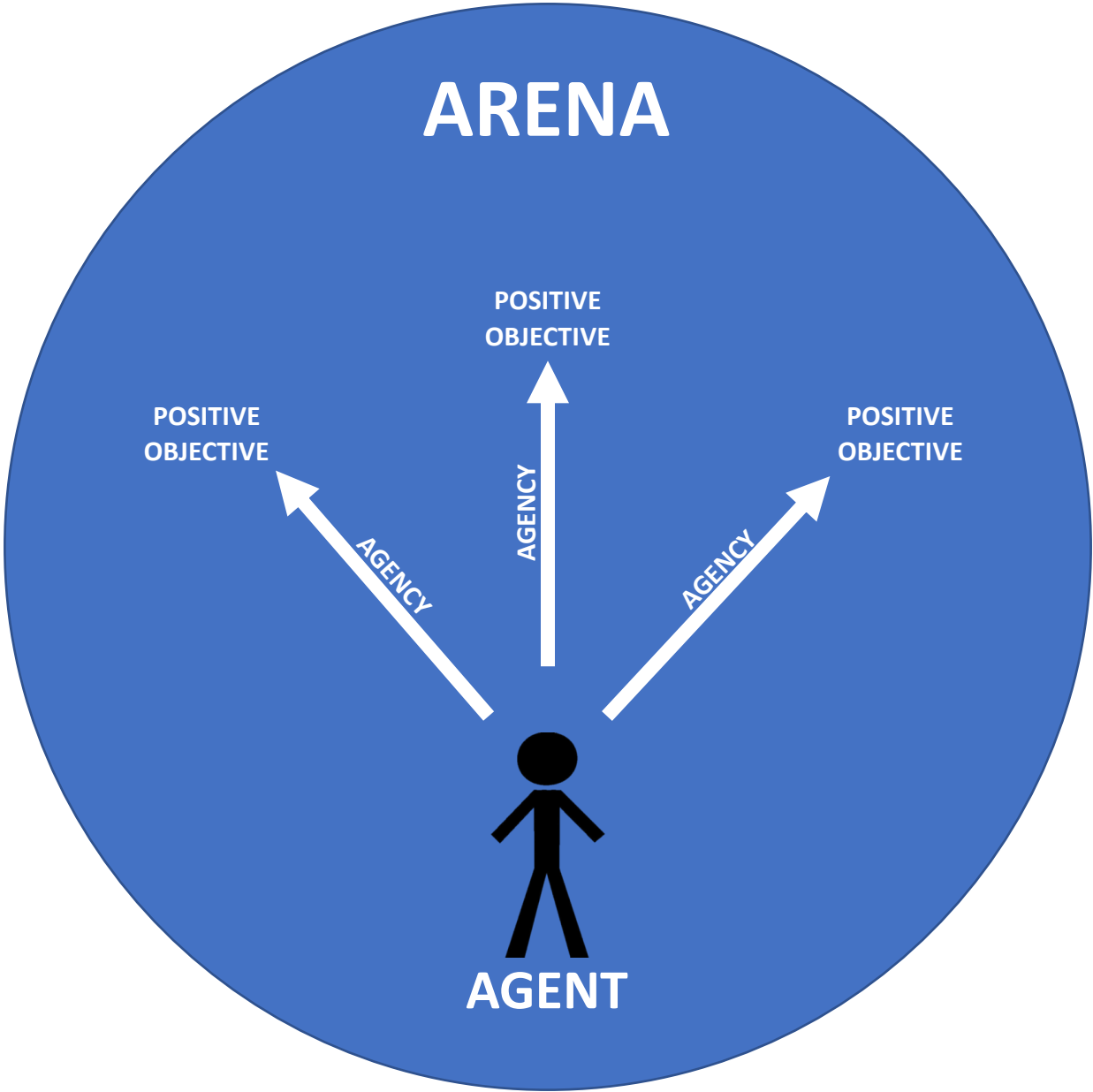
Individual closes himself to the Arena.

- Foolishness, Addiction
- Ideological possession**
- Outsourced sensemaking
- Schematic Judgment
- Learned Helplessness**
- Depression, despair
- Hopelessness, **Resentment**
- Anxiety/Panic
- Difficult Circumstances
- Propositional Tyranny**

Propositional tyranny is the emphasis of the willful assertion of credal propositions at the expense of:

- Procedural knowledge
- Perspectival knowledge
- Participatory knowledge

It's associated with the process of confusing willful assertion for "faith" and thinking that emphasizing it strongly enough is a suitable substitute for sound epistemological certainty.



## 2 Timothy 2:24–26 (KJV)

<sup>24</sup> And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,

<sup>25</sup> In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

<sup>26</sup> And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.



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