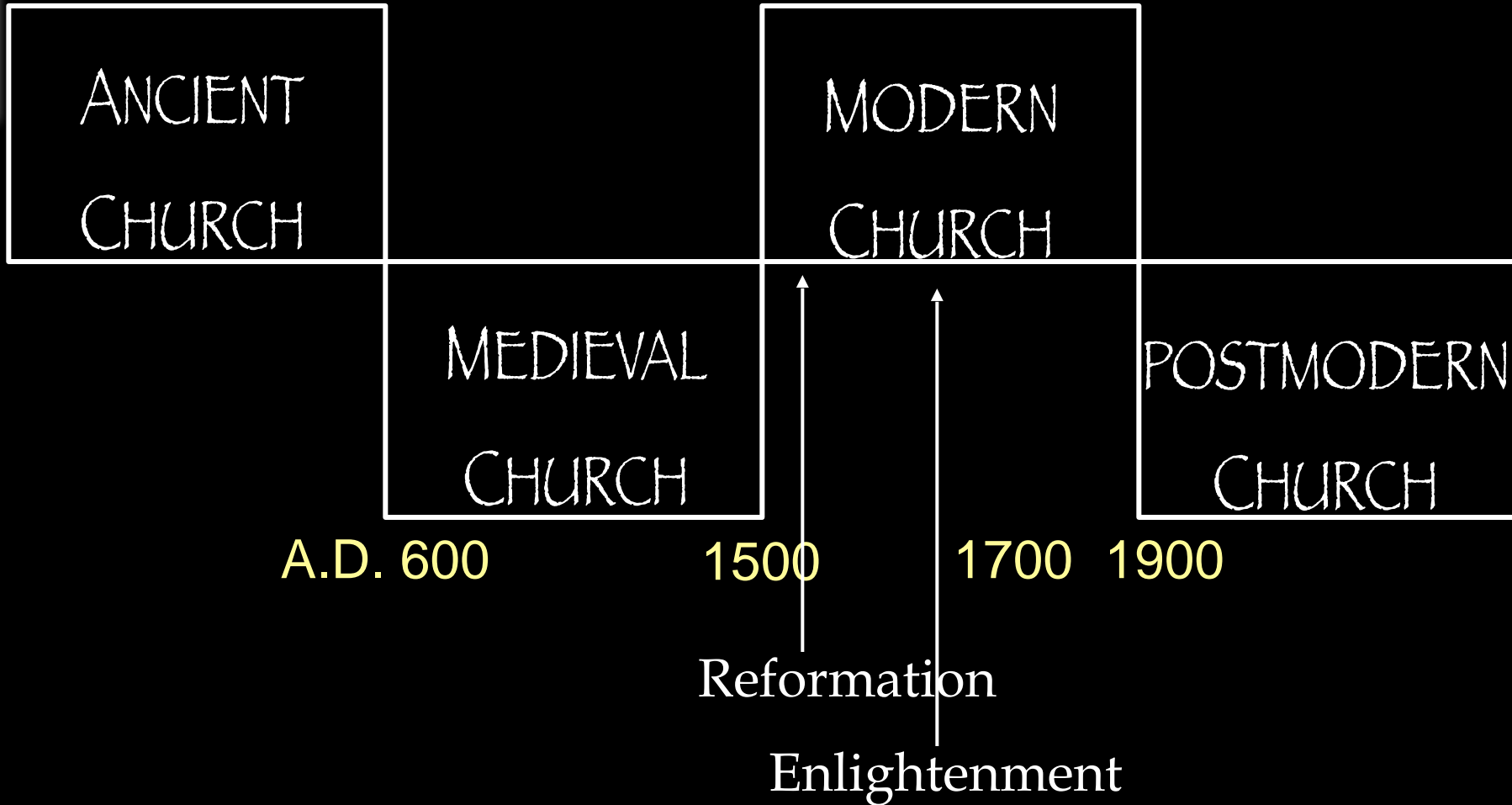


DIVISIONS OF CHURCH HISTORY



THE ANCIENT CHURCH

A.D. 100-600

AGE
OF THE
APOSTOLIC
FATHERS

AGE
OF THE
APOLOGISTS

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OF THE
THEOLOGIAN

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The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception Divine Viewpoint	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
	TRADITION	Combination of above; institutional, creaturely authority	Historical validation
	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

PRE-MODERN EPISTEMOLOGY

**Divine
Omniscience**

**Human
Knowledge:
Derivative,
Dependent**

