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**Summary/ Abstract:** Ideas are compressed experience, some personal and some social. We are all constrained by present experience.

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I think through and develop the ideas below all by myself; but it will probably be the basic canons in hermeneutics

Premises	Examples / elaboration
<p>(1) <b><u>Ideas are compressed and manifested experience.</u></b>                      Every day we have lots of experiences. We feel, reflect and summarize them, express and manifest them in ideas. Ideas are inevitably, selected experience.</p>	<p>I have experience that a third language is important. I feel the need for a third language for G.T. students.                      So I compress and manifest this experience into an idea, presenting it in a memo and discuss with colleagues.</p>
<p>(2) <b>The study of history gives us ideas, not real-life experience.</b></p>	<p>Progressive education is an idea compressed and manifested in an era (1960 – 1920) in which some people practice and experience in education.                      When I (1960 – 2020) study progressive education, I note the ideas and a lot of sub-ideas but I have no real-life experience of that period.</p>
<p>(3) <b>Understanding by the present experience</b>                      We use present day real-life experience to understand past experience (history) °</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We use today's spectacles to view previous / historical events.</p>	<p>The ideas below belong to history.</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Co-education 1910 vs 1960</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Elope 1950 vs 2000</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Passport 1850 vs 1950</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Saturday night fever &amp; dance 1900 vs 1970</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Skyscraper 1800 vs 1920</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Mask 1915 vs 2020</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Pakistan 1850 vs 1950</div> </div>