

Introduction to Worldviews

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Worldview

- 1) What Is It?**
- 2) Why Does It Matter?**
- 3) How Do We Choose One?**

What is a Worldview?

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Matthew 6:22-23

Definition:

The framework of beliefs, values, knowledge, and emotions through which you understand the world. Simply put, your worldview is your whole view of reality.

Our views differ, but not in everything.

- * We use the same human senses**
- * We are viewing the same real world**
- * We can't escape certain common beliefs like "I exist."**
- * We can't escape certain values like, "Cowardice is shameful."**
- * We can't escape certain understandings like $1 + 1 = 2$**

Why Does Worldview Thinking Matter?

- 1) Facts Don't Interpret Themselves**
- 2) A Better Engine Means Better Performance**
- 3) It's Biblical.**

A) Scripture Shows Worldview Awareness

[False prophets] are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us.

1 John 4:5-6

B) Develop your Worldview

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12:2

C) Have a Mind Like Christ

“For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16

**How Do We
Choose A
Worldview?**

Test One

Origin: Can You Take It To The Start?

Test Two

**Meaning: Can You Take It to the
Cleaners?**

This is what the LORD says: 'Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the sky, though the nations are terrified by them. For the customs of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel. They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter. Like a scarecrow in a melon patch, their idols cannot speak; they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good.

Jeremiah 10:1-5

Test Three

Coherence: Can You Take It Apart?

Test Four

**Morality: Can You Take It
Home To Mama?**

Test Five

Destiny: Can You Take It To the Grave?

Test Six

**Functionality: Can You Take It
To the Bank?**

Atheism

- * Origin? **Nature (Evolution)**
- * Meaning? **Subjectivism**
- * Coherence? **Mechanistic Pluralism**
- * Morality? **Relativism**
- * Destiny? **The Grave**
- * Function? **Absurdism**

Pantheism

- * Origin? **Beginningless (Divine)**
- * Meaning? **Harmony with “The One”**
- * Coherence? **Monism**
- * Morality? **Karma**
- * Destiny? **Reincarnation/Extinction**
- * Function? **Egotism**

Christian Theism

- * Origin? **Creation Out of Nothing**
- * Meaning? **Worship and Enjoy God**
- * Coherence? **Divine Sovereignty**
- * Morality? **Foundationalism**
- * Destiny? **Heaven or Hell**
- * Function? **Fruits of the Spirit**

***To Gain the Mind of Christ. . .
Pursue Christ (Discipleship)***

- 1) Bible Study**
- 2) Prayer**
- 3) Obedience**

***Knowing Your Worldview:
Thinking Like Christ***

**Change Your Mind and You've
Changed Your Life**