**God’s Great Gift to Mankind: A Biblical worldview**
(as opposed to wrong thinking: Prov. 26:12; I Cor. 8:2; Gal. 6:3)

***There is a Cosmic Battle for Control of your Mind & thoughts***:

Ephesians 6:17 warns us to “Put on the helmet of salvation” to protect our mind from satanic deceptions (Eph. 6:11-13; 4:14; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9). Are You winning that Battle? (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:17)

**Definition**:

“***A worldview is a set of beliefs about the most important issues in life***”

 Our worldview determines our views & stand on: Religion; social issues; education; Politics & economics. We need God’s help through His Word to develop a true, good, & healthy Worldview (Isa. 55:8-9)

Worldviews impact Society. Humanists, Materialist, & Leftist Worldviews oppose Biblical truth on every major issue [*Fuels conflict*].

**God’s Word Exposes False Worldviews**

Humanist, Marxist, Leftist, Liberal worldviews dominate media, the Education system, mainstream news & Hollywood. They are all founded on “**Naturalism**” or “**materialism**.” God’s Word reveals the “spiritual forces” behind the Worldview Wars (2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 12:9; Lk. 8:12; 2Thess. 2:9)

**The evidence is clear: A Biblical Worldview promotes good science**!

Almost all Key scientific discoveries are from countries with a Judeo-Christian worldview! (World Almanac). They list over 400

A study of Nobel Prizes from 1901 to 2000 AD shows the 17 principal democratic countries won 84.4%. Freedom is crucial to scientific breakthroughs. 65.4% of winners had a Christian faith. 21.1% were Jewish & Atheists, agnostics only 10.5%

 ***IF YOU Believe God’s revelation in Genesis & establish a biblical worldview You will FIND profound meaning in life & guarantee a glorious eternity***. Our world view either leads us into Depressing Darkness or into the glorious Light of Life (I Thess. 5:5; I Pet. 2:9).

*Stephen Hawking said*: “There is no heaven or afterlife… that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark” (Rom. 1:19-22; Matt 6:23). *John Lennox responded*: “Atheism is a fairy story for people afraid of the Light.” (see John 3:19-21; 8:12; 12:35-36; Col. 1:13)

**3 FOUNDATIONS OF A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW** (Rom. 12:2)

**1.** **Genesis 1&2** – **CREATION**; How God began it all very good

**2.** **Gen. 3 thru Rev. 19** – **CORRUPTION**; How man’s sin messed

 everything up. The problem of evil & suffering?

**3.** **Gospels & Rev. 20-22** – **CHRIST’S REDEMPTION**; How God

 restores everything & fulfills His original Purpose (I Pet. 3:15)

**Why God’s Word is Crucial to Frame our Worldview**

God is the only self-existent reality: all Creation depends on Him for its origin & preservation (Gen. 1 & 2; Col. 1:14-17; Heb. 1:1-3). So all Knowledge ultimately traces back to God (Ps. 111:10; Prov. 1:7; 9:10; 15:33; Col. 2:3). God’s Word reveals truths Science can never discover as it unites both Material & Spiritual Worlds!

 Because of Man’s Fall into sin it is so easy for us to think wrong & so hard for us to think right. False worldviews lead to false interpretations of reality with serious consequences.

**2 Major Worldviews Competing to Control Your Mind**

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|  **Materialism; Atheistic** | **Theistic; Biblical** |
| We came from nothing | We are a special creation of God |
| Nothing wrong with the world | The World is Corrupted |
| no meaning or purpose to life | there is meaning & purpose to life |
| We go to nothing when we die | Redemption begun at the Cross & culminates in eternal Glory! |
| Idolize the god of Darwin: Time, chance & natural selection | Worship the trinitarian Creator: Father, Son & Holy Spirit |
| Nothing supernatural allowed: no miracles or resurrection! | There is a spiritual realm: miracles possible (Lk. 1:37) |
| Can’t distinguish good & bad | God determines right & wrong |

***The Conflict is between Theistic & Atheistic Worldviews Not between True Science & Biblical Faith***: Creationists & Evolutionists accept the same facts but interpret them through a different world view.

**A GOOD WORLDVIEW KNOWS THE ORIGIN OF THINGS**

**1.** Genesis 1&2 – **CREATION-** How God began it all ‘very good’

 The Gospel begins with “in the beginning God created the Heavens & the earth” “very good!” (Gen. 1:31; Acts 17:22-29). It Answers the question: “Where (Who) did we come from?” We know Creations original nature (Gen. 1:31) & purpose (Rev. 4:11; Rom. 11:36). ***Sharing the Gospel must Start with Creation not the Fall*** (Acts 17:22-29: 14:15; Jer. 32:17). The Fall implies our essential identity is being a guilty sinner

Begin where God begins: Creation! Individual Human value & dignity found in the Beginning (Gen. 1:26-27, 31).

Humans are not hopelessly evil, but are Corrupted by the Fall.

Original Creation Exalts Humanity while revealing the immeasurable magnitude of the Fall. Because humans are so precious, sin is so tragic!

1. ***Evolution fails the Test of being a good Worldview*** by its ignorance of “Origins.” Evolution offers no hard scientific “proof” of the origin of: time, space, matter, energy, stars, planets, life on earth, male & female, sex, Family, human consciousness, Language, information, etc.

Evolutionists just offer ‘faith’ in made up ‘stories.’ They can’t give hard scientific evidence for the “origin of male/female; sex; & family.”

What you believe about your ‘origin’ impacts your self-esteem & the Morals by which you will Live! If you are a cosmic accident with no purpose, then there is no ultimate right & wrong. No Judgment! If you a special creation of God with eternal purpose, then God determines right & wrong & holds us accountable to His moral standard on Judgment day.

**A GOOD WORLDVIEW MUST BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN WHY THERE IS EVIL, SUFFERING, & DEATH**

**2.** Gen. 3 thru Rev. 19 – **CORRUPTION -** How man’s sin messed everything up. Sin’s disastrous impact is beyond our full comprehension!

God Created ALL things good; Adam’s Fall CORRUPTED ALL things for the worse (Rom. 8:21-3). Our minds & thoughts are victims of the fall. (Rom. 1:28; 8:7; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:3; 4:18; Col. 1:21; 2:18; Titus 1:15). ***So we need the Objective Truth of God’s Word to think right***!

**2.** ***Evolution fails the Test of being a good Worldview*** by it’s inability to explain or solve to the Problem of Evil. Atheists simply say this is just how the world is & you just have to get used to it. Some people are lucky, some people are not, & we need to grow up & get used to it (Richard Dawkins, Atheist). There is no logical concept of good & evil if God doesn’t exist. All Scientists are Victims of the Fall! See the following:
<https://creation.com/science-fraud-epidemic>

Scripture reveals much of the origin, history & final elimination of all evil & suffering [the Mystery of Iniquity]. **Evil’s origin**: in man & creation (Gen. 1 thru 3; Rom. 8:18-23) traced back to satan (Ezek. 28:1-5, 11-17; Isa. 14:12-19; Eph. 6:10-18). **Evil’s history** traced throughout the Bible. **Evil’s final elimination** (Rev. 12:7-12; chapt. 20-22).

**A GOOD WORLDVIEW MUST HAVE A SOLUTION TO EVIL, SUFFERING, & DEATH & OFFER HOPE** (I Pet. 3:15)

**3.** Gospels & Rev. 20-22 – **CHRIST’S REDEMPTION**

 How God restores everything & fulfills His original Purpose.

***To be worthy of believing a Worldview must answer***…

“How can the world be set right again?” What is the best way to live? {Evolution fails this worldview test!}. The Bible reveals the heart of Christianity is the God who shares our suffering on the Cross, triumphs over it in the resurrection, & eliminates suffering in the New Heaven & Earth! (I Pet. 1:3-4; Rev. 20-22). All Creation will be REDEEMED. God’s original Purpose will be beautifully fulfilled (Rom. 8:18-23) We must know our eternal future & rewards!

**3.** ***Evolution fails the Test of being a good Worldview*** by its total

 inability to offer a REDEMPTIVE HOPE.

“There are no gods, no purposeful forces of any kind, no life after death. When I die…that’s gonna be the end of me. There is no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning in life”

[W.B. Provine, Debate at Stanford University with Phillip E. Johnson]

**PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS:** We must be able to distinguish our biblical worldview from those opposing biblical truth (2 Thess. 2:9-11).

***God’s word teaches the Death Penalty for Murder***: before the law of Moses (Gen. 6:11-13; 9:6; 18:20-26); in the Law of Moses (Ex. 21:12-14, etc.); & under the New Testament (Rom. 1:32; 13:1-7; Acts 25:11; Rev. 21:8). ***Leftist, liberal policies eliminate the Death Penalty***, are soft on criminals & hard on victims (Ecclesiastes 8:11-13; Isa. 26:10)

Not Every Sin in the O.T. that had the Death Penalty brings the death penalty under God’s Grace in the N.T. But the Bible warns us every sin in the O.T. that brought death still brings eternal death under God’s Judgment (Rom. 2:3-11; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5-6; I John 3:15; Rev. 21:8). Only 1 way to avoid God’s eternal death Penalty: repent of your sin & trust Jesus alone as your Savior (Rom. 2:3-11; Rev. 2:21; 9:20)

**False Worldviews will contradict God’s Word:**

 The Bible teaches we must not murder innocent Babies in the womb (Ex. 20:13; Prov 24:11-2; 31:8-9; Ps. 82:3-4). Observe the contradictions & hypocrisy: The Left pushes abortion with an irrational fanaticism. They won’t punish violent criminals but will murder innocent babies! They push Euthanasia (*mercy killing*) for the Elderly & infirm! We are to Lay down our life for others, not kill them (I John 3:16).

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| **Leftist (anti-biblical)** | **Biblical Worldview** |
| Our body belongs to us & we can engage in any kind of sex we want | Our body belongs to God (I Cor. 6:19-20; 3:16). Avoid sexual sin against your body” (I Cor 6:18) |
| Education: remove God from schools (indoctrinate) | Education: learn about God from His creation (teach) |
| policies weaken the traditional family. Change family definition | Family created by God as 1 man, 1 woman to raise godly children |
| People basically good – do bad because victims of environment | People are sinners by nature & chose to do right or wrong |
| ‘wokeness’ & BLM have no place for forgiveness | We must forgive as Christ has forgiven us (Col. 3:13) |

 We must be ready to share our Worldview with those who have a false one (I Pet. 3:15). **1.** CREATION **2.** CORRUPTION – How man’s sin messed it all up. **3.** CHRIST’S REDEMPTION – glory restored forever!