

Introduction to Worldview

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3 Motivations

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Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 Recent Examples of the Challenges of Worldview

Headline: “Federal court to rule if a monkey owns the copyright for its selfie photos”

Headline: “Actually, Cannibalism Can Be Good”

Reader Response to Headline” *Maggie Bowles, 6 Dies From Injuries Suffered in Trussville Crash*

“It's a terrible accident and a great loss. I feel so sorry for the parents and loved ones, such a tragedy. But no deity was involved, then or now. It comes down to happenstance, physics, timing, etc. Still very sad”.

3 Things to Consider

Presuppositions

“People have presuppositions... By 'presuppositions' we mean the basic way that an individual looks at life- his worldview. The grid through which he sees the world. Presuppositions rest upon that which a person considers to be the truth of what exists. A person's presuppositions provide the basis for their values- and therefore the basis for their decisions”. Francis Schaeffer

“Most people catch their presuppositions from their family and surrounding society, the way that a child catches the measles. But people with understanding realize that their presuppositions should be chosen after a careful consideration of which worldview is true.”

A Biblical worldview presupposes:

1. There is a God.
2. He is Perfect – without fault or error.
3. He has revealed Himself in the Bible.
4. The Bible is the inerrant, infallible Word of God.
5. His Word is Truth
6. Contradictions to His Word are false

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1 Corinthians 1:20-25 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? (21) For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. (22) For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, (23) but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, (24) but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (25) For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Purpose

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“The Christian shoemaker does his Christian duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.” Martin Luther

Prudence

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2Ti 4:2-4 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (3) For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, (4) and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

“A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining the goats.” – Charles H. Spurgeon

“What is to be gained if we are so intent in reaching out to the unchurched that we then unchurch the reached?” — David F. Wells

“He is the best preacher, not that tickles the ear, but that breaks the heart.” – Thomas Brooks

3 Things That Shape Our Worldview

1. Natural vs Supernatural
2. Absolute Truth vs Relativism
3. God vs the World

3 Reading Recommendations (after your Bible study)

1. *How Should We Then Live* – Francis Schaeffer
2. *Total Truth* – Nancy Pearcey
3. *Principles of Conduct* – John Murray

3 Expectations (3 P's)

1. Preparation
2. Participation
3. Practice

Preparation for next week

Review the handout on the supernatural events occurring in Scripture and select passages for reading and meditation.

Memory Verse

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