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WORLDVIEW

Everyone has one!

world-view *n* - a comprehensive, esp. personal, _____
or _____ of the world and of human life

philosophy *n* - the study of the _____ nature of knowledge,
_____, and _____; a theory or attitude held by a person
or organization that acts as a _____ for behavior

*Very simply, a WORLDVIEW is how we process, observe, and
respond to (act upon) everything around us.*

PARTS OF A WORLDVIEW

Fundamental Assertion

Is there or is there not a God?

Christian

- Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning, God created ... "
- Isaiah 45:5 - "... besides me there is no God."

Secular (having no religious or spiritual basis)

secularism *n* - the view that _____ considerations should be
excluded from _____ affairs or _____ education; exclusive
attention to the _____ life and its duties, and the relegation of
all considerations regarding a _____ life to a secondary place

- Psalm 14:1 - "The fool says ... 'There is no God.'"
- Genesis 11:1–9 - "... let us make a name for ourselves."

Philosophy

What is reality?

reality *n* - the world or the state of things as they _____ exist, as opposed to an _____ or notional idea of them, **the reality is** — used to assert that the truth of a matter is not what one would _____ or _____

Christian

- John 1:1–3 - "In the beginning was the Word ... "
- John 17:17 - "... your Word is truth."

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- John 18:38 - "What is truth?"
- Evolution - *no Creator*
- State driven human utopia - *no eternal heaven or hell*
- the strongest rule and determine right and wrong (Social Darwinism) - *no ultimate authority above man himself*
- personal pleasure and emotions above all things - *no sin*
- speech deemed hurtful limited, political correctness - *no freedom of speech*
- all views correct (relativism) - *no absolute truth*

relativism *n* - the doctrine that knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to _____ , _____ , or _____ , and are not _____

absolute *n* - a value or principle which is regarded as _____ valid or which may be viewed without relation to other things; something that exists without being _____ on anything else; ultimate reality — _____ !

- all truth claims are _____ (true for me)
- **however**, much of relativism is self-refuting - *even claiming in absolute terms there are no absolutes!*
- relativists don't believe their own views as _____ , esp. when trying to convince you of their ideas of truth
- in "reality" they simply believe Christianity as _____

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Ethics

How are we to behave?

behave *v* - act or _____ oneself in a specified way, esp. toward others; conduct oneself in accordance with the accepted _____ of a _____ or group

ethics *n* - _____ principles that _____ a person's behavior

moral *adj* - concerned with the principles of _____ and _____ behavior and the _____ or _____ of human _____

✠ 1 TIMOTHY 4:7-8 (ESV) ✠

TRAIN YOURSELF FOR GODLINESS; FOR WHILE BODILY TRAINING IS OF SOME VALUE, GODLINESS IS OF VALUE IN EVERY WAY, AS IT HOLDS PROMISE FOR THE PRESENT LIFE AND ALSO FOR THE LIFE TO COME.

Christian

- Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are his workmanship ... "
- Philippians 4:8-9 - "... whatever is true ... think about these things ... practice these things"
- 2 Peter 1:1 ff - "called us to his own glory and excellence" "

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- Matthew 15:6 - "... in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."
- Proverbs 28:26 - "Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool"
- 1 Corinthians 3:18-21 - "... let no one boast in men"

Future

Where are we going?

Christian

- Is 65:16; 2 Pt 3:13 - "new heavens and new earth"
- Rv 21:5 - "... ... I am making all things new"

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- Mt 25:41; Jude 7; Rv 20:11–15 - "eternal fire"
- Rv 21:8 - "... which is the second death"

✠ MATTHEW 7:13–14 (ESV) ✠

"ENTER BY THE NARROW GATE. FOR THE GATE IS WIDE AND THE WAY IS EASY THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND THOSE WHO ENTER BY IT ARE MANY. FOR THE GATE IS NARROW AND THE WAY IS HARD THAT LEADS TO LIFE, AND THOSE WHO FIND IT ARE FEW.

How _____ it is to simply go along to get along with the prevailing culture and its worldview firmly established on the _____ way that leads to _____. Few travel the _____ way, the way of the _____, and so find _____. *This is true!*

What Jesus says about living as a Christian in this world

- John 15:18–21, 26–27; John 16:33; 1 Corinthians 1:23–25

Whom are we fighting against?

- Roman 7:17; 1 Corinthians 15:26; 1 Peter 5:8–9
- Ephesians 6:10–12

Why are we fighting?

- John 16:33; 1 John 5:4–5

✠ ROMANS 1:16 (ESV) ✠

FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES.

What is the end game?

- Matthew 24:13–14
- Revelation 21:1–4, 22–27; 22:3–5

Listen ✠ to HEAR. Study ✠ to KNOW. Learn ✠ to TEACH.
Live ✠ to GIVE. Speak ✠ to SAVE.