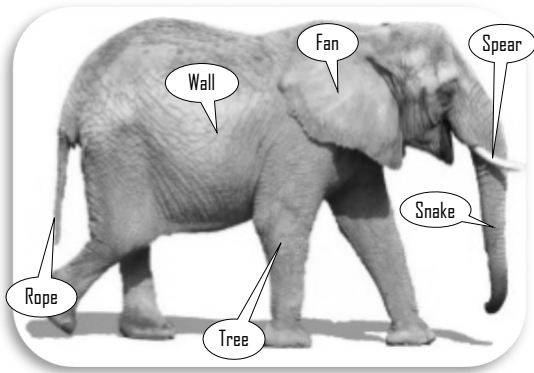


WORLDVIEW & YOU

How to Defend Your Faith

Notes (watch video about worldview):

The Blind Men & the Elephant

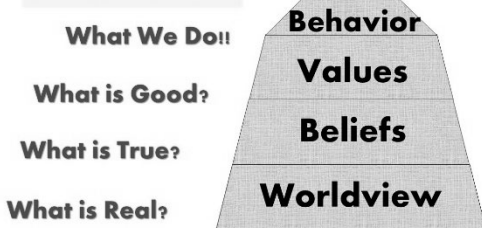


“and so these men of Indostan disputed loud and long, each in his own opinion. Exceeding stiff and strong, though each was partly in the right and all were in the wrong!”

What is a worldview?

- Worldview is a comprehensive collection of attitudes, values, and expectations about the world around us.
- How we live; the rules, ethics, morals, etc.

WORLDVIEW BASICS



6 Worldviews

Monotheism

- Judaism
 - ✓ God revealed in Scripture through Moses & Prophets
 - ✓ Hope in a Messiah yet to come
- Islamic
 - ✓ Quran is infallible word of Allah
 - ✓ Reach paradise by following laws of Allah
 - ✓ Jesus is not God, nor did he die for sins
- Christianity
 - ✓ Messiah is Jesus
 - ✓ Christ came & died to pay penalty for sin
 - ✓ Christ will return (new heaven & earth)



Deism

God created an orderly world to operate on its own.



Naturalism

Matter is all that exists, and it is best understood through science.



Nihilism

Nothing. Truth, values, consciousness should be questioned.



Existentialism

Life has no meaning. Significance by a created personality.



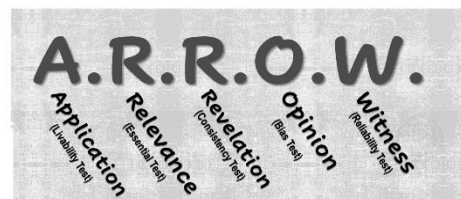
Pantheism

Everything that exists is god (spirit). Matter is an illusion.

Pascal's Wager

If I believe in God and follow His precepts. And there is no God. I live a good life and nothing after same as the atheist. But if there is a God and you don't follow Him, when you die it is very bad for you.

Either way it is better for the Christian.



- ❖ A viewpoint is only as strong as its strongest critique.
- ❖ All Scripture must be reconciled, or view reconsidered.
- ❖ Worthwhile things take time & effort.

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

1. What is real? God Created Everything
2. Who am I? I am made in image of God for Relationship
3. Where did I come from? God Created Everything
4. Why am I here? To love God & Love others
5. Right & Wrong? God's word defines Truth
6. Death? Soul is eternal (heaven or hell)
7. Mind? God created us for relationship with Him
8. History? We can trust what God has said. (Bible)



WORLDVIEW QUESTIONS

• Reality – What is real?

- Monotheism – God exists, created, & is involved.
- Deism – God exists. God is not involved
- Naturalism – Only matter exists.
- Nihilism – Nothing can be known for certain.
- Existentialism – The cosmos exists but meaningless.
- Pantheism – Everything is god. Matter is an illusion.

Notes: _____

• Self – Who am I?

- Monotheism – Humans are made in the image of God.
- Deism – Humans are not special. Just part of nature.
- Naturalism – Humans are highly developed animals.
- Nihilism – Humans should rejected identity.
- Existentialism – Humans identify themselves subjectively.
- Pantheism – Humans are part of the “Big Soul” of the universe.

Notes: _____

• Values – Right & Wrong?

- Monotheism – Knowledge of right & wrong from God.
- Deism – Reason determines rights and wrongs.
- Naturalism – There are no ethical absolutes.
- Nihilism – Traditional morals should be challenged.
- Existentialism – Morals are just a cultural conformity.
- Pantheism – Humans should build up good “karma”.

Notes: _____

• Origin – Where did I come from?

- Monotheism – Created for relationship with God.
- Deism – Humans created by the impersonal God.
- Naturalism – Everything from nothing.
- Nihilism – Origin is unknowable.
- Existentialism – Where we came from is irrelevant.
- Pantheism – Humans are souls that continually reincarnate.

Notes: _____

• Purpose – Why am I here?

- Monotheism – Meaning from their relational Creator.
- Deism – Humans find meaning in nature.
- Naturalism – Humans find meaning in progress.
- Nihilism – Humans must challenge traditional meaning.
- Existentialism – No objective meaning exists. You choose.
- Pantheism – Becoming one with the universe.

Notes: _____

• Death – What happens after you die?

- Monotheism – Soul is eternal. Heaven or Hell.
- Deism – Can’t know.
- Naturalism – nothing. The End.
- Nihilism – Nothing.
- Existentialism – You are forgotten.
- Pantheism – return to the “big Soul.” Oneness.

Notes: _____

• Mind – What is Consciousness?

- Monotheism – Image of God. Spiritual awareness.
- Deism – Reason.
- Naturalism – Chemical reactions
- Nihilism – Nothing.
- Existentialism – Illusion.
- Pantheism – Does not exist.

Notes: _____

• History – What came before me?

- Monotheism – Nature & writings.
- Deism – Nature.
- Naturalism – Scientific Method
- Nihilism – Nothing.
- Existentialism – Unreliable.
- Pantheism – Repeats.

Notes: _____

If you are in trouble, who do you call?

• When trouble comes!

- Monotheism – Your situation is important to God.
- Deism – Toughen up Buttercup.
- Naturalism – Dancing in our DNA.
- Nihilism – Nothing.
- Existentialism – Meaningless.
- Pantheism – Empty Yourself.

Notes: _____

Monotheism Difference

Judaism



Your Fault

Islam



Angry God

Christian



God Cares

Those Crazy Christians