

Whose World Is It Anyway?

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What is a 'worldview'?

Definition:

A worldview is simply the sum total of our beliefs about the world; The big picture that directs our daily decisions and actions (Chuck Colson, *How Now Shall We Live*)

1. Where did we come from, and who are we?
2. What has gone wrong with the world?
3. What can we do to fix it?

Types of worldviews:

1. Secular Worldview or Naturalistic

We are a cosmic accident that evolved from the primordial slime.

2. Biblical Worldview or Theistic

We are not a cosmic accident; we are created by God who has a purpose for our lives

Criteria for a Biblical worldview

1. Absolute moral truth exists and the source of moral truth is the Bible
2. The Bible is accurate in all of the principles it teaches
3. Eternal spiritual salvation cannot be earned
4. Jesus lived a sinless life on earth

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5. Every person has the responsibility to share their religious beliefs with others
6. Satan is a living force, not just a symbol of evil
7. God is the all-powerful, all-knowing maker of the universe who still rules that creation today

Statistics on holding a Biblical worldview

- 9% of population believe some but not all 7 criteria
- Only 4.5% believe all 7 and possess a Biblical worldview

Importance/benefits of a Biblical worldview

1. You will build a firm foundation for your life
2. You will have truly good news to share with others
3. You will find a new openness to God's love

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-2, 14)