



WHAT IS A WORLDVIEW

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW - DISCUSSION ONE

ROADMAP TO DISCUSSIONS

- ➔ **1. What is a Worldview**
- 2. Biblical Worldview (God's Story)
- 3. Chapter One - Creation
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WHAT IS A WORLDVIEW?

A comprehensive framework of one's basic beliefs about things.

- A matter of *things*
 - All things, including suffering, family, morality, and even God
- A matter of *beliefs*
 - Committed beliefs - not only willing to argue but to defend or promote
- A matter of *basic beliefs*
 - Involves basic moral issues
- A *comprehensive framework*
 - Pattern of holding things together - internally consistent



**HAVE YOU
EVER ASKED
YOURSELF...**



WHY DO "NORMAL"
PEOPLE ACT AS THEY DO?

WHEN DID "THIS"
BECOME ACCEPTABLE?

HOW CAN "THEY"
SERIOUSLY BELIEVE
"THAT"?

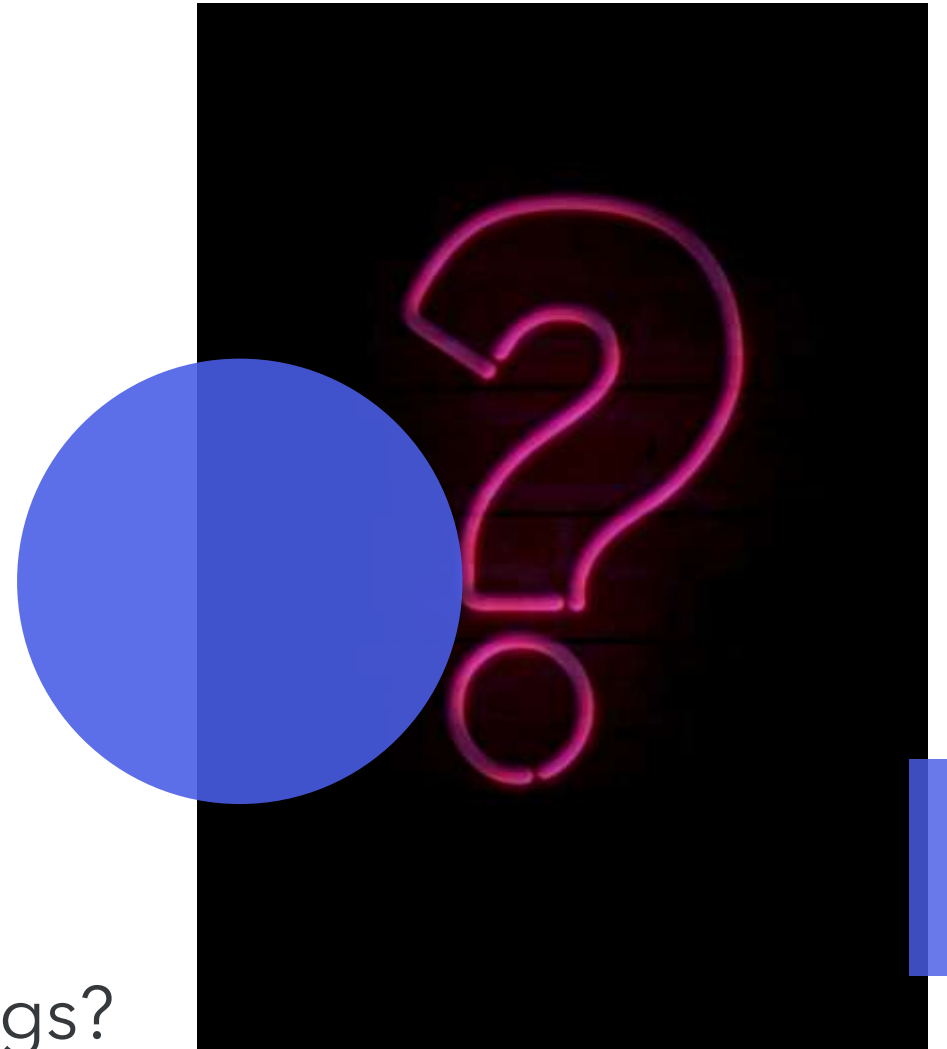
QUESTIONS EVERYONE ASKS

What is True?

Where did We Come From?

How Should We Live?

What is the Ultimate Outcome of All Things?



**ALL WORLDVIEWS
MUST START WITH**

TRUTH

TRUTH



HOW DO I KNOW
THAT I KNOW?



WHY DOES TRUTH
MATTER?

THE NEXT QUESTION: WHERE DID WE COME FROM?

How did we
get here ?

- Creation?
- Evolution??
- Imagination???

Why ?

- Is there a point to all of this?

NEXT: HOW SHOULD WE LIVE?



Goals ?

Survival ?

Pleasure ?

Morals ?

Right and Wrong ?

FINALLY: WHAT IS THE OUTCOME OF ALL THINGS?



Never-ending cycle ?

Oblivion ?

Heaven / Hell ?

Oneness with the
Universe?

ALL WORLDVIEWS FRAME THESE QUESTIONS AND IMPACT HOW PEOPLE LIVE THEIR LIVES



FOUR FAMILIES OF WORLDVIEWS TODAY



Theism

Transcendentalism

Naturalism

Post-Modernism

THEISM

THEÓΣ - GREEK FOR GOD

Examples today: Christianity, Judaism, Islam

Belief in a Creator God

- God exists
- God is personal
- God has revealed Truth about Himself and the World

Right and Wrong exist and come from God

CHARACTERISTICS OF THEISM

Origin

- Created by God

Identity

- Special Creation of God

Meaning

- Determined by God for His creation

Morality

- God-centered
(absolute)

Destiny

- Eternal Life with or apart from God

NATURALISM

SCIENCE CAN EXPLAIN ALL

Belief in absolute knowable truth

Everything in the Universe is Physical

The Laws of Nature will win out

No REAL Right or Wrong - it's all determined by need to survive

CHARACTERISTICS OF NATURALISM

Origin

- Natural causes and processes

Identity

- Self-conscious animals

Meaning

- No source for ultimate meaning

Morality

- Human-centered
(relative)

Destiny

- No afterlife, no ultimate direction to history

TRANSCENDENTALISM

REALITY IS SPIRITUAL

Examples today: Hinduism / Buddhism / Wicca

Seek Spiritual Power or a Return to the Oneness of the Universe

- Ultimate reality is beyond the 'human' categories of thought and language
- Ultimate reality is spiritual in nature
- Sees the unity of all creation - All things are One

CHARACTERISTICS OF TRANSCENDENTALISM

Origin

- Fragmentation of divine Oneness

Identity

- Expression of divine Oneness

Meaning

- Seek Unity with all things

Morality

- Human-centered
(relative)

Destiny

- All people and things return to divine Oneness

POST-MODERNISM

ME-ISM .. TRIBAL RELATIVISM

Examples today: My-Truth versus Your Truth and Factionalism

No Universal Truth

What's Good for You is Good for You - but...

Be Nice or Accepting because it's "Wrong" not to

Societal pressure or "tribal factions" determine Right and Wrong

POST-MODERNISM ***EVERYONE IN THEIR OWN BOX***



OUR CULTURE NOW

WHERE WE ARE / WHERE WE ARE GOING

Period of rapid Worldview change

Incomplete Worldviews evolved into Expressive Individualism

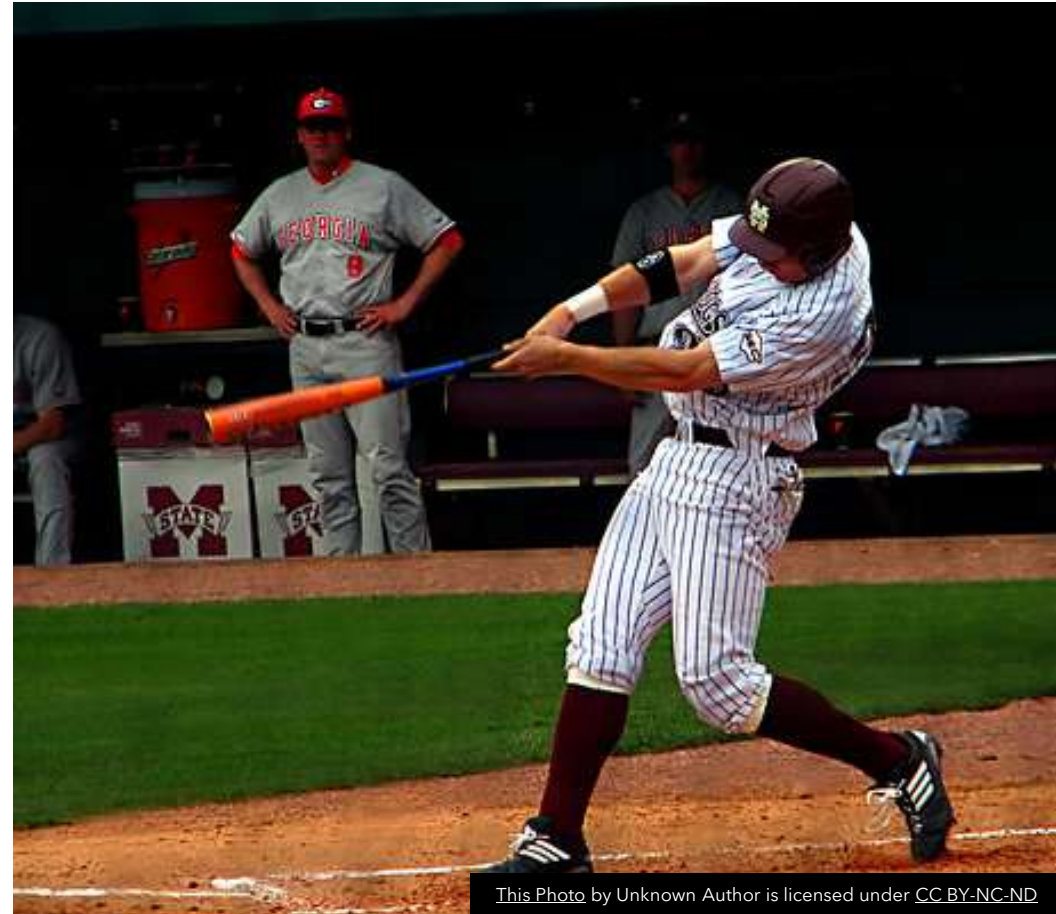
“authenticity” is achieved when acting in accordance with one’s inner feelings

Several of these merged into Critical Theory (beyond race)

Became Worldview in its own right (Oppressors / Oppressed)

“REALITY HAS A HABIT OF BATTING LAST – AND REALITY IS A SLUGGER”

- Transgenderism appears to be “A Bridge Too Far” for many
- DEI appears to be waning rapidly
- The Gospel is spreading faster than anytime in History



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WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT

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