

# *How Do You View the World?*



The first thing to know about worldview is that everyone has one whether they've ever thought about it or not.

Worldview is what you believe to be true about man's origin, purpose and meaning. It includes what you believe about man's future. It is centralized in your heart and is what you believe to be true about yourself— your purpose, meaning and future life after death. It is from this view that you make decisions pertaining to your life.

A worldview should be able to answer the questions that pertain to our existence. For example: What is real? Does truth exist? What can be said about the earth/universe? (Created and orderly or self-evolved and chaotic?) What is man's position or relationship with the earth/universe? What is man? What happens to man after he dies? How can we know what is good or evil; what is the standard or definition? How can we know anything for certain? Does history have meaning? How can one explain what is wrong with the world?

Worldview explains what one believes to be true about God. Who is He? What are His characteristics?

In the clearest language, worldview explains how the world works. It should be able to answer where man came from and why he exists.

Naturalism is the belief that natural laws govern the universe. There is no creator or supernatural element involved. From this belief, many different philosophies and worldviews are born. These ideas originate in the minds of men. The concept of man existing apart from God stretches all the way back to Genesis when man rejected God's way and attempted to be his own master.

There are worldviews that have a belief in a creator type of being, but are not consistent in what God says about Himself in the Bible.

A Christian or biblical worldview answers all the questions using Scripture as its foundation. God's Word is the lens used to view the world and answer its fundamental questions. A biblical worldview is the only worldview that correctly and thoroughly answers all the questions.

It is possible to have an erroneous view of life. It is possible to be a Christian and possess a mixed worldview influenced by secular philosophy. The first chapter of Romans tells us how false philosophies begin. Colossians 2:8 tells us to guard ourselves against the philosophies that originate with man.

While leading Bible studies, it is important to point out how one believes influences their actions through their decisions and ultimately forms their societies and governments. Each one of us is responsible for what we believe to be true about God.