

THE WORLDVIEW SERIES

A DEFENSE FOR AN ACTIVE, ENGAGING
AND CULTURALLY RELEVANT FAITH

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WHAT YOU BELIEVE DEFINES YOU”

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORLDVIEW

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Maturity, Worldview, Apologetics, Discipleship

Introduction to the Text:

Acts 17:28

Proverbs 23:7

For as he **thinks** in his heart, so is he.

(A man is always calculating secretly what's best for himself)

According to a United Nations study: The United States is regarded as the most religiously diverse country on earth. Because religion and worldview are so closely linked to the average American, the U.S. has become the greatest diversity of worldviews among the nations.

We're Going to Find Out How and Why

There's a battle for your mind, your opinion, your action & money.

Your worldview causes an effect. Based upon what you believe and how you see the world will result in you coming to a foundational structure for everything else you believe or will come to believe.

Genesis 1:1,31

In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. :31 Then **God saw everything** that He had made, and indeed it was **very good...**

Acts 17:28

for in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,

We're going to journey through some of
the most contemporary issues of our day. We'll do so in light of what the Bible says and what

your worldview is and then make a life changing decision – to develop, nurture and defend
“Your Biblical Worldview”.

We'll define the topics or issues from its earliest origins and not from the new dictionary or
imaginary meanings of today's words or self-invented source.

During This Series I'm going to be hosting a SNL-QNA Based upon
the questions that will arise from the topics.

Acts 17:1-3,15-28

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. :2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths (3 weeks) **reasoned (challenged)** with them from the Scriptures, :3 **explaining (unlocked or open up)** and **demonstrating (set in front of)** that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, —This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christl.... :15 So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed. :16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was **provoked (exasperate)** within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. :17 Therefore he **reasoned (challenged)** in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshippers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. :18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, —What does this babbler want to say?ll Others said, —He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods,ll because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. :19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, —May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? :20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean. :21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. :22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; :23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD**. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: :24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. :25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. :26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, :27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; :28 for in **Him we live and move and have our being,**

And so we come to this challenge with a decision to make.

We will have to decide either one way or the other. There is no room for dualism.

Oil will not mix with water and so
Those uncomfortable absolutes will always get in the way !!!

WHAT YOU BELIEVE DEFINES YOU

DISCOVERING YOUR WORLDVIEW PERSPECTIVE

1.) Your Worldview Defines Your Beliefs

1a.) Do you believe in god ?

It's a universal reality that man is a religious being.
It's in the nature of man to assume that God exists. (singular)

Demonic paganism inserts polytheism – it's one of Satan's favorite bombs !

Do You Believe in god ?

To Form or Challenge Your Worldview

We have to ask this question – is there evidence or indicators of gods existence?

Psalm 14:1

The fool (wicked) has said in his heart, —There is no God. ||

Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above* proclaims his handiwork. :2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. :3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. :4 Their voice* goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

YOUR WORLDVIEW DEFINES YOUR BELIEFS

1b.) What is your god like ?

what attributes does your god possess?

Is he upset? - Is he happy? - Is he angry? Has he created anything?
What has he created? What is his creation like?

{ This is very telling in an environment and culture where a certain god or gods are worshipped. The culture become like its gods or god }

what are his worshippers like?

1c.) Can you know this god ?

The Greeks Knew Enough to Know – That They Might Have Missed Someone. How about The One !

Psalm 115:8

Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.

Acts 17:23

...for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

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2.) Your Worldview Supports Your Actions

2a.) How do you rate your morality ?

If Your Worldview is Humanistic or Existential Then your morality is a moving target.

Q: - Is The Removal of the 10 Commandments from Public View; Is that a political issue, a religious issue, or a moral issue ?

If the politicians disapprove then they have no authority in the matter.

If the atheist disapproves then it's a religious issue.

If it's an issue of morality then what is immoral about the 10 commandments?

(they will allow pornography in the classrooms but condemn the name of Jesus)

2b.) Is your lifestyle worth duplicating ?

Does Your Worldview Protect and Promote and Propagate the Culture? Is your worldview lifestyle safe and worthy of duplication ?

Titus 1:15

To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.



Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, :20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, :21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

YOUR WORLDVIEW SUPPORTS YOUR ACTIONS

2c.) Do you believe your actions matter ?

Eat and Drink for Tomorrow we _____

Hedonism is a school of thought which argues that **pleasure** is the only **intrinsic good**.^[1] In very simple terms, a hedonist strives to maximize his or her pleasure. The pursuit of pleasure, comfort, ease, and leisure.

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. :8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

3.) Your Worldview Produces Your **Outcome**

3a.) Is your worldview for the moment ?

Does Your Worldview Really Make Sense? Example – what's the worldview of the "Occupy Wall Street Mob?"

They say they're against making money. Companies are bad and profits are evil. But they are being supported by billionaire George Soros and Kanye West, Rosanne Barr, Susan Sarandon, and Tim Robbins

Ephesians 5:11-13

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. :12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. :13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,

YOUR WORLDVIEW SUPPORTS YOUR OUTCOME

3b.) Do you consider a future judgment ?

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Revelation 20:11-13

And I saw a great white throne, and I saw the one who was sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. :12 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done. :13 The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead in them. They were all judged according to their deeds.

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3c.) What are you willing to do about it ?

We All Will Encounter Some **Hot Button Issue** in Life.

(can't avoid it)

what if everything's debatable. By that I mean, **everything is open to examination.** – yes !

Would it be right to offend someone's religious practice?

A Real Worldview Situation

Chino Hills has Discovered Mosquitos carrying the Deadly West Nile Virus. So What should be done with the mosquitos? – your worldview decides

Would it be right to offend someone's religious practice?

What about congress proposing a tax on all
women wearing a burkha because TSA can't tell if its
a pregnant muslim woman or a man carrying a bomb on to an airplane.

Would it be right to offend someone's religious practice?

What about President Obama asking for a tax to be
paid for all Christmas trees this year

example right here at home:

the environmental issue and global warming – green technology issues.

Get serious pastor jack – ok !!!

What About Jesus Christ

Will You Agree with God That

Rom. 3:23 you have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, Rom. 6:23a That you understand that the wages of sin is death, Rom. 6:23b but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 5:8 Believing today that God demonstrates His own love toward you, in that while you were still a sinner, Christ died for you. Rom. 10:13 But He now says to you that “if you would call on the name of the LORD you shall be saved. Rom. 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Can You Say Today That You Personally Know Jesus Christ as Lord
And His Salvation ?

End of Study