

1  **Understanding Worldviews**  
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2  **Biblical Foundation**

"We are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

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"Always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

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5  **What is a Worldview?**

"A worldview is a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the heart, that can be expressed as a story or a set of presuppositions which we hold about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides the foundation on which we live and move and have our being."

6  **What is a Worldview?**

- Every one of us has a worldview, whether we can explain it or not.
- Who has a worldview?
- We are faced with a supermarket of world views, all claiming to be true.

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8  **Worldviews**

- Christian Theism
- Deism
- Naturalism
- Nihilism
- Existentialism
- Eastern Pantheistic Monism
- The New Age

9  **World Religions**

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- Animism
- Baha'i
- Buddhism
- Confucianism
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Taoism

12  **Three Worldviews**

- Theism  
Christianity, Islam, Judaism

- Naturalism
  - Humanism, Marxism, Existentialism
- Pantheism
  - Buddhism, Hinduism, New Age Movement

13  **Testing Worldviews**

1. Why is there something rather than nothing?
2. How do you explain human nature?
3. How do you know that you know?
4. How do you determine what is right or wrong?
5. What is the meaning of history?
6. What happens to a person at death?

14  **Summit Ministries**

15  **Testing Worldviews**

- Correspondence Test - does the worldview correspond to reality?
- Consistency Test - does the belief system hold together in a logically consistent manner?
- Comprehensiveness Test - does the worldview explain the relevant data?
- Verification Test - Can the truth claims of the worldview be verified or falsified?

16  **Christian World View**

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- Monotheism
- Creation ex nihilo
- Supernaturalism
- Revelation
- Human's Need
- Human Nature
- Human Destiny

18  **Naturalism**

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20  **Naturalism**

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22  **Pantheism**

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- Monism
- Pantheism
- Human Divinity
- Cosmic Consciousness
- Reincarnation
- Moral Relativism

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- Naturalism says there is no god. Therefore, you need to become your own god to guide you through life.
- Pantheism says there is no transcendent god. God is not external but internal. You are god.
- In essence there are only really two different worldviews: the belief that you are god and the belief that God is God.