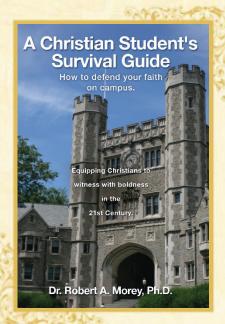
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## The World's Only Hope

"In the beginning, the Word existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. Through him all things were made, and apart from him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life brought light to humanity. And the light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out" (John 1:1-5, ISV).

Because of the sin in the Garden of Eden (Adam and Eve succumbed to Satan's tempting offer), all of humanity has been "imputed" with Adam's sin and thus guilty before a holy righteous God. After the fall, man lost the ability to obey God perfectly or keep the whole law—the Law leaves us all sinners in God's sight. "...since all have sinned and continue to fall short of God's glory." (Romans 3:23, ISV)



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"For Christ is the culmination of the law as far as righteousness is concerned for everyone who believes" (Romans 10:4, ISV). As a result of sin, the Word which became flesh, died on a cross for our sins and was resurrected. "In fact, under the law almost everything is cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of the blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22, ISV).

The eternal pre-existent Word (Christ) died for our sins once and for all. We are justified "solely" (i.e. "only") through faith in Yeshua Ha-Mashiah—it is "imputed" righteousness. God commands us to repent (turn from our ways) and accept the Messiah (Christ) as our Lord and Savior. "There is no salvation by anyone else, for there is no other name under heaven given among people by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12, ISV).

Warning: "But people who are cowardly, unfaithful, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars will find themselves in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death" (Revelation 21:8, ISV).

Man's attempt to bring world peace by promoting a one world religion & government will ultimately end in total destruction. Those who submit to the one world religion & government (the mark of the beast--666) will be eternally condemned. "All those living on earth will worship it, everyone whose name is not written in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb that was slaughtered from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8, ISV).

"...Besides Me there is no God" (Isaiah 44:6, NKJV).

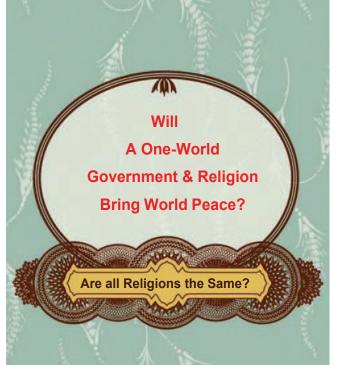


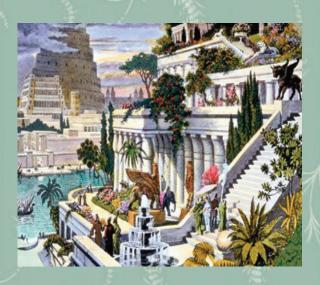


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**Hanging Gardens of Babylon** 



# What is a Worldview?

Is It True or False?

A "worldview" is how you interpret everything around you and how you relate to it. We all begin with certain presuppositions/assumptions (the starting points) that effect how we interpret the world.

Our values and priorities result from our worldview. There are serious consequences for the worldview we adopt. A case in point is Hitler's worldview. Nazism was based upon mystical Hinduism that included other religious worldviews such as Nietzsche, Darwinism, Social Darwinism, the Occult, Paganism, Norse Revivalism, etc. This is why the Nazis used the Swastika. It was actually an ancient Hindu symbol (it was the Hindu symbol of unity). The Third Reich was thus built upon Hinduism—that traces its origins to a mysterious tribe of Europeans called the Aryans, who invaded and conquered Northern India from 1500 BC to 500 BC--as its religious base. And this created the context of the Holocaust in which millions of men, women, and children were brutally murdered.

Most Western people do not understand that Hinduism is a religious form of atheism because it denies that existence of the Creator God who exists apart from and independent of the universe He created out of nothing. It denies the distinction between Creator and creation. In Hinduism, the word "God" refers to the universe and not to some divine Being who created it. Stalin, who committed genocide against the Ukrainians, is another example of a person who based his worldview on atheism.

What is a Valid Worldview?

A valid worldview should consist of the following:

- Its ideas and concepts must be consistent with its presuppositions.
- It should be coherent (understandable) and cohesive (holds together as one unified field of knowledge).
- Its assumptions and concepts should not be self-refuting.
- A valid worldview must explain: Why the universe exists and why people thirst for truth and morals, etc.

All non-Christian systems are based upon three assumptions:

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1. Human Autonomy: Man does not need God or the Bible for truth or morals. We can discover truth and morals through human reason (rationalism), experience (empiricism), feelings (mysticism) or blind faith (fideism). 2. Ontological Thinking: Whatever is "thinkable" to you exists and whatever is "unthinkable" cannot exist. 3. Monism: Ultimate reality is of one kind or essence of being, i.e. there is no qualitative difference between objects.

Non-Christian philosophies cannot give us an intelligent basis for truth and morals and thus teach relativism, i.e. there are no universal truths or absolute morals. See A Christian Student's Survival Guide and The Bible, Natural Theology and Natural Law: Conflict or Compromise? by Dr. Robert A. Morey for further details on the above. (http://www.xulonpress.com/)

Are some of the concepts in a non-Christian worldview borrowed from the Christian system? Yes, but they are not consistent with non-Christian presuppositions. Here are a few examples:

- Non-Christian belief in Civil Rights and in the dignity of man. Problem: Non-Christians believe in evolution and not the biblical account of Adam and Eve. As a result, different races are probably different species of animals. Thus he/she cannot believe in the equality, dignity and oneness of man. Equality among races can only exist if you believe that man descended from Adam and Eve.
- Sartre and the Algerian Manifesto (1960). Sartre believed that God did not exist and there was no infinite point of reference from which meaning could be given to particulars and thus no moral absolutes. However, Sartre signed the Algerian Manifesto, which was a protest statement against the war. If there is no God, no day of judgment and no standard of right and wrong, then Sartre could not say it was wrong.
- Are the concepts self-refuting? Hegelian dialectic process for truth states that truth is not found at any point of the thesis-antithesis-synthesis process but is only found at the end of the process. If Hegel is right he is wrong!
- Are the concepts verifiable? When Behaviorists claim man is a mechanized animal, it does not correspond to reality—art cannot be produced by animals and machines

In a Christian view of reality there exists God, angelic beings, man, animals, plants, and things.

Do all religions worship the same God?

What about the ecumenical movement being promoted by Mainline Protestant Churches, many so-called Evangelical Churches, the Roman Catholic Church, the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the National Council of Churches that Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Shintoism, Baha'ism, native religions, Islam, Judaism, etc. all worship the same God?

The answer to the above is "NO".

You only have two logical choices: 1. Either they are all false; or 2. There is only one true religion and God.

The Biblical God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the only true God of the universe. He is one God in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which is taught in the Old Testament. For example, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..." (Gen. 1:26-27, NASB). The word "make" in the phrase "Let us *make* man" is a plural verb. The main verb as well as the pronouns are all plural. The plural pronouns refer to God, not Angels. See The Trinity: Evidence and Issues by Dr. Robert A. Morey. (http://www.xulonpress.com/)

The God of the Old Testament (Tanakh) is the same God of the New Testament. Yeshua or the Anointed One was the One who manifested Himself to Abraham, Moses. Joshua, Gideon, etc.—yes, He was the Word that created the heavens and the earth Ex-Nihilo in six days. Yes, Yeshua created a mature universe with "apparent old age".