

Barna Study

- Do absolute moral truths exist?
- Is absolute truth defined by the Bible?
- Did Jesus Christ live a sinless life?
- Is God the all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe, and does He still rule it today?
- Is salvation a gift from God that cannot be earned?
- Is Satan real?
- Does a Christian have a responsibility to share his or her faith in Christ with other people?
- Is the Bible accurate in all of its teachings?

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Although most people own a Bible and know some of its content, our research found that most Americans have little idea how to integrate core biblical principles to form a unified and meaningful response to the challenges and opportunities of life.

Worldview Definition

*A way one views the whole world.
(Norman Geisler and William Watkins)*

Worldview Questions

- Who are we?
- Where are we?
- What is wrong?
- What is the solution?

Secular or Naturalist Worldview

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- We are essentially very sophisticated computers, different from other computers only in degree

Where are we?

- We are purely physical beings, the product of an evolutionary process, started by random events.
- There is no God in this worldview, no one who loves or gives order and purpose to the creation

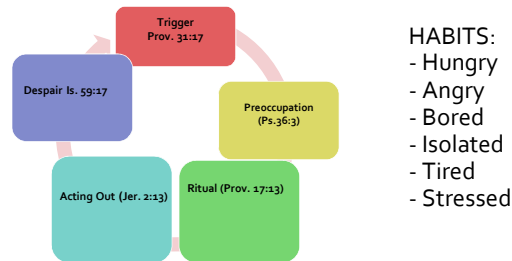
What is wrong?

Because of certain psychological processes we do not manage ourselves or our environment very well.

What is the solution?

We need to call upon our essential goodness and learn how to manage things better.

The Addictive Cycle



Cultural Christianity

A cultural Christian identifies with certain aspects of Christianity, such as the good works of Jesus, but rejects the spiritual aspects required to be a biblically defined Christian. Some people consider themselves "Christians" because of family background, personal experience, country of residence, or social environment. Others identify as "Christian" as a way of declaring a religious affiliation, as opposed to being "Muslim" or "Buddhist." (Got Questions)

Cultural Christianity Untrue Statements

- Denies the inspiration of Scripture or parts of it
- Ignore repentance as necessary
- Focus on Jesus's love and not judgement
- Redefine scripture to accommodate culture
- Denying or minimizing that Jesus is the only way to God

The lies we believe today that erode our dependence on God and discredit our belief in the good news of his Son Jesus are not blatant. They are subtle. They make promises. They seem plausible" We need help—we need practice spotting his lies—because they often seem good.

(Jared Wilson)

Satan's most effective activities against God's people aren't physical assaults or explicitly hateful attacks on Christianity. Rather, they appear respectable. And they often come from the mouths of people who appear respectable, earnest—all the while unaware of whose agenda they promote

(Jared Wilson)

8 Common Lies (Jared Wilson)

1. God just wants you to be happy;
2. You only live once
3. You need to live your truth;
4. Your feelings are reality
5. Your life is what you make it
6. Just let go and let God.
7. The cross is not about wrath;
8. God helps those who help themselves.

1 Cor. 10:13 (NIV)

13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not **conform** to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Biblical Worldview

Who are we?

We are God's creation.

Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)

26 Then God said, "Let us **make mankind** in **our image**, in **our likeness**, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." **27** So God **created** mankind in his **own image**, in the **image of God he created them**; male and female he created them.

Psalms 139:13 (NIV)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Where are we?

We are in the world that God created.

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

What is wrong?

SIN

Proverbs 22:15a (NLT)

A youngster's heart is filled with foolishness.

The desire for material goods, sexual gratification, and even for knowledge, has been corrupted by sin. Such things are not sinful in themselves, if received in God's time and God's way, but sin corrupts the mind and soul so that we want them at the wrong time, in the wrong way, and in the wrong quantity

(Fred Smith)

What's the Solution?

Faith in Jesus Christ

Romans 3:24 (NLT)

Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”

In a 2020 LifeWay Research Study of Protestant Churches, 55% of those who attend church regularly have not shared a conversation about their faith with a non-believer in the last 6 months.

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Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Summer Biblical Worldview Topics

- July 11-The Arts
- July 18-Healthcare
- July 25-Legal Institutions
- August 15-Politics
- August 22-Environmental Concerns
- August 29-Education