

# BEING ONE IN MIND

**ACTS 4:32 ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE ONE IN HEART AND MIND.**

God

Judaism

Christianity

Islam

Buddhism

Agnosticism

Hinduism

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Pluralism

Postmodern



# Do I have a worldview?



A **Worldview** is a framework of ideas and beliefs through which an individual interprets the world and interacts in it. In brief, a worldview has been described as not what someone sees, but what one sees *with*.

Relationships - family, friends, neighbors, associates

Culture/Institutions - language, church, state, music, ethics

Community/Government - nation, state, community, neighborhood

Creation/Environment - the creation and the use we make of it

Economics/Vocation - jobs, income, economic activities

Science/Technology - tools, technologies, ways of knowing and using the creation

Religion/Spirituality - Christianity, Islam, atheism, church, spiritual life

Education/Development - formal schooling, life experience

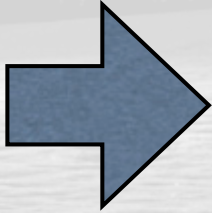


Lets put on our Christian Worldview Glasses

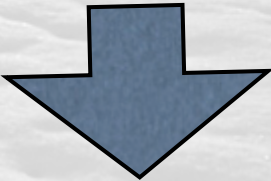




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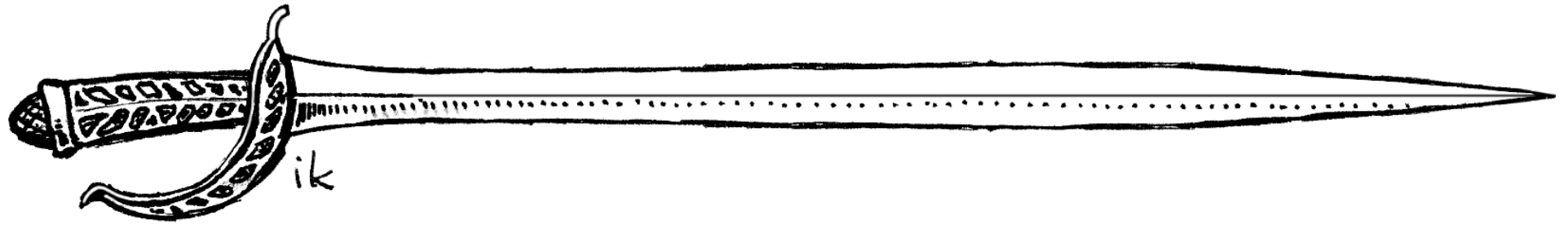


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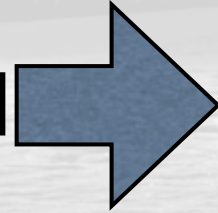


**Ephesians 6:10-18** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

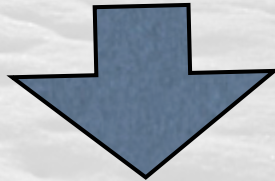




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# Main Components of a Christian Worldview

## God

1. Is there only one true God
2. Is God personal or impersonal

**Deuteronomy 6:4** hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**Matthew 6:25-30** Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? <sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

# Main Components of a Christian Worldview

## Reality

1. What is the ultimate purpose of the universe?
2. How did the universe come into being?

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Psalm 8:1-9** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. <sup>2</sup> From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? <sup>5</sup> You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: <sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

# Main Components of a Christian Worldview

## Knowledge

1. What is the relationship between religious faith and reason
2. Is knowledge about God possible?

**2 Peter 1:2-8** Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. <sup>8</sup> For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



# Main Components of a Christian Worldview

## Morality

1. Are humans programmed with right and wrong, where does it come from?
2. Is morality subjective? or objective
3. Does morality transcend culture?

**Genesis 1:26-28** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

# Main Components of a Christian Worldview

## Humankind

1. Are human beings free or merely pawns?
2. Is there life after death?

**Romans 9:19-23** One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" <sup>20</sup> But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" <sup>21</sup> Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use? <sup>22</sup> What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath-- prepared for destruction? <sup>23</sup> What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory--

**Romans 6:22-23** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Combating a Post-Modern Worldview



## **God**

If He/She exists they have nothing to say about how we should live now.

## **Reality**

We all create our own reality.

## **Knowledge**

No Absolute truth. It is true if you believe in it.

## **Morality**

All moral values are relative. People and Cultures develop their own values.

## **Humankind**

Big emphasis on individualism and tolerance.



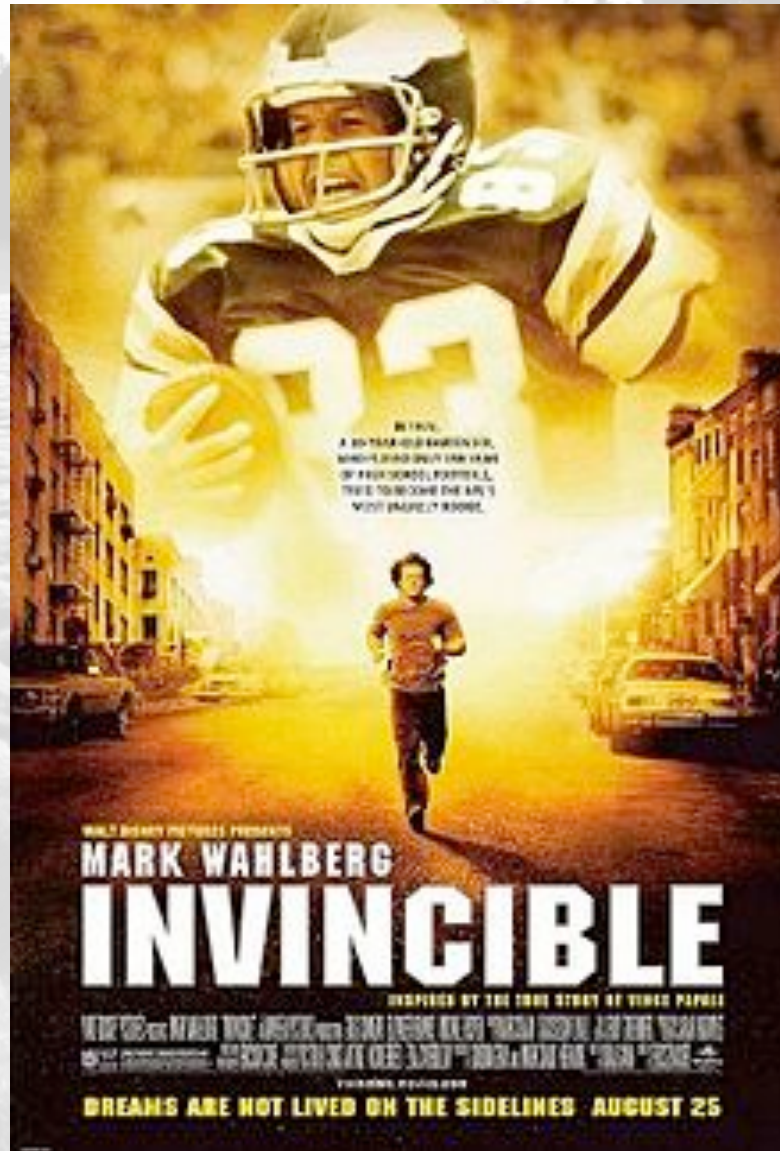
# Combating a Post-Modern Worldview



1. Pray
2. Study God's Word
3. Form convictions
4. Model convictions with integrity

# Key Component of Christian Worldview

Do you see yourself as God see's you?



# Reading List

Love Your God with All Your Mind, J.P. Moreland

World-views in Conflict, Ronald Nash

Default Christianity, Nathaniel Egger