

MESSAGE OUTLINE

SUNDAY, August 21, 2022



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: WORLDVIEW OVERVIEW
Worldview—Part 1
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Don't we all think we have a Biblical worldview? But do we?

According to Barna's survey only **6%** of Americans have a Biblical worldview (only 4% of Millennials) and only **19%** of (theologically identified) as born again have a Biblical worldview.

This means that statistically, most of you do not have a Biblical worldview.

Has our culture skewed how you view the world?

Top 10 Most Seductive Unbiblical Ideas Americans Adopt	
Believe in karma	57%
Having faith matters more than what faith you have.	62%
Premarital sex between unmarried people who love each other is morally acceptable.	74%
Absolute truth does not exist	67%
People are basically good.	69%
All religious faiths are of equal value.	62%
Most trusted source of moral guidance is something other than the Bible.	69%
Personal wealth is to be used to achieve outcomes other than advancing God's purposes.	81%
Success is about happiness, fulfillment, good health, higher consciousness, goodness, productivity	79%
People are not born into sin and therefore do not need to be saved by Jesus Christ.	75%

Let's start with "What is worldview?" ²

First off, everybody has a worldview. One way of thinking of worldview is the analogy of a computer operating system. Worldview is the operating system for human beings. It tells us how to think and how to behave. It informs and directs the choices that we make. Our moment-to-moment decisions are shaped by the worldview that we have adopted, adapted, and applied over the course of time, often without realizing that we are dependent upon such a framework for decision-making.

Whenever we are about to make a decision, we unconsciously run it through a mental, spiritual and emotional filter that allows us to make choices consistent with what we believe to be true, significant and appropriate. That filter is the result of the information and experiences we have embraced to make sense of the world in which we live.

Without a worldview, we'd be incapable of arriving at many of the hundreds of decisions we make each day because each option would seem just as appealing as every other. To make even minor choices we rely on our sense of right and wrong, good and bad, useful and useless, appropriate and inappropriate, to produce what we believe are the wisest choices.

"Your **worldview** is the set of beliefs about fundamental aspects of Reality that ground and influence all your perceiving, thinking, knowing, and doing." **-Oregon State University**

"Coexist" bumper sticker is displaying a worldview

- Currently in the United States, an individual's worldview is developed largely by default, rather than intentionally and systematically. (7)
- Churches have less worldview influence than is widely assumed. (8)
- Most people do not experience significant worldview change during the course of their adult years. (8)
- Worldview begins developing at 15-to-18 months of age and is almost fully formed by the age of 13. (21)

"[Pastors in the 18th Century] believed that they were in the best position for this kind of work, because God's Word interpreted the world authoritatively." (*The Pastor as Public Theologian*, p 86)

What is the Biblical worldview?

"The biblical worldview is a means of experiencing, interpreting, and responding to reality in light of biblical perspectives." –Barna

The Holy Spirit anticipated our modern worldview

1 Corinthians 1:18–29 (NLT) The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. ¹⁹ As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." ²⁰ So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. ²¹ Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. ²² It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. ²³ So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. ²⁴ But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. ²⁶ Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. ²⁹ As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

Seven worldviews we will examine in this message series and compare them to the Biblical Worldview:

1. Biblical Theism
2. Secular Humanism
3. Moralistic Therapeutic Deism
4. Postmodernism
5. Nihilism
6. Eastern Mysticism
7. Marxism

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Special Creation

God is the all-knowing, all-powerful and just Creator of the universe who still rules the universe today

Marriage

Believe that the marriage of one man to one woman is God's plan for humanity, across all cultures

The Bible Is Truth

The Bible is the accurate and reliable words of God.

Salvation

Believe that when they die they will go to Heaven, but only because they have confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their savior

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a real, living being not merely a symbol of God's power, presence, or purity

Life's Purpose

All people have a unique, God-given calling. The common purpose of humanity is to know, love, and serve God with all of our heart, mind, strength, and soul.

Human Nature

All humans are, at their core, sinners.

Morality

- Every moral choice either honors or dishonors God
- Telling a falsehood of minor consequence in order to protect their personal best interests or reputation is morally unacceptable.
- Having an abortion because their partner has left and the parent knows they cannot reasonably take care of the child is morally unacceptable.
- Premarital sex between unmarried people who love each other is morally unacceptable.

God's Sovereignty

God has a reason for everything

The Devil

Satan is a real and influential being.

Absolute Truth

In the person of Jesus Christ and through the pages of the Bible, absolute moral truths are knowable and can be applied to facilitate a successful and meaningful life.

SO WHAT? Will you adopt a Biblical Worldview?

Don't copy this world's behavior and customs

Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into the new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Don't fall captive to empty philosophies

Colossians 2:8 (NLT) Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

Don't wage war without using God's weapons

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NLT) We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

Philippians 2:15 (ESV) that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

End Notes:

¹ Barna. American Worldview Inventory 2021-22. (Arizona Christian University Press, 2022). This study will be used extensively in this message series.

² American Worldview Inventory 2021 Release #6: What Does It Mean When People Say They Are "Christian"? Dr. George Barna, Director of Research, Cultural Research Center August 31, 2021

³ Kevin J. Vanhoozer; Owen Strachan. *The Pastor as Public Theologian*. (Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition. 2015)



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, August 21, 2022

1. FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION TODAY—In the flurry of activity surrounding our new facility the dates for the Family Camp have slipped up on us. Please register today for September 9-11 Family Camp at the Blue Gate Inn in Shipshewana. Price is \$125 per person to maximum of \$299 per family...includes 2 nights lodging, huge buffet breakfasts, dinner Saturday evening. Please register today by completing the forms provided in the bulletins and drop them in the offering baskets when they are passed. You can also register by texting Jerry Ackerman at 317-919-7171.

2. YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT 6-8PM—Our new facility will host Youth Group each Sunday. Grades 6-12 (High School and Middle School Groups). See Pastor Jerry for more info.

3. LADIES BIBLE STUDY Starting September 7th @ 9:30AM at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying the book of 1 Peter using Jen Wilkin's guide.

4. SERVERS NEEDED—Our new facility comes with needs for more workers to serve the Lord by serving one another. Areas of particular need:

- **Host Team**—greet our members and guests with a smile and hospitality (see Kathleen Hodnett (khodnett1207@gmail.com))
- **Nursery**—serve our youngest with loving care (see Kathy Stump 317-292-7632).

5. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.



6. CREATION EVIDENCE EXPO—SEPTEMBER 16-18, 7:00-9:30pm each evening held at Eagle Creek Community Church (5943 Lafayette Rd., Indpls.) The following outstanding speakers will present topics that provide the latest evidence for special creation. There is no charge for this program.

Friday, September 16 (7:00—9:30pm)

Dr. Phil Stringer: ***Follow the Science***

Dr. Jerry Bergman: ***Apes as Ancestors Debunked***

Saturday, September 17 (7:00—9:30pm)

Daniel Currier: ***God's Miniature Machines: Why Viruses Point to the Creator***

Dr. Willie Dye: ***The Architect of Creation: God's Special Creation***

Sunday, September 18 (7:00—9:30pm)

Mr. Bruce Malone: ***The Grand Illusion: A Look Behind the Curtain of Evolution***

Dr. Jay Wile: ***The Lies Evolutionists Must Tell***