





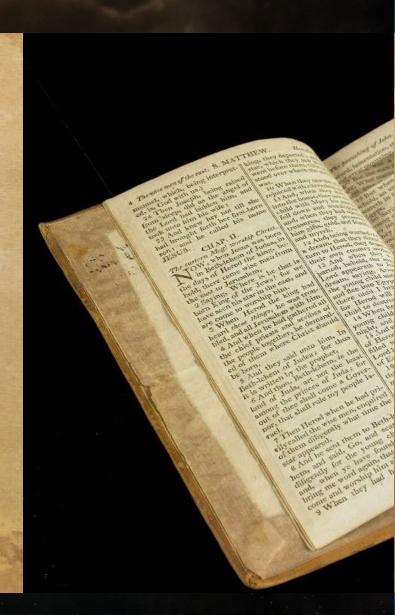
### No Question is Off Limits

- "He who asks is a fool for five minutes, he who does not ask remains a fool forever." Mark Twain
- Do homework this week (mPerspective.org)
- Spend time outside of class

# THE PROBLEM

### Biblical Worldview Survey Definition:

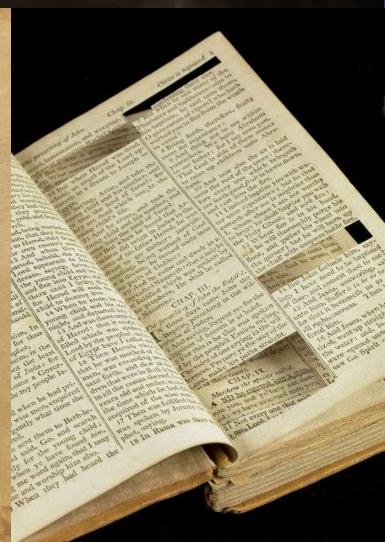
- ✓ Absolute moral truth exists
- ✓ The Bible is completely accurate in its principles
- ✓ Satan is a real being or force, not merely symbolic
- ✓ Salvation cannot be earned
- ✓ Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth
- ✓ God is the omniscient, omnipotent creator



# THE PROBLEM

### Biblical Worldview Survey Results:

- 9% of Americans
- Less than 1 in 5 born again Christians (17%)
- 0.4% of 18-23 year-old Americans
- Less than 1 in 100 born again young Christians (0.8%)



# HINDRANCES

# Hindrances to Biblical Worldview Then:

- Lack of basic education (largely illiterate)\*
- Roman Catholic control of message\*
- Few and costly printed manuscripts\*
- Pressure to use culture to interpret scripture

# Hindrances to Biblical Worldview Now:

- Proliferation of highly secularized education
- Neo-illiteracy: People read nothing important
- Liberal higher education control of message
- Ubiquity of manuscripts
- Pressure to use culture to interpret scripture

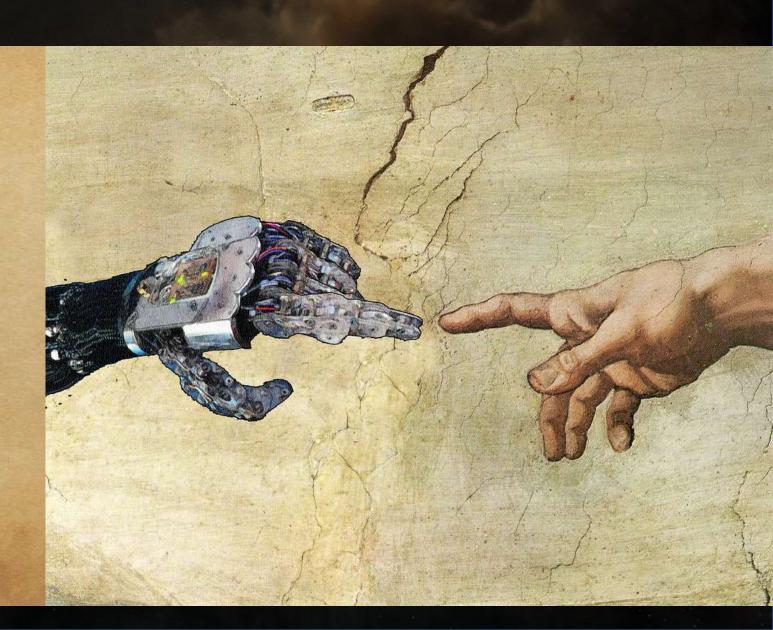
# CURRENT CULTURAL LENS

### Materialism

- Nothing exists except matter, its movements and modification
- All things are a result of material interactions
- Science therefore is the ultimate arbiter of truth

### Humanism

- Man is the vessel of relative truth
- No moral absolutes
- The end of all being is the happiness of man



### PERSPECTIVE

### Man's Word

- Infinitesimal knowledge
- 2nd or 3rd hand account (80 year lifespan)
- History of being wrong
- Egocentric perspective
- Passive limited observer
- Theories/opinions/views change constantly
- Curious about truth

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. -Rom 1:21-23

### God's Word

- Infinite knowledge
- 1st hand account (timeless & omnipresent)
- History of being right
- Universal perspective
- Active limitless creator
- Word never changes
- Author of truth

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. -Pro 9:10

# INSIGHT

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it." -Jesus (Luke 11:28)

### REASON

"ONLY BE STRONG AND VERY COUR AGEOUS; BE CAREFUL TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THE LAW WHICH MOSES MY SERVANT COMMANDED YOU; DO NOT TURN FROM IT TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT, SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE SUCCESS WHEREVER YOU GO. THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOUR MOUTH, BUT YOU SHALL MEDITATE ON IT DAY AND NIGHT, SO THAT YOU MAY BE CAREFUL TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN IN IT; FOR THEN YOU WILL MAKE YOUR WAY PROSPEROUS, AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE SUCCESS."

### REASON

"SO YOU SHALL KEEP HIS STATUTES AND HIS COMMANDMENTS WHICH I AM GIVING YOU TODAY, THAT IT MAY GO WELL WITH YOU AND WITH YOUR CHILDREN AFTER YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU FOR ALL TIME."

-DEU 4:40

Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

-DEU 5:33

OBSERVE WHAT THE LORD YOUR GOD REQUIRES: WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM, AND KEEP HIS DECREES AND COMMANDS, HIS LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AS WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES. DO THIS SO THAT YOU MAY PROSPER IN ALL YOU DO AND WHEREVER YOU GO.

-1 KINGS 2:3

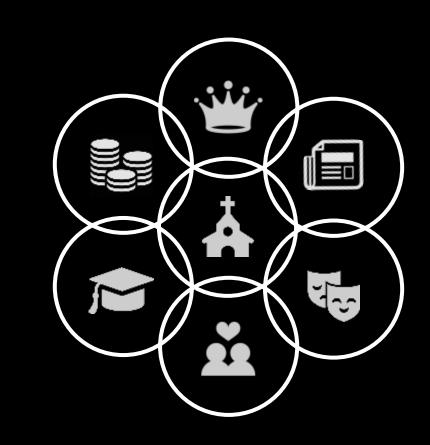
# REASON

RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A NATION, BUT SIN DISGRACES A PEOPLE.

-PRO 14:34

# THE 7 SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

- Religion
   (Local church, Mission church, & Parachurch)
- Family
- Government
- Economics (Science & Technology, Research & Development, Production & Sales)
- Media & Communication
- Education
- Celebration
   (Arts, Entertainment, & Sports)





### Purpose

- Physical, spiritual, and emotional health
- Ensure the future of the human race

### Modus

- Marriage (Mat 19:4-6)
- Child rearing (Gen 1:28)
- Inheritance (Pro 13:22)



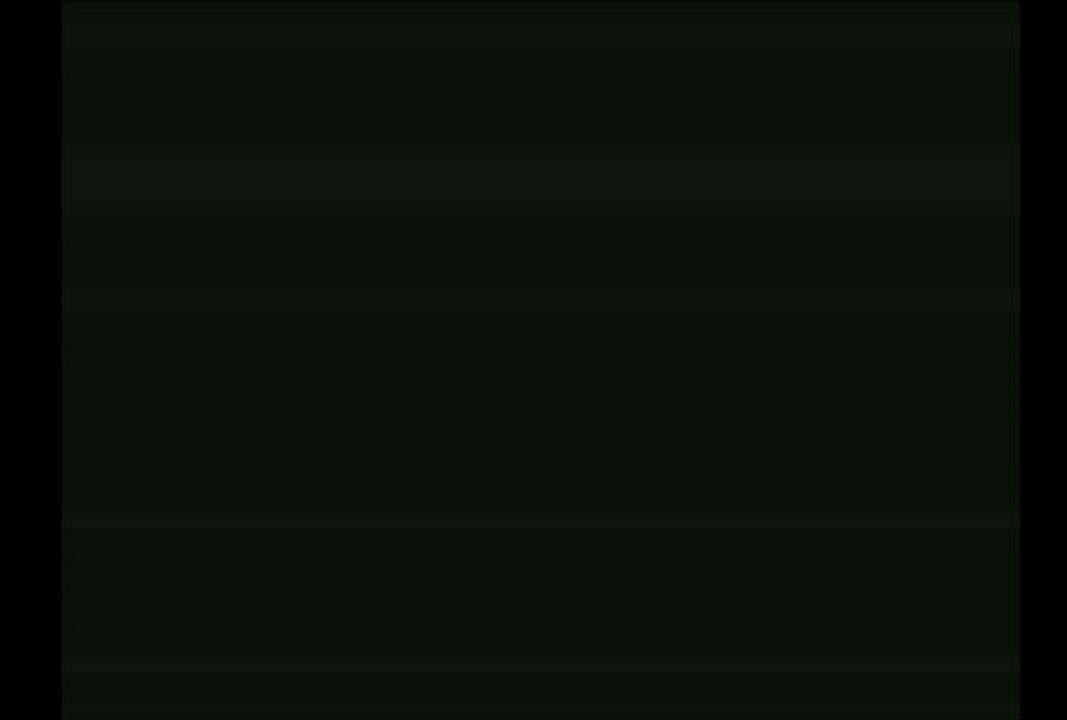
### Principles

- Sex designed only for marriage (1 Co 7:2)
- Marriage designed for one man + one woman (Gen 2:24)
- Marriage critical in raising healthy families (Isa 1:17)
- Families critical in God's design and plan (Gen 12:3)
- Children our most valuable resource (Psa 127:3-5, Exo 21:22-25\*)
- Command: "Be fruitful and multiply"

### Benefits

- Studies show virginity produces better marriages
- Less likely to divorce (you play how you practice)
- Better relationship stability (bonded to only one)
- Better relationship satisfaction
- Better sexual quality
- Better communication





### Worldwide Population Panic

- 1798: Thomas Malthus predicts global starvation by 1890
- 1968: Paul Ehrlich predicts global starvation by 1985
- Sparks environmentalism and many, many more failed predictions
- These myths are pervasive in society and call for population control
- In Gaia worship, man is always viewed as a virus or parasite
- Reality check: Humanity consists of ~0.01% of earth's biomass
- UN projections show population peaking around 2050 at ~9 billion
- Population will then fall to ~7 billion by 2100
- Due to fear, our world is being underpopulated, and soon depopulated



A Sierra Club-Ballantine Book

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# POPULATION CONTROL OR RACE TO OBLIVION?

# THE POPULATION BOMB

WHILE YOU ARE READING THESE WORDS FOUR PEOPLE WILL HAVE DIED FROM STARVATION. MOST OF THEM CHILDREN.



DR. PAUL R. EHRLICH

Foreword by David Brower-Executive Director, Sierra Clut

### Land

- Every human alive today could fit on the tiny island of Zanzibar
- In the last 35 years, reforestation the size of Alaska + Texas has occurred

### Food

- ~50 years, food production *up* while land usage *down* by 65%
- Food production grows faster than population
- At 7 billion population, we made enough food for 10 billion
- World hunger due to poverty, war, disasters, infrastructure

### Water

- 70% of the planet is covered in water
- Water cannot be consumed or destroyed, only contaminated
- Since 1900, fresh water production up 7 fold while population up 4 fold
- Wastewater treatment and desalinization plants now viable

### APOCALYPSE NEVER

WHY ENVIRONMENTAL
ALARMISM HURTS US ALL

MICHAEL SHELLENBERGER



### Health Consequences of Sexual Immorality (U.S.)

- Rising STI rates: 1 in 4 Americans have an incurable STI
- 1 in 2 sexually active will contract an STI by age 25
- 8 in 10 will contract an HPV in their lifetime
- HPV causes genital cancers and warts
- 1 in 8 have genital herpes
- 1 in 2 have oral herpes
- Soaring rates of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, & Syphilis
- ~24,000 women become sterile due to STIs each year
- ~60 million babies aborted from 1973-2019
- Married women: 4% of pregnancies end in abortion
- Unmarried women: 27% of pregnancies end in abortion



### LGBTQ+ Health Consequences (U.S.)

- ~10 million, or 4.1% of population
- 100x more likely to be homeless (20% vs 0.17%)
- 2-6x more likely to commit suicide
- 40-48% of Transgenders attempt suicide (pre and post op)
- 3x more likely to suffer from depression
- 3x more likely to suffer from substance abuse
- 2.5x more likely to suffer from alcohol abuse
- Straight: Average of 7.2 partners over lifetime
- Gay male: Average 100-500 partners over lifetime
- Gay men 130x more likely to die of HIV



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THE LATEST DATA ONLY REINFORCE WHAT PRO-FAMILY GROUPS HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR DECADES — THE ONLY 'SAFE SEX' IS SEX THAT IS SAVED FOR A MONOGAMOUS, SEXUALLY EXCLUSIVE LIFELONG MARRIAGE.

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-PETER SPRIGG

SENIOR FELLOW FOR POLICY STUDIES FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL

# Family | IMPACT

### Societal Consequences (U.S. Fatherless Homes)

- 90% of homeless and runaway kids (32x more likely)
- 63% of youth suicides (5x more likely)
- 71% of pregnant teenagers (7x more likely)
- 70% of juveniles in state-run institutions (9x more likely)
- 85% of kids that exhibit behavioral disorders (20x)
- 80% of rapists (14x more likely)
- 71% of high school dropouts (2x more likely)
- 75% of kids in chemical abuse centers (10x more likely)
- 85% of youth in prison (20x more likely)
- 4x greater risk of poverty
- 2x greater risk of infant mortality
- 2x greater risk of obesity
- Rates: 16% Asian, 24% White, 42% Hispanic, 52% Native American, 66% African-American (exact order of income)



Father's Impact on the Family as "Head" of Household

3.5%

Family gets saved if the child is saved first

17%

Family gets saved if the *mother* is saved first

93%

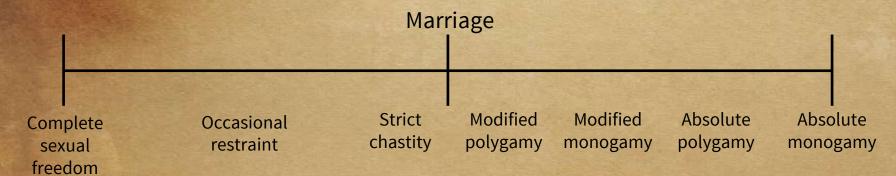
Family gets saved if the father is saved first



# Family DECAY

### Societal Consequences of Sexual Immorality

- 86 societies studied in 5,000 years of history
- 3 degrees of sexual prenuptial restraint
- 4 degrees of postnuptial restraint



- Increased sexual constraints (pre & post) always benefited society
- Decreased constraints always detrimental within 3 generations
- Strict prenuptial chastity was the #1 influential factor
- Abandoning chastity always led to loss of monogamy, deism, and rational thinking within 3 generations



J. D. Unwin, M. C., Ph.D. Oxford University; Cambridge University



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES







### FAMILY ARTICLES ON MPERSPECTIVE.ORG

#### **Generational Genocide**

God's design for humanity's future & the ways we thwart it

### Life, Death, & the Gray

How the slaughtering of innocents condemns & destroys nations

#### The Climate of Science

Gaia worship always leads to mindsets and policies which hurt humanity



# Government DESIGN

### Purpose

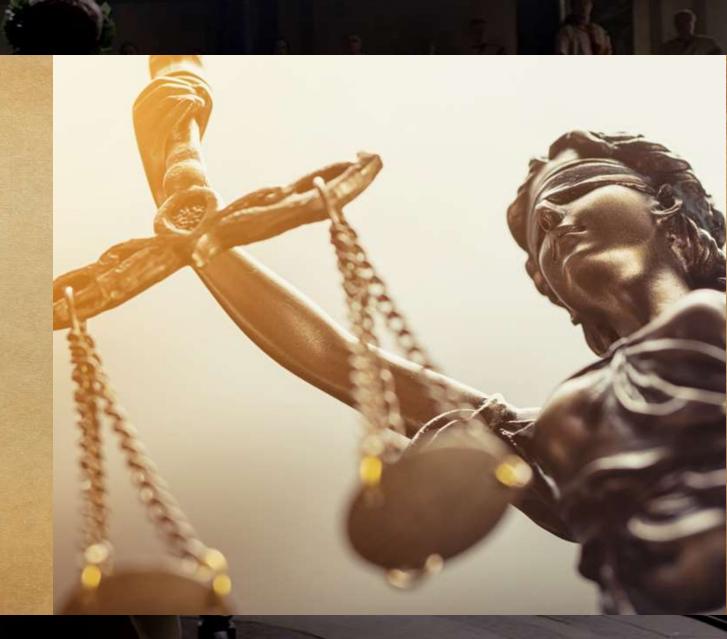
- Promote justice
- Create national peace & security
- Punish evil doers

### Modus

- Law & Enforcement
- Police & Judicial system internally
- Army externally

### **Key Passages**

- Isa 9:6-7
- Rom 13:1-7



# LEVITICUS 19:15

"DO NOT PERVERT JUSTICE; DO NOT SHOW PARTIALITY TO THE POOR OR FAVORITISM TO THE GREAT, BUT JUDGE YOUR NEIGHBOR FAIRLY."

### Non-governmental Roles

- Caring for the poor (family/religion)
- Distributing wealth (economics)
- Healthcare (economics)
- Education (education)
- Raising children (family)
- Funding the arts & sciences (economics)
- Shaping media & entertainment

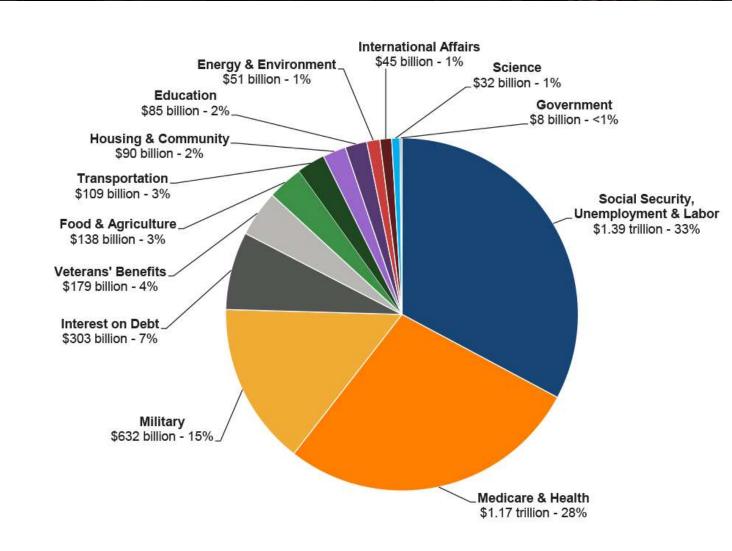


### Biblical U.S. Federal Spending (2017)

- Military (15%)
- Veterans (4%)
- Interest on Debt (7%)
- International Affairs (1%)
- Government (<1%)
- Total: ~28% or \$1.17 trillion

### Unbiblical U.S. Federal Spending

- Everything else
- ~72% or \$3.03 trillion



### Government

# BIBLICAL FORMS

### Representative Democracy

- Israel in wandering
- God's first government given

### Libertarianism

- Israel in wandering and under the Judges
- Limited government

### Monarchy

- Most common form in history
- Israel's adopted government



# Government HINDRANCES

### Mob/Social Justice

- Justice must be lawful
- Moses & the Egyptian (Exo 2:11-15)

### Bureaucracy

- Justice must be efficient
- Ecc 5:8

### Anarchy

- Justice must be defined
- Jdg 21:25
- Rom 7:7



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES







### GOVERNMENT ARTICLES ON MPERSPECTIVE.ORG

#### **Biblical Borders**

What we can learn from ancient Israel's immigration policies

### By the Sword

The moral use of deadly force

#### **Government and Gaia**

The religions for the non-religious



#### Purpose

- Release provision
- Model stewardship

#### Modus

- Science unlocks new products & services
- Business produces & sells these innovations
- Process creates and distributes wealth

#### Principles

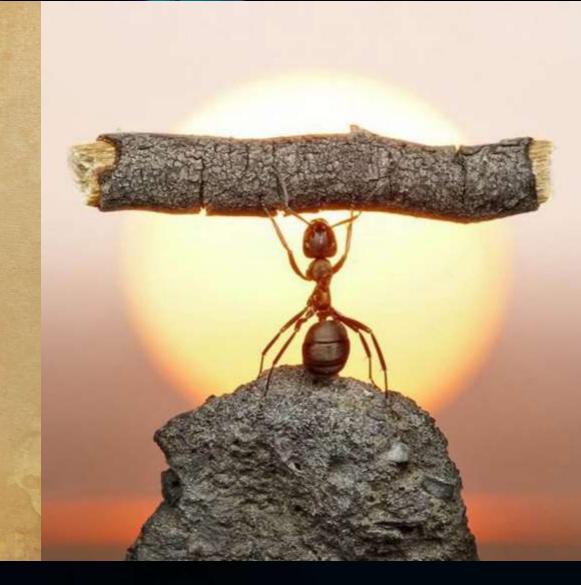
Private ownership, free market, work ethic, save



### Economics DESIGN

#### Principles:

- Do not steal (protection of private ownership)
- Must work to eat (2 Th 3:10 et al)
- Work to be a giver (Eph 4:28)
- Tithe (Mal 3:10-11)
- Be generous (Pro 11:24-25)
- Save (Pro 21:20, 30:24-25)
- No favoritism based on economic status (Jas 2:1-9)
- Wealth does not equal happiness (Ecc 5:10-15)
- Fair and ethical business practices (Amos 8:4-6)
- Economy is affected by sin (2 Ch 7:13-14)
- Build, plant, pray, be productive (Jer 29:4-7)



### OUTCOME

SOCIALISM (Planned/Controlled Market)

#### Accomplishments:

- Over 100 million dead
- Hundreds of millions impoverished
- Failed everywhere implemented

CAPITALISM (Free Market)

#### Accomplishments:

- Cut global extreme poverty (\$1/D) by 80%
- Reduced global poverty from 94% to 16%
- The world a 120x better than in 1800

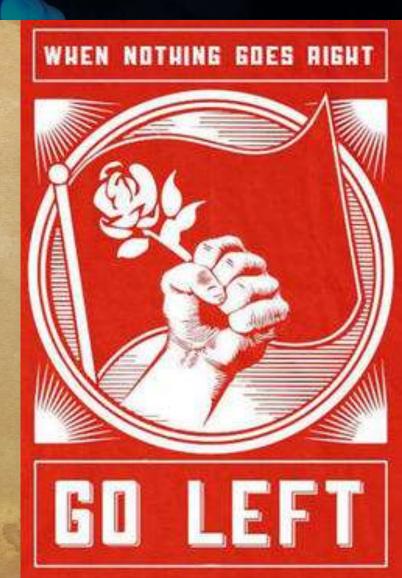
SOCIAL DEMOCRATISM

(Directed Market)

## Economics THE FALSE COMPROMISE

### SOCIAL DEMOCRATISM

- Originally a political ideology designed to peacefully transition society from capitalism to socialism
- After WWII, became 'welfare state within a capitalist economy'
- Shares common ideological roots with communism but eschews its militancy and totalitarianism
- Characterized by policies aimed at curbing inequality, oppression of underprivileged groups, and poverty
- Equal outcome (equity) rather than equal opportunity (equality) or rights, which is unbiblical and leads to totalitarianism
- Often creates narratives of oppression and pits groups against one another in order to sell their "solution" (divide and conquer)
- Uses state-sanctioned force rather than voluntary private charity to help the poor, with far less efficacy



## SOCIALIST ARGUMENTS

### GLEANINGS IN O.T. ISRAEL

- Lev 19:9-10
- Government did not collect or distribute
- Government was not involved at all except for enforcement
- This was private charity by law (moral government)
- Not a handout poor had to work to earn the food



## Economics SOCIALIST ARGUMENTS

### O.T. TITHES

#### Sacred Tithe (Num 18:21,24)

- Given directly to the Levites government not involved
- Given for actual services rendered not even charity

#### Feast Tithe (Deut 14:22-27)

- A personal recreation fund for your family
- Used for feasts, vacations, travel, and social functions

#### Poor Tithe (Deut 14:28-29)

- Taken up once every three years
- Once again, appears to be direct private charity (apocryphal and historical texts such as Tobit & Josephus)



## Economics | SOCIALIST ARGUMENTS

### PARABLE OF THE LABORERS

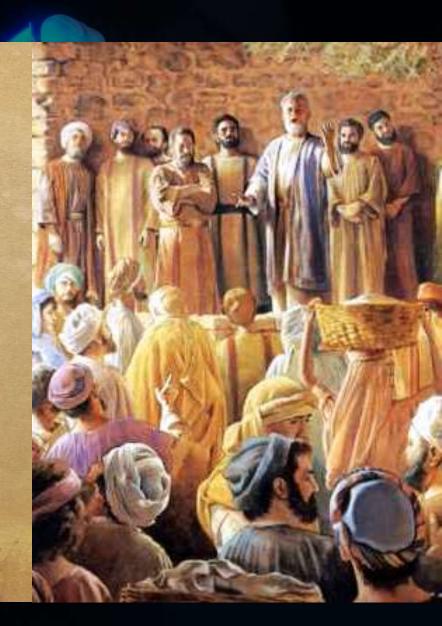
- Mat 20:1-16
- Some hired in the morning, others in evening, all get same pay
- This was a privately owned vineyard
- Had nothing to do with economic, wage or gov structures...
- This parable alluded to the reward of heaven for all believers
- Meritocracy in heaven, there is not equal reward for all: 1 Cor 3:8-15, Mat 25:14-29, Rev 22:12 et al
- Bema seat of Christ is a major theological doctrine of the NT



## Economics SOCIALIST ARGUMENTS

### CHURCH IN ACTS

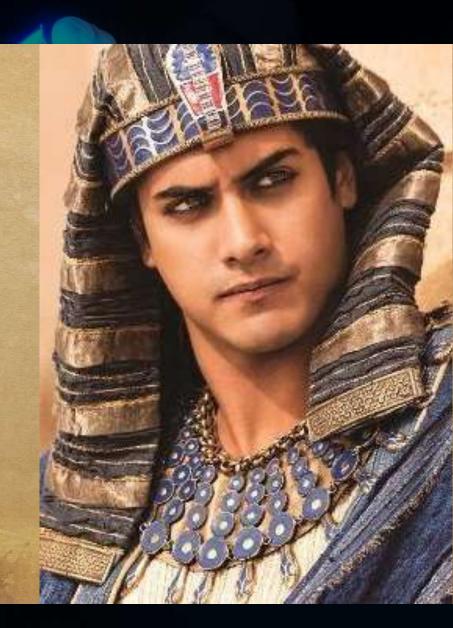
- Acts 4:32-37
- Members of a church were giving to any member in need
- Text is descriptive, not prescriptive
- Community and giving was voluntary, not mandated
- Proceeds were given to the apostles, not the government
- Recipients were members of that church, not the general populace
- The sphere of religion ≠ the sphere of government or economics



## Economics | SOCIALISM IN THE BIBLE

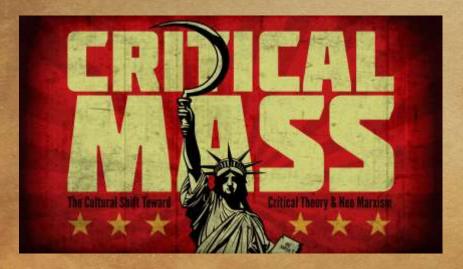
### EGYPT IN FAMINE

- Gen 41, 47
- 7 years of 20% of private crops stored up
- 7 years of those public crops sold back to the people
- All private money, livestock, land, & people became state owned
- Started with good intentions, ended in slavery
- 400 years later, God sent Moses to deliver His people from the bondage of Egypt and establish a free nation



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES





#### ECONOMIC ARTICLES ON MPERSPECTIVE.ORG

Che vs. J: Socialism & Christianity

The Biblical, moral, logical, & historical argument

**Critical Mass** 

The cultural shift toward Critical Theory & Neo Marxism

#### Lend Freely, Borrow Sparingly, Repay Diligently

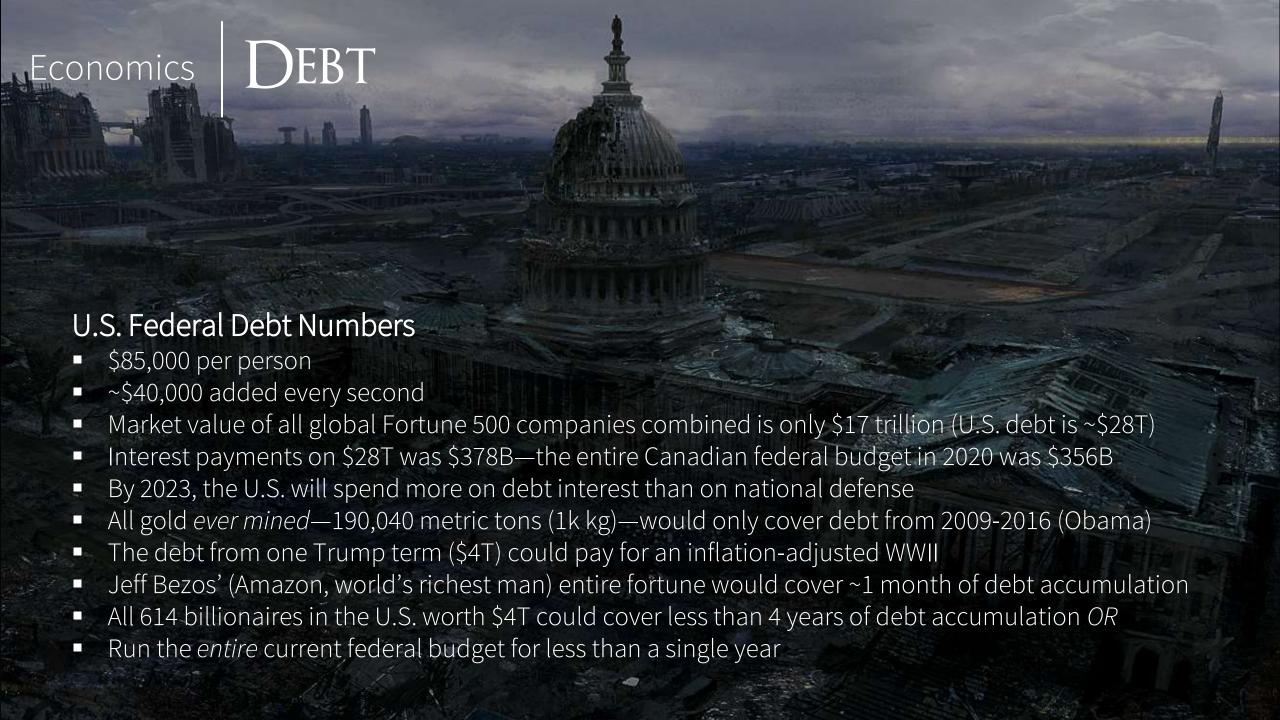
- Matthew 5:42
- Romans 13:8
- Proverbs 22:26
- Psalms 37:21

#### Lend to citizens at no Interest

- Exodus 22:25
- Deuteronomy 23:20

#### Debt leads to Bondage

- Proverbs 22:7
- Deuteronomy 15:1-2 (Jubilee)



#### **Government Debt**

- Far more detrimental than private debt
- Tempts leaders to adopt fiat currency
- Typically spirals, rarely repaid
- Historically causes inflation, then collapse





## Science DESIGN

#### Purpose

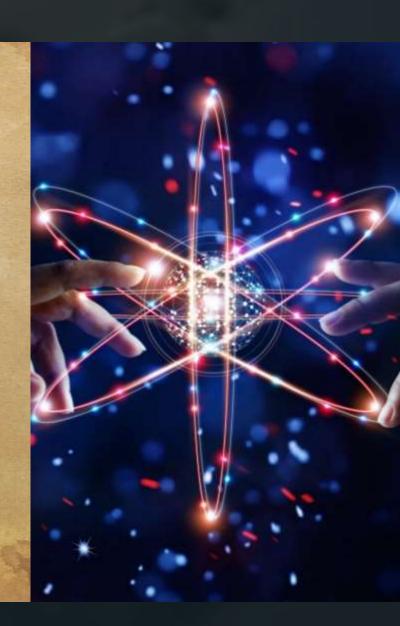
- To discover and understand the creator through His creation
- To unlock and release God-given ingenuity, creativity, design, and technology to benefit mankind

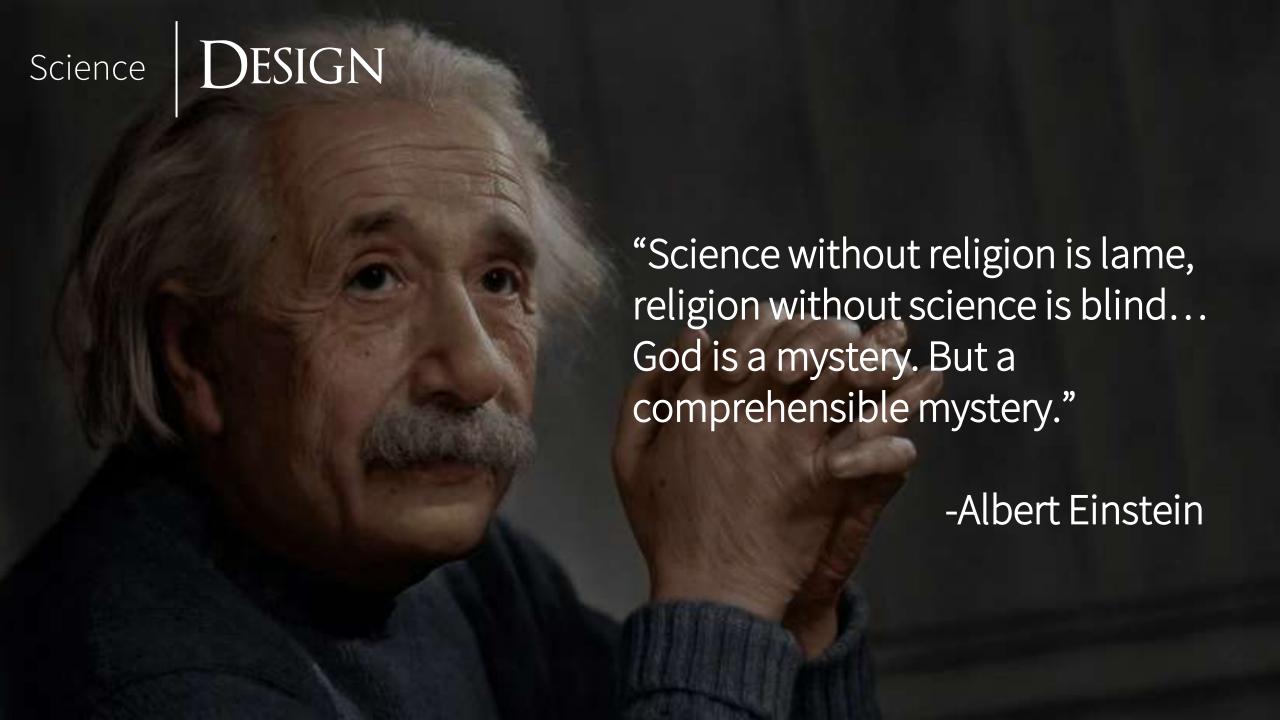
#### Modus

 Observation, measurement, and experimentation leading to the formulation, testing, and modification of a hypothesis

#### Three Competing Philosophical Views

- Scientific Realism: Science aims at truth and can define truth
- Anti-Realism: Science does not aim at truth or succeed in determining truth, especially about unobservables
- Instrumentalism: Truth inconsequential, usefulness in predictive ability and technological advancement is the purpose of science





## SCRIPTURE & SCIENCE

### THE FALSE DICHOTOMY

- It is not science vs. scripture, it's is naturalism vs. theism
- "Science is nothing but perception." -Plato
- Our scientific perceptions, theories, and interpretations must align with and be subject to biblical truth otherwise we build meaningless knowledge upon a false foundation
- Tons of scientific evidence supports the biblical account, very little supports a naturalistic explanation



## KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM

FOR EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY DID NOT HONOR HIM AS GOD OR GIVE THANKS, BUT THEY BECAME FUTILE IN THEIR SPECULATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED.

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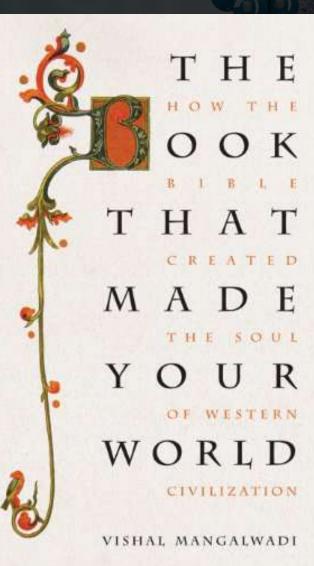
**ROMANS 1:21-23** 

## KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE IS UNDERSTANDING.

PROVERBS 9:10

## THE SOLID FOUNDATION



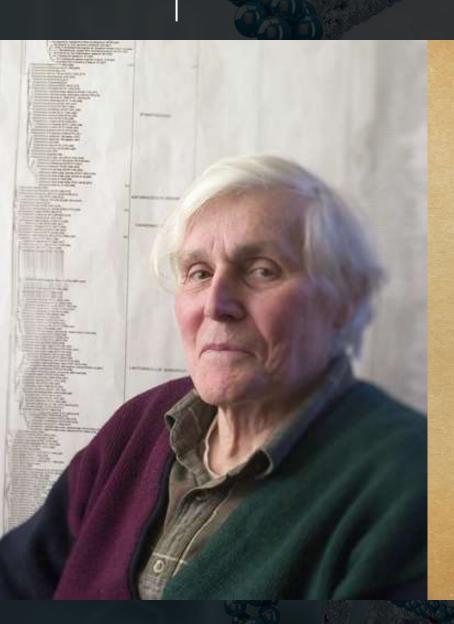
# SCRIPTURE, DISCOVERY & DEVELOPMENT

- When the theology of beauty was embraced and art was largely funded by the church, Western Civilization experienced a golden age
- After the Protestant Reformation and the rejection of the theology of beauty by the church, Western art declined (modern art era)
- Nearly all the fathers of every modern scientific field held a biblical worldview (physics, biology, astronomy, genetics, chemistry, etc.)



#### Science

### REASON & FAITH



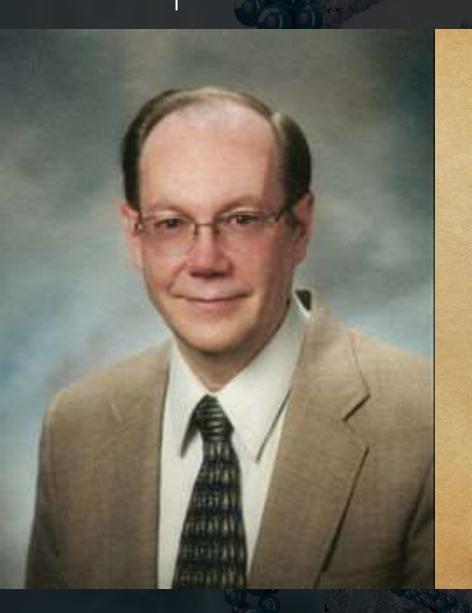
"... What they pass on as evolution in high SCHOOLS IS NOTHING BUT REPETITIOUS TRIPE THAT TEACHERS DON'T UNDERSTAND. I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT ANY INTRUSION OF RELIGIOUS IDEAS IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE — BUT I DON'T WANT THIS BLAND SOUP THAT'S TAUGHT AS EVOLUTION IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE, EITHER. IT'S NOT SCIENCE — IT'S CATECHISM. ... ALL THAT'S THERE IS TEACHING THE SAME OLD PAP FOR 150 YEARS, MODIFIED BY NEO-DARWINISTS BUT NOT IN ANY USEFUL WAY."

- CARL WOESE PH.D.

Famed (atheist) Microbiologist on Teaching Evolution: Don't Start Until College, Wired Science, Feb 22nd 2008

#### Science

## REASON & FAITH



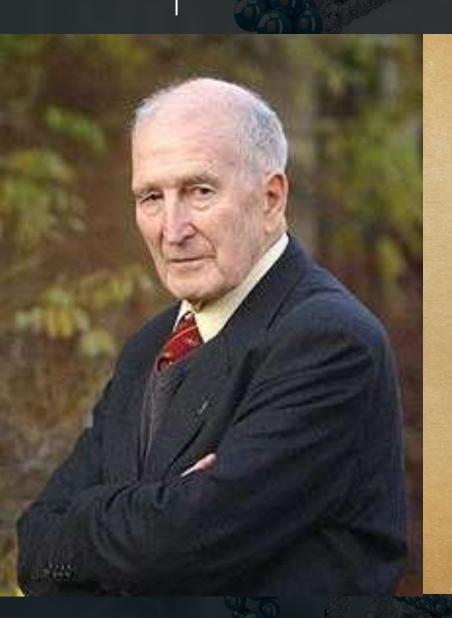
"THE EVIDENCE AGAINST DARWINISM WAS A CRITICAL FACTOR IN MY ACCEPTANCE OF CREATIONISM, WHICH OPENED THE DOOR TO MY ACCEPTANCE OF CHRISTIANITY, BIBLICAL RELIABILITY, AND A YOUNG-EARTH CREATION WORLDVIEW. LIKE MANY SCIENTISTS WHO CAME BEFORE ME, I DISCOVERED THAT THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTS THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE."

- JERRY BERGMAN PH.D.

2015. CREATION CONVERSION: FROM A THEIST TO CREATIONIS

#### Science

## REASON & FAITH



"I NOW BELIEVE THERE IS A GOD... I NOW THINK IT [THE EVIDENCE] DOES POINT TO A CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE ALMOST ENTIRELY BECAUSE OF THE DNA INVESTIGATIONS... MY DISCOVERY OF THE DIVINE HAS BEEN A PILGRIMAGE OF REASON AND NOT FAITH."

#### - ANTONY FLEW

THERE IS A GOD: HOW THE WORLD'S MOST NOTORIOUS ATHEIST CHANGED HIS MIND

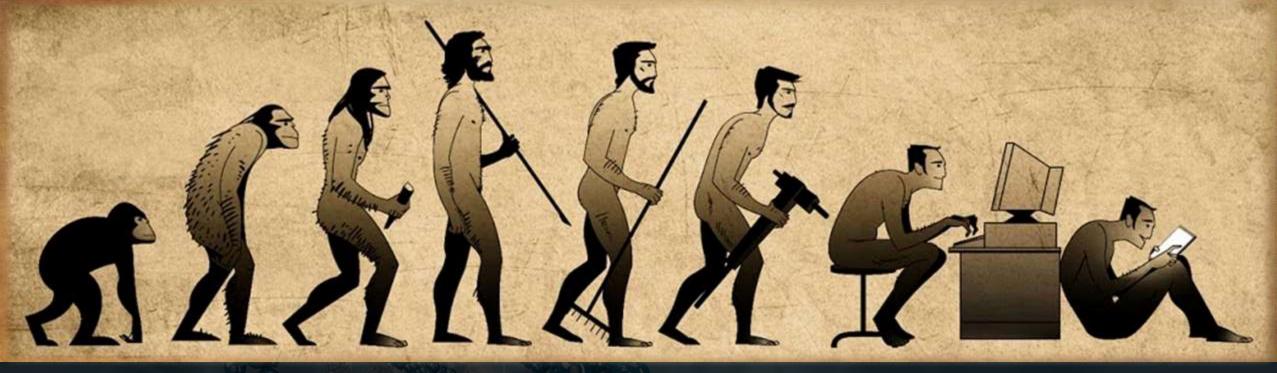
## OPPOSING WORLDVIEWS

#### NATURALISM

- Order & Complexity increases over time
- Death is normal, critical, & advantageous to life
- Death produced man

#### THEISM

- Order & Complexity decreases over time
- Death is a digressive & destructive curse upon life
- Man produced death



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES







#### SCIENCE ARTICLES ON MPERSPECTIVE.ORG

#### **Ancient Cosmology**

Forget what you think you know about the universe

#### **New Science Rocks Evolutionary Foundation**

New study of 100,000 different species finds genetic material all the same age... and not old

#### **Shattering Science**

We now know 70% of scientific publications are false

#### **Rapid Geology**

Theory claims billions of years, but observation shows rapid formation

#### **New Discovery in Microbiology Makes Evolution Impossible**

The science gets better, the theory gets worse

#### **Alien Theology**

Are we alone in the universe? The truth is out there...



### DESIGN

#### Purpose

- Preach the Gospel to all mankind (Mat 28:19)
- Teach the law of God to all spheres (Mat 28:20)

#### Principles

- All authority has been given to the church [ecclesia] (Mat 28:18, Mat 16:19)
- Love God: safeguard against idolatry
- Love others: safeguard against injustice (Mat 22:37-40)





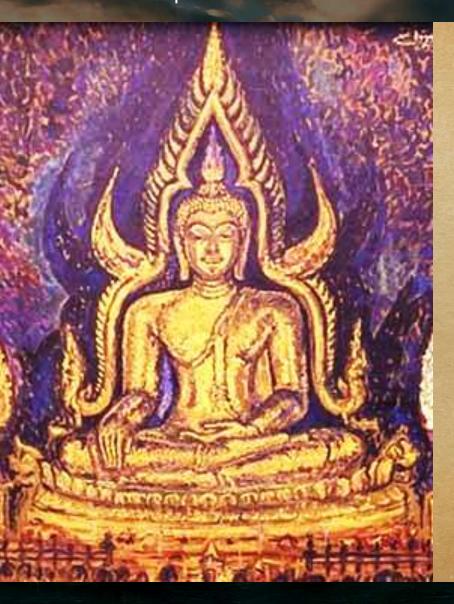


- Began in 622 AD
- Muhammad was a pupil of Judaism and Christianity
- Believe Muhammad was "the last prophet"
- Muhammad claimed Gabriel gave him the words
- Qur'an points to scripture, but contradicts it
- Qur'an contradicts itself
- 99 names for God in Islam, love is not one of them
- Must earn your salvation
- Salvation is not guaranteed except through martyrdom
- Violence, cruelty and male chauvinism promoted
- World domination by any means necessary (Jihad)
- Jesus acknowledged as a prophet, not as God
- Jesus' death on a cross believed as a lie
- Heaven is simply fleshly desires fulfilled
- Around 24% of people hold this worldview





- Began between 4000-2500 BC
- Believe in the unity and deity of everything
- The totality is called Brahman
- Ultimate deity is Atman
- Atman has over 330 million chosen avatars (other gods)
- Hindus may worship Atman or any avatar they choose
- Believe in karma
- Believe in reincarnation or "samsara"
- Strict caste system tied to samsara
- Elite are members of the brahmin caste
- Progress toward enlightenment dependent upon karma and appeasing the gods
- Around 15% of people hold this view





### BUDDHISM

- Began around 490-560 BC
- Developed from the teaching of Siddhartha Gautama
- After death, his teachings were recorded in the Tripitaka
- Believe in Karma and samsara (reincarnation)
- Believe there are no gods or eternal soul
- No forgiveness, no need for prayer, no afterlife
- Believe in 5-6 spiritual realms
- Ultimate enlightenment is Nirvana
- Believe suffering comes from desire
- To end life and suffering, must be empty of desire
- Unlike Hinduism, only sentient life is sacred
- Syncretism very common due to its philosophical nature
- The Dalai Lama a follower of Tantric Buddhism
- Demonic at its core / serene, tolerant façade
- Around 7% of people hold this worldview





## NEW AGE MOVEMENT

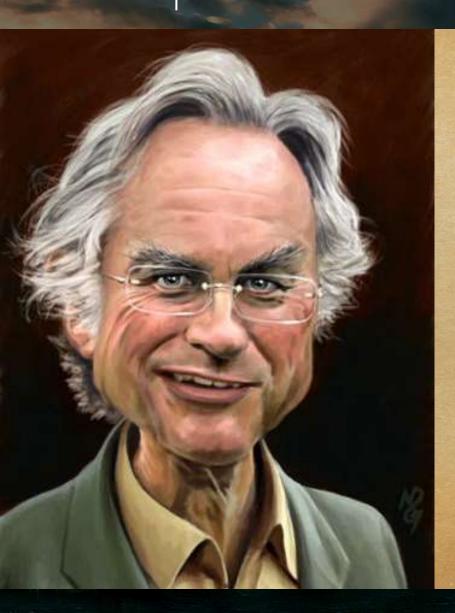
- Two basic beliefs: Evolutionary godhood and global unity
- A collection of Eastern-influenced metaphysical thought systems
- "Salvation" = "Correct thinking" and "correct knowledge"
- A theology of feel-goodism, universal tolerance and moral relativism
- Man is central, we are the divine hope for the universe
- The term refers to the "Aquarian Age" which according to New Age followers is dawning and will bring peace, unity and enlightenment (astrology)
- As each person is divine, they can create their own reality and truth
- "Spirit guides" are often used through meditation and trances
- Mysticism, magic and rituals may be used by practitioners
- Mainly Western and White (85%), total numbers unknown





### ANIMISM/SHAMANISM

- Common belief system of tribal or indigenous people
- No belief in deities or gods, only spirits
- Nature is spiritual, sacred and balanced but not unified
- Humans are equal with the rest of nature
- Rituals are essential to win favor in order to survive
- Spirits are in everything and are often malignant
- After death, the spirit may travel to a "Garden of Eden"
- Or the spirit may remain as a ghost, often malignant
- Purpose of life is simply survival, no sense of morality
- Often incorporates Witch Doctors or Shamans
- Everything from sickness to weather is caused by spirits
- Shamans are intermediaries to the spirit world
- The position of shaman is held for life
- Highly superstitious, highly demonic
- Around 6% of people hold this worldview





### ATHEISM/AGNOSTICISM

- These worldviews are as old as man
- Atheism is the belief that there is no god
- Agnosticism is the belief that the question is unanswerable
- Both believe the physical world is (possibly) all there is
- Both would be categorized as "nonreligious"
- "Nonreligious" people tend to have "religious" beliefs
- Atheists believe in "scientific enlightenment"
- Agnostics typically don't have an agenda
- Both deny absolute truth, morality and good and evil
- Both are materialists
- Both views ultimately promote egocentrism
- Around 2% of people are "pure" atheists
- Around 14% of people are agnostic or nonreligious



## CHRISTIANITY

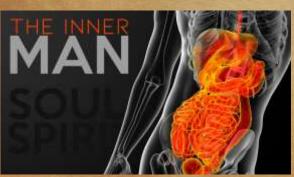
- Began around 30 AD as a continuance of Judaism
- Only religion you cannot earn salvation- it is given
- Only religion that affirms Christ's deity and sacrifice
- Only religion whose holy writings are both historically and prophetically accurate
- Only religion which affirmed, rather than contradicted, earlier revelations
- Believe man is redeemed only by grace
- Believe you only have one life to live- make it count
- Believe in moral absolutes and eternal judgment
- Believe truth is a person, not a concept
- Believe the physical realm is real but temporary
- Believe the purpose of man is the glory of God
- Around 31% of people hold this worldview

# THE BIBLE SAYS...

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES







#### RELIGION ARTICLES ON MPERSPECTIVE.ORG

#### Understanding the Underworld: Hell, Hades, Death & Sheol

Biblical concepts may seem very strange to modern Greek-thinking Christians

#### **The Hell Debate**

A hot topic where Greek, Jewish, and pagan ideas collide

#### Sons of Earth & Sky

Why the Nephilim matter in the Old Testament and are relevant today

#### The Inner Man

The Biblical concept of fasting and why (and how) you should do it

#### The Outpouring

An introduction to the third person of the Trinity

#### **Radicle Faith**

Seeds of faith begin small but must grow large to see mountains move

#### **A Leap From Faith**

Can Christians lose their salvation?

#### The Myth of the Jesus Myth

Destroying the argument that Jesus, Krishna, Buddha, Horus, Mithras, Attis, Osiris are the same story

## Religion PRACTICAL ESCHATOLOGY

The church exists for two reasons: To complete the Great Commission and to redeem and disciple all things under the Lordship of Christ (go + teach)

Throughout scripture, end times teaching was a primary motivator for the church to stay on task, not to promote idle speculation

We are not waiting for Christ's return, He is waiting on our obedience (2Pe 3:3,4,9)

When will the end come? Jesus' clear response: Mat 24:14 & Mar 13:10

## Religion PRACTICAL ESCHATOLOGY

### THE ACCELERATING TIMELINE

- The Woman in Labor
- John 16:19-21
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3
- Romans 8:19-23
- Mark 13:8
- Parallels between conception, gestation, contractions and birth



## PRACTICAL ESCHATOLOGY

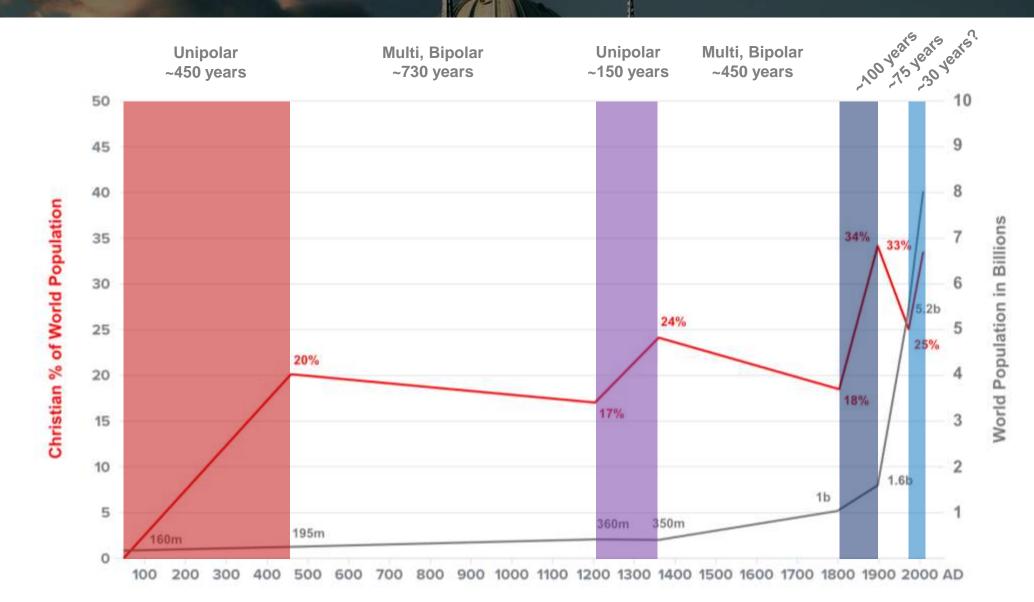
THE ACCELERATING TIMELINE

**Pax Romana** 

**Pax Mongolica** 

**Pax Britannica** 

Pax Americana



## Religion PRACTICAL ESCHATOLOGY

### THE ACCELERATING TIMELINE

- The Great Commission for the 1st time in human history can be completed in our generation (possibly in the next 15 years!)
- In the 20th Century, The Islamic Caliphate ended (1924), Israel was reborn (1948), Jerusalem was retaken (1967), two World Wars broke out (1914 & 1939), there was a major revival of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and more people came to Christ than the rest of human history combined—things are escalating
- As the Kingdom of God advances, the kingdom of darkness pushes back all the more. WWIII, economic collapse, and political chaos are on the horizon.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES





#### PRACTICAL ARTICLES ON MPERSPECTIVE.ORG

#### **Apocalypse**

A beginner's guide to the end

#### **Modern Missions**

*Video series on the history and future of missions* 

