

# Young Evangelism/Apologetics Training

## Home Church 2017 – Three Weeks

### Week 2 – Thinking About World Views

**Review of the Basics of Evangelism – Paul Washer** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gQuiC\\_ef9Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gQuiC_ef9Q)  
– 5 Minutes

Intro and Review Basics – 10 Minutes

Questions from last week

### **What is a world view?** – 15 Minutes

What is a Worldview? Ravi Zacharias on Origin, Meaning, Morality, and Destiny -  
<https://vimeo.com/47662226> - 5 minutes

A set of beliefs (assumptions/assertions) we use to filter all information we use to look at the world

Beliefs that determine what you think is true about reality

Important because it determines how you make decisions, values, etc.

Can you think of what decisions would be affected by your particular world view? As a Christian?

Example - Is there a mythical creature in the corner of the room? How do you know? You are informed by your world view.

Should answer the four big questions:

Origin – Where do we come from?

Purpose – Why are we here?

Morality – What is right and what is wrong?

Destiny – What happens after we die?

Everyone has a world view, whether they realize it or not. It's just a matter of whether it is good or bad.

### **How Do You Know if a World View is True?**

How do we know anything? – We should ask!

Intuition/necessity – What we know naturally. What is necessary to function and communicate

Reason - DEFINE

Laws of logic

Science – Examines how the natural world functions

Often assumed to have more explanatory value than it does

No place for the soul to fit

History

Written history

Forensic/historical science

The Nature of Science -

[https://youtu.be/SbWnJz\\_IXdA?list=PLqBX2dZXfWjjjTr7BH2CaYoue6XvRt6tr](https://youtu.be/SbWnJz_IXdA?list=PLqBX2dZXfWjjjTr7BH2CaYoue6XvRt6tr)

Experience

Senses (Careful. Your senses can fool you!)

Revelation – Scripture

### **How Does Someone Choose a World View? - 5 Minutes**

World views must be:

Internal consistency/coherence – The beliefs within the system should be rational and work together

Moral relativism and the problem of evil

Empirical Adequacy – Do we have sufficient reasons for our beliefs?

Correspond to reality – Fits with our experience of the world we see around us?

How does it account for all data?

The Failure of Atheism to Account for Morality –

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We should be seeking truth. A good world view corresponds to the Truth!

World view beliefs can overlap, but world view foundations cannot

Truth, by nature, is exclusive

Contrary world views cannot both be true

All religions basically the same?

Christianity vs. Judaism vs. Islam

We should have GOOD REASONS for what we believe. Often, people don't. Be prepared for that

What our family has taught us

What helps us feel good

What is accepted by friends/culture

What makes us look/feel smart

What seems to answer a piece, but not the whole

Do YOU have good reasons for what you believe?

### **How world view affect discussions/witnessing – 5 Minutes**

Definitions of words

Mormonism – Who Jesus is

The many meanings of Evolution

What you will accept as evidence

Is the supernatural allowable or not?

Must everything be explained through natural causes?

Does their world view allow them to examine their own beliefs?

Some groups are conditioned not to listen to any criticism

***MORE EXAMPLES***

**The Christian World View – 10 Minutes**

***Most people (even professing Christians) get these ideas wrong!***

**God exists, and He has spoken!**

**Romans 1** – All men know God

People may deny this, but their behavior shows it. This is particularly true with the issue of morality.

A good argument will not necessarily sway someone, because they are suppressing the truth.

**The Bible** – The Bible is God’s revealed word, and is absolutely true and reliable

Present brief facts and recommend resources. Too big a subject to address here.

***POST CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW EVIDENCE VIDEOS!***

Our decisions should be made with regard to **God’s nature and character**, and **His design and purpose for His creation**

**Character of God** – Perfect and Holy, as reflected in His revelation of Himself

**Our purpose** – Glorify God and have relationship with Him

**ONLY the Christian faith meets all the standards for a consistent, coherent, and relevant world view!**

**Spotting World View Assumptions – 20 minutes**

***World View Evangelism Video Clip***

***(Work through in large group)***

**A good God would never allow evil**

Assumes good something outside of God that He is judged by

God is the creator, and His nature, character and purpose define good and evil

Assumes God must deal with sin/evil right now, and there is no purpose for allowing it

God has a purpose for allowing evil, even if He has not revealed it to us. There are many examples in scripture

Pharaoh – Raised up so God’s power could be displayed

Joseph – Man meant for evil, God meant for good

Christ’s death and resurrection

**A good God would never send people to Hell.**

Assumes God is only good

Scripture tells us He is just as well (Exodus 34)

Assumes God owes us something

Anything good we receive is a gift, not an obligation

**Homosexuality is OK. It’s natural and doesn’t hurt others. Truth is relative, so people should be free to live as they choose**

***We’re Not going to deal with the political implications. Deal with people first!***

It doesn’t hurt others

Scripture says it is rebellion and an abomination against God. Those who rebel against God end up in Hell (which hurts a lot!) The loving thing to do is warn people.

The impact on society as a whole or on families could be argued, but is generally not as profitable as care for the person we are talking to.

It's natural

The fact that people are born with those "natural" desires does not make those desires OK.

For evolutionists – The natural order is to procreate so our genetic structure can get into the next generation. Homosexuality doesn't allow that.

We "ought" to let people live as they want

Based on what standard?

If scripture is the bases, God's moral law says what ought to be, and is clear on this issue.

If society decides morality, it could just as easily decide the behavior was wrong.

If we are just matter in motion, then there is no moral ought, just chemical reactions and what animals do to each other.

Christian Perspective – God's world was created with a purpose. This includes gender and sex. For pleasure, for pro-creation, and within guidelines determined by God.

***(Work Through in Small Groups)***

**Exercise – Pulling Apart Arguments**

**Work in groups to analyze arguments**

What are the assumptions and how do they fall apart

How would you respond?

**All religions are basically the same – Cliché Answers**

Assumes someone knows what other faiths believe.

Most really have NO idea what other faiths believe, or they would not make the statement

Might assume that religious beliefs don't matter.

Only true if there is no God, so he can't judge, or if there is a God, He's OK with people choosing not to believe in Him (not thought through)

**I don't need God. I'm already happy.**

Assumes coming to God is about human happiness, and means to an end

God cares more for His own glory, and for our holiness

True joy only comes from understanding our purpose, which is in Christ

Assumes God is not real, therefore judgement and wrath are not real

**You can be good without believing in a god! – Borrowing our world view**

Assumes Christians think people can only be moral if they claim belief in God

Scripture says knowledge of good and evil is hard-wired into us

They can believe in right and wrong, but cannot justify it rationally

Assumes that morality is something real that is “out there”. Important, since most will then deny that is the case.

**Discussion and Questions**

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## Additional Resources

Short video - Introduction to Worldviews - <https://youtu.be/1OVWCpup7aE>

## The Existence of God

Short video - **Does God Exist?** – RZIM - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yB-BkBGgNto>

Short Video - **What is the best argument for the existence of God?**

– Jason Lisle – <https://youtu.be/X6shI62vcrl>

Long Video – [Ultimate Proof of Creation](#)

Long Debate - **The Great Debate/Does God Exist** – (a classic Christian debate!) -

<https://youtu.be/ZLZdOGCE5KQ>

## The Truth of the Bible

Short video – **Is the Bible the Word of God? (Why Its Important)** – James White -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDUhGCh7pu0>

Short video – **It the Bible Reliable?** - CARM - <https://youtu.be/hidL5BPY5XI>

Long video – **Why I Choose to Believe the Bible** - Voddie Bauchum –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOYJkEFauZs>



Long video – **The Inspiration, Canonization, and Transmission of Scripture** - James White –  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgcwcxoxoUo>