

How Do You See Your World?

INTRODUCTION

Questions that world views answer:

1. What is reality?
2. Who or what are we as human beings?
3. Is there such a thing as morality and what is its basis?
4. Is there any meaning to history?
5. What is wrong with us?
6. What is the solution to our problem?
7. Is there a God and can he be known?
8. What happens to us after death?
9. Where are we in the flow of history?

I. Championing truth requires us to play both defense and offense.

A. Defense: We should critically examine beliefs before we accept them (Colossians 2:8)

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. Colossians 2:8

B. Offense: We should challenge beliefs that undercut the truth (2 Cor. 10:3-5)

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NASB)

II. How to navigate among opposing beliefs.

A. Think through the full implications of that belief system.

What are the consequences of this belief system if carried to its logical conclusion?

Can people live consistently with this belief system?

Does the belief system match and explain objective reality?

Is the belief system compatible with Scripture?

B. As for evidence of the belief's validity.