

Thinking Christianly: Introduction

Embracing a Biblical Worldview, Lesson 1

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You can read *Already Gone* for free online here:

<https://answersingenesis.org/answers/books/already-gone/>

What Does It Look Like?

What does it look like for a person to live out a biblical worldview? Look at Daniel 1.

What Is a Worldview?

James Sire's definition:

"A worldview is a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the _____, that can be expressed as a _____ or in a set of _____ (assumptions which may be true, partially true, or entirely false) that we hold (consciously or subconsciously, consistently or inconsistently) about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides the _____ on which we live and move and have our being."¹

Myers and Noebel's definition:

"A pattern of _____, beliefs, convictions, and habits that help us make sense of God, the world, and our relationship to God and the world."²

Sire's 8 Basic Questions:

- 1) What is prime reality—the really real?
- 2) What is the nature of external reality, that is, the world around us?
- 3) What is a human being?
- 4) What happens to a person at death?
- 5) How is it possible to know anything at all?
- 6) How do we know what is right and wrong?
- 7) What is the meaning of human history?
- 8) What personal, life-orienting core commitments are consistent with this worldview?³

¹James W. Sire, *The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog*, 5th ed. (Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 2009), 20.

²Jeff Myers & David A. Noebel, *Understanding the Times: A Survey of Competing Worldviews* (Manitou Springs, CO: Summit Ministries, 2016), 5-6.

³Sire, 22-23.

Three Other Worldviews

Islam⁴

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New Age Spirituality⁵

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Post-Modernism⁶

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Conclusion: 1 Peter 3:15 & Colossians 4:5-6

⁴Sire, 244-277.

⁵Sire, 166-213.

⁶Sire, 214-243.