

Thinking Christianly: Wisdom's Friend

Embracing a Biblical Worldview¹, Lesson 3—Philosophy

Review

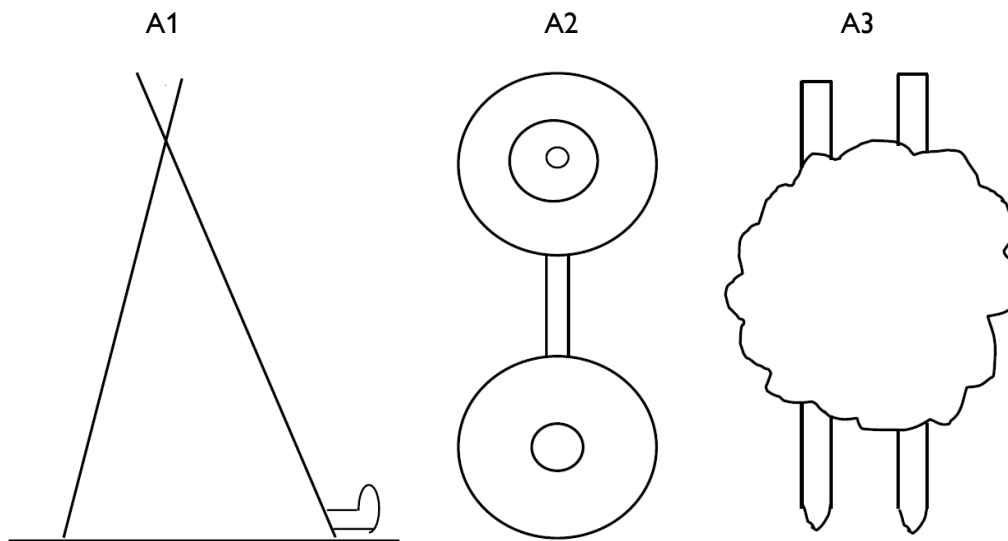
Myers and Noebel's definition of Worldview:

“A pattern of ideas, 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 really real? (or: Why is there something instead of nothing?)
- 2) What is the nature of the world around us? (or: What is the world and universe made of?)
- 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) How does this impact your life?

Introduction

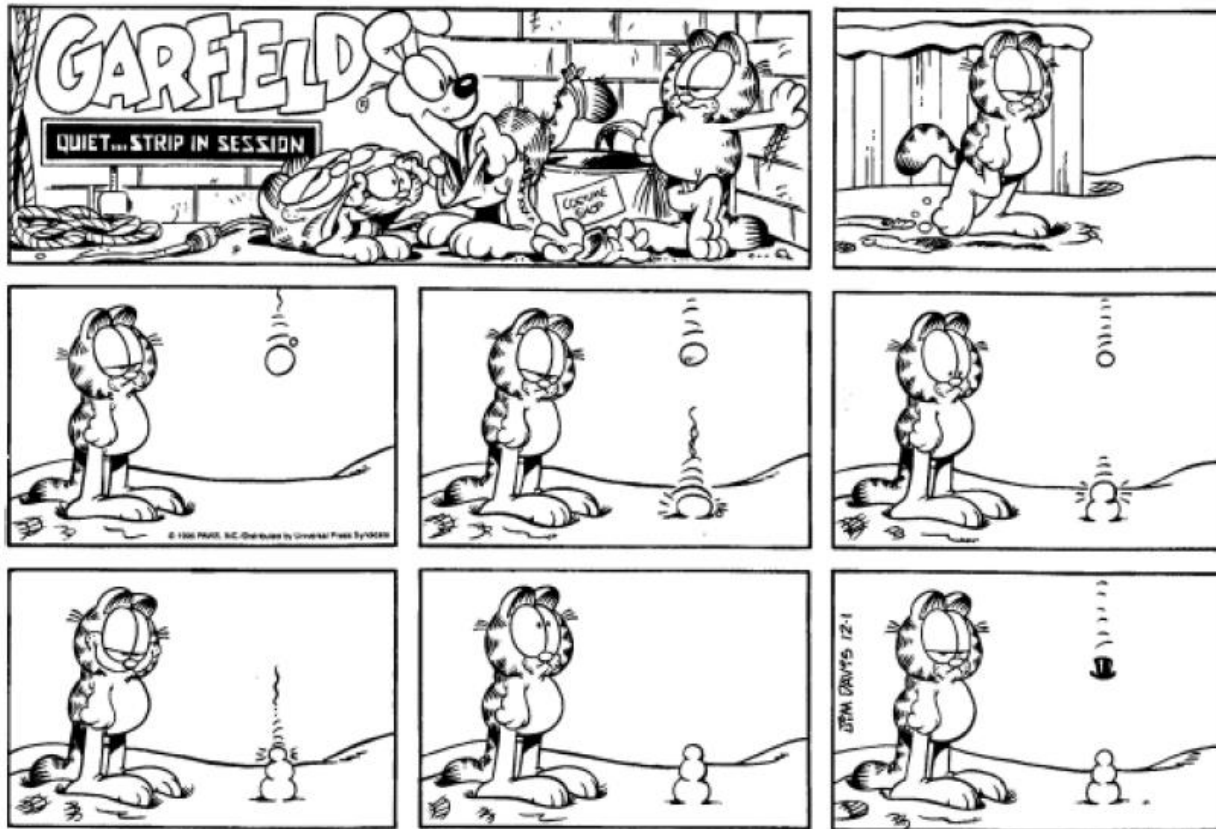


Colossians 2:8-10

¹This lesson material is from the worldview curriculum, *Thinking Like a Christian: Understanding and Living a Biblical Worldview* by David Noebel and Chuck Edwards. Material from *Understanding the Times* is also used.

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

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What Is Real?

Three Answers to "What Is Real?"

Naturalism

What about Post-moderns?

The correspondence theory of truth: The belief that a statement is true if it corresponds to reality.

Foundationalism: it is possible to have some kind of reliable foundation for knowledge.

Non-naturalism

Supernaturalism

Genesis 1:1

Romans 1:18-22 What can we learn about reality from this passage?

Which Reality Is Real?

Naturalism

Non-naturalism

Supernaturalism

Cause and Effect:

Summary: You have to admit that reality is more than just matter.

How Do I Know What Is Real?

Epistemology: The theory of knowledge and how knowledge is acquired.

There are three possible ways to answer this question:

Science: _____ told me so.

Intuition: _____ told me so.

Revelation: _____ told me so.

Application

“The truth of Christianity is that it is true to what is there.”—Francis Schaeffer