

THE APPLICATION OF SCRIPTURE: **WORLDVIEW**

COURSE 2 FRAMING THE WORLD

WORLDVIEW QUESTIONS

ORIGIN

1. What is ultimate reality?
2. What is the universe, and how did it get here?

IDENTITY

1. Who are we?
2. Why do we feel intended?

MORALITY

1. How do we know what is right and wrong?
2. Where does guilt come from?

PURPOSE

1. What happens to humans at death?
2. What is the purpose of humanity as a whole?

WORLDVIEW

one's view of reality and the basis for his or her decisions

Worldview	Theism a God exists	Naturalism no god exists	Transcendentalism all things are unified
Origin	God is separate from His creation.	There is no god.	God IS the universe.
Identity	We are image bearers, broken, and immortal.	We are evolved biological machines.	Humans are divine.
Morality	God has created us with a conscience and has given us a moral code.	Ethics are man-made.	Morality is an illusion.
Purpose	There is life after death in which we are judged by God.	There is no life after death.	Our purpose is to achieve enlightenment.
Examples	Christianity Judaism Islam	Marxism Atheism Secular humanism	New age Hinduism Buddhism



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THEISTIC WORLDVIEWS

Contradicting Beliefs	Who Jesus Was	What Jesus Did
Islam	A great prophet	Jesus was not crucified and did not rise from the dead.
Judaism	Not the Messiah	Jesus was crucified but did not rise from the dead.
Christianity	The Messiah	Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead.

REAL-WORLD EVIDENCE

PROOF OF JESUS AS MESSIAH

- Jesus fulfilled Messianic prophecies from the Old Testament (Psalm 22:16–18, Micah 5:2).
- Jesus was a miracle worker (as shown from scriptural and historical documents).
- Jesus claims to be God (forgiving sins, receiving worship, being called “Messiah” by His followers).

PROOF OF JESUS’ CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

- Stated in New Testament (Gospels, Acts, letters)
- Stated in non-Christian historical writings (Tacitus, Josephus, Babylonian Talmud, gnostic gospels)
- No ancient evidence contradicts the claim of Crucifixion.
- Witnesses to the Resurrected Christ were willing to be persecuted and die for their belief.

