

Northview University: Worldviews 101

“Learning to Love God with Your Worldview”

Session I: “Digesting God’s Call to a Christian Worldview”

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I. Introduction

A. Key Questions

1. What is a “_____” and why should I care? [week 1]
2. What is a _____ worldview? [week 2]
3. What are the _____ worldviews? [weeks 3-4]
4. How can I _____ to these other worldviews? [weeks 5-6]

B. Four approaches to the worldview idea (overview).

I. Worldview Illustrated as Visual Perception

A. Visual examples.

B. What a worldview DOES: Similarities between worldviews and visual gestalts.

1. A WV is a _____ that affects what we see and how we see it.
2. A WV offers a BIG _____ that guides our interpretation of the _____.

C. Some differences between worldviews and visual gestalts.

1. Visual gestalts allow more than one _____ interpretation.
 - a. Ambiguous gestalts (like visual gestalts)
 - b. Indefinite gestalts
2. Worldviews are _____.
3. _____ has a worldview.
4. Worldviews can be _____.
5. Worldviews affect _____.

II. Worldview as Guiding _____.

A. Our assumed answers to the _____ questions.

B. What questions would YOU list?

1	4
2	5
3	6

C. James Sire, *The Universe Next Door* (editions 1-3: 1976, 1988, 1997).

1. Definition of “worldview.”
2. Worldview “categories” and related questions and options.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - g. _____
 - h. _____ (Added in 5th edition. See III.C. below)
3. Sire’s list of worldviews. (Many of these will be discussed in a later session.)
4. A worldview “table”: Worldviews and worldview categories.

D. Key Criticisms of Sire’s Approach:

1. Too _____.
2. Too _____.

III. Worldview as the Biblical Notion of the _____.

- A. David Naugle, *Worldview: The History of a Concept* (2002).
- B. Sire's changed definition, *The Universe Next Door*, 4th edition (2004) and 5th edition (2009).
 - 1. A _____.
 - 2. An orientation of the _____, not just BELIEFS.
 - 3. Expressible as a _____.
 - 4. The _____ of the way we live.
- C. Sire's new (8th) category: Worldview implications.
- D. Examples: Worldview affects _____.

IV. Worldview as the "Core" of Who You Really Are.

- A. Four functioning components to who you are.
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____
- B. YOUR worldview is the composite _____ of who you really are.
- C. The "greatest commandment" (Mk. 12:30).

V. Worldview and the Biblical Importance of a Christian Mind.

- A. Mark 12:30 (cf. Deut. 6:5) We are commanded to love God with our _____,
_____, _____, and _____,
1. Why the apparent difference?
2. Biblical timeline.
- B. Romans 12:1-2 We are called to have a _____ mind.
- C. Romans 8:5-7 The mind set on the flesh is _____ to God.
- D. Colossians 2:8 We are not to be taken _____ by deceptive philosophies.
- E. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 We should be able to _____ every thought raised up against the knowledge of God and take every thought _____ to Christ.

VI. Someone with a Christian (or Biblical) Worldview:

- A. _____ God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- B. Is adequately _____ by God's revelation.
- C. Is NOT taken _____ by deceptive philosophies.
- D. Takes every thought _____ to Christ.
- E. **Consistently** _____ its implications in _____ area of life.

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<http://www.worldviewweekend.com/test/register.php?testid=WORLDVIEW&groupreg=19225d856>.

Instead of typing all that in, you can (1) go to www.worldviewweekend.com; (b) click on “Free Worldview Test”; (c) put “19225d856” in the “Group Code” box; (d) complete the registration on that page; and (e) take the test.

It will take about 30 minutes to take the test. If enough people take the test, general statistical results will be shared with the entire class.

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