

What in the World Is Going On?

Summary of this study. *This Bible study is based in part on the book, What in the World Is Going On?¹ This study will consider a few of those belief systems, or worldviews, that are common in our society. It is the goal that we grow in our certainty of what Christ has done for us and all people. It's also our goal to better understand our neighbors' worldviews and be prepared to give an answer for the hope we have in Christ!*

Introduction

Why is it beneficial for Christians to study a variety of worldviews?

This is not merely theoretical or philosophical, it's practical! Think of a someone close to you who is not a believer. What questions about life (and life after death) might they naturally have?

How does the Christian worldview answer life's big questions?

The following are common questions that a worldview seeks to answer.² Before we evaluate other worldviews and consider how they attempt to answer the following questions, let's answer them from a Christian (therefore biblical) world view:

1. *How does a worldview understand the Prime Reality—that which has always existed and explains all the others.*

Biblical answer:

Why is this an important question?

2. *How does a worldview understand the source of knowledge and truth? How does it claim to know truth and right from wrong?*

Biblical answer:

Why is this an important question?

3. *How does a worldview understand and explain the universe—how and why it exists?*

Biblical answer:

¹ Thompson, David C. "What in the World Is Going On?" Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee (2010).

² Thompson, p. 12,13.

Why is this an important question?

4. *How does a worldview understand man and his relationship to the Prime Reality and the Universe?*

Biblical answer:

Why is this an important question?

5. *How does a worldview understand and explain evil?*

Biblical answer:

Why is this an important question?

6. *What is a worldview's solution for evil?*

Biblical answer:

Why is this an important question?

7. *How does a worldview understand the future, the final reality, or the end game?*

Biblical answer:

Why is this an important question?

8. *How is a worldview reflected in various disciplines and various media?*

Biblical answer:

Why is this an important question?