Christian Worldview

6 Elements of a worldview

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**Ultimate Reality**

“ultimate reality refers to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, supreme, and final person, power, principle, or substance underlying the universe.”

**Nature of the universe**

The relationship between the physical universe and ultimate reality forms our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about nature and the purpose of the world and everything in it.

**Human nature**

The initial question is: Are we just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or is our true self just a soul or are we some sort of a combination of the two?

**Knowledge**

This element goes into concepts such as what is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of knowledge, reliable sources of knowledge, and the limitations of knowledge.

A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ structure is a way of thinking that functions like a filter by determining what a person counts as genuine knowledge and what should be disregarded.

**Ethics**

“Ethics may be understood as the systematic study of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ principles that guide human behavior.”

**Purpose**

“Purpose refers to the underlying reason for which something was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the ends for which it currently exists.”

The ‘purpose’ element of a worldview seeks to provide a way to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things.

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HOMEWORK

1. According to what you learned in class, why is ultimate reality the foundational element of all worldviews?

2. What is the tie-in (as you understand it) between human nature and ultimate reality?

3. Why is self-interest a major obstacle to consistent reflection and genuine understanding of moral principles?

4. Which of the 6 elements did you find the hardest to understand? How can understanding the elements of any worldview help you to understand what your worldview is?