Christian Worldview

3 worldview families and 3 worldview tests

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**The 3 worldview ‘families’**

Atheism – “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the existence of a god or gods and, therefore, entails an understanding of reality that makes no reference to any ‘thing’ or any being beyond the physical universe.”

Pantheism – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ god with the universe and the universe with god by thinking of both as identical and entirely consistent with each other.

Theism – the belief in the existence of at least one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and intelligent divine being.

Two types

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – only one God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – multiple gods

**3 Tests for worldviews**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ test

The test questions whether or not the various aspects of a worldview agree or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each other.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ test

The test tries the claims of a worldview to determine whether the claims \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ account for the available data along with personal experience.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ test

This test examines a worldview’s workability and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ value in the most important areas of life and experience.

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HOMEWORK

1. Which of the 3 worldview ‘families’ best fits with your personal worldview? Why? Have you ever used one of the others that is not your worldview today – if so, why did you change?

2. Apply the coherence test to your current worldview. How do the various aspects of your worldview cohere to each other? Is that important to you?

3. Apply the correspondence test to your current worldview. How does your worldview correspond with what is real according to the available information that you have and your own personal experience?

4. Apply the practical test to your current worldview. How does your worldview allow you to successfully go through life, especially in the face of difficult circumstances?