



A Conflict of Visions

The Biblical World View VS. The Non-Biblical World Views

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Helpful Resources, 1

- ✓ *The Bible.*
- ✓ *How To Stay Christian In College.* J. Budziszewski. NavPress, 1999.
- ✓ *Understanding the Times.* David A. Noebel. Summit Press, 1991.
- ✓ *A Conflict of Visions,* Thomas Sowell. Basic Books. William Morrow and Company, 1987.



Helpful Resources, 2

- ✓ *The Suicide of the West*. James Burnham. Arlington House, 1964.
- ✓ *Odyssey of a Friend*. Whittaker Chambers. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1956.
- ✓ *Witness*. Whittaker Chambers. Regnery, 1952.
- ✓ Many others.



A Conflict of Visions: Introduction

1. The current day non-biblical world view is rooted in three philosophies.
 - **Naturalism** (materialism or humanism)—Atheism, Darwinism, and Socialism-Communism are the main expressions.
 - **Post-Modernism** (meaninglessness)—1. There is no meaning to anything, 2. Everything is relative, 3. Everything is fragmented.
 - **Do it yourself Spirituality**—people invent their own religious systems; spiritual stew (often pantheism).



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2. Based on the evidence, the biblical world view is the only reasonable choice.



Scriptures that Highlight the Conflict

Isaiah 55.8, “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.

Colossians 2.8, “See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10.5, “We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”



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Acts 17:23-27, “For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God.”



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Jude 22-25, “And have mercy on some, who are doubting; save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh. Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.



World View Sources

Biblical

Bible.

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism

Humanist Manifesto I, II

Marxism Leninism

Writings of Marx & Lenin

New Age

New Age Writings



Foundation for Biblical World View

1. Creation—God created man in His own image
2. Fall—Sin
3. Redemption—Christ, Grace, Faith
4. Resurrection—to eternal life with God or to judgment and eternal existence apart from God.
5. Judgment



World View Disciplines. Categories from *Understanding the Times*.

Theology	Philosophy
Ethics	Biology
Psychology	Sociology
Law	Politics
Economics	History



World View: Theology

Biblical

Theism.

Genesis 1.1; Psalm 135.6
Romans 1.18-25; 1 John
1.5; John 1.1-4; Psalm
19.1-6; Isaiah 44.6;
Exodus 3.13-16; Hebrews
11.6

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
Atheism

Marxism Leninism=
Atheism

New Age=
Pantheism



World View: Philosophy

Biblical

Supernaturalism.

Genesis 1.1; John 1.1;

Colossians 2.2-10;

2 Corinthians 10.5;

1 Corinthians 2;

2 Peter 3.15;

Acts 17.16-31

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
Naturalism

Marxism Leninism=
Dialectical Materialism

New Age=
Non-Naturalism; Monism



World View: Ethics

Biblical

Ethical Absolutes.

Exodus 20.1-17; John 1.9;
Romans 1.18-32; 2.14-15;
Romans 3.5-8; Romans
3.23; 6.23; Romans 12.9;
13.1-10; Hebrews 5.14;
Galatians 6.10; 1 John 1.5;
1 Peter 1.15-16; John 3.19-
21; Romans 6.23; 2 Timothy
3.16-17

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
Relativism

Marxism Leninism=
Morality

New Age=
Relativism; Individual
Autonomy



World View: Biology

Biblical

Special Creation.

Genesis 1.1, 24-31; John 1.3; Mark 10.5-6; 13.19; Acts 17.24; 2 Corinthians 4.6; Colossians 1.16; Ephesians 3.9; 1 Corinthians 15.45

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
Darwinian; Evolution

Marxism Leninism=
Darwinian/Punctuated
Evolution

New Age=
Punctuated Equilibrium &
Psychological Evolution



World View: Psychology

Biblical

Dualism.

Genesis 1.26-27; 2.7;
Luke 1.46-47; Romans 3.23;
6.23; 1 Thessalonians 5.23;
Hebrews 4.12; John 3.3-7;
2 Corinthians 5.17;
Ephesians 4.17-24

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
Monistic; Third Force;
Self Actualization

Marxism Leninism=
Monistic; Pavlovian
Behaviorism

New Age=
Higher Consciousness;
Fourth Force



World View: Sociology

Biblical

Home, Church, State.

Genesis 1.26-27; 2.7;
Nehemiah 4.12-23;
Ephesians 6.1-9;
Colossians 3.18-4.1;
Romans 13.1-10;
1 Corinthians 12.12-31

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
Non-Traditional. World
State. Ethical Society

Marxism Leninism=
Abolition of Biblical View

New Age=
Revolutionary Restructure;
Limitless



World View: Law

Biblical

Biblical and Natural Law.

Exodus 20.1-17; Romans 1.18-32; 3.23; Romans 2.11-16; 13.1-7; Genesis 3.11; Acts 17.31; Isaiah 9.6-7

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
Positive Law

Marxism Leninism=
Positive Law

New Age=
International Law; Personal Power



World View: Politics

Biblical

Justice, Freedom,
Order.

Jeremiah 17.9; Mark 12.17;
Genesis 11.1-9;
1 Peter 2.13-17;
Romans 13.1-7;
Genesis 9.6-7; Isaiah 9.6-7

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
World Government;
Globalism

Marxism Leninism=
New World Order

New Age=
Collective Consciousness;
World Government



World View: Economics

Biblical

Stewardship of Property.

Romans 3.23; Genesis 1.28-31; Psalm 24.1; 50.10-12; 1 Corinthians 10.26; 16.1-2; Exodus 20.15; Acts 5.1-4; Luke 8.3; Ephesians 4.28; 2 Thessalonians 3.10-11; Luke 16.1-13; Matthew 18.21-35

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
Socialism

Marxism Leninism=
Socialism/Communism

New Age=
Utopian; God-Money In
Action



World View: History

Biblical

Historical Resurrection.

Genesis 1.1; John 1.1-14;
20.30-31; Luke 1.1-4; Acts
1.1-3; Acts 7; Acts 17.22-
34; 1 Corinthians 10.1-6;
15.1-20; Galatians 4.4;
1 Timothy 2.13-15.

Non-Biblical

Secular Humanism=
Historical Evolution

Marxism Leninism=
Historical Evolution

New Age=
Punctuated Progressive
Evolution



A Conflict of Visions: So What?

- There is a conflict of visions about how I view the world. This conflict touches every area of my life.
- The only right world view or “vision” is the biblical worldview, and this is my frame of reference.
- I learn the biblical world view for my benefit and to rescue other people from the non-biblical views.
- I need not fear the non-biblical views. Through the Word of God and the Spirit of God I can defeat them.
- I want to look at life and live life through the biblical view.