



World View Roots

Acts 17.16-34; Colossians 2.1-10; 2 Timothy 3.7; 4.3-4

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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.



1. Non Biblical World View

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).



1. Non Biblical World View of man

2. The non-biblical world view believes that man is good; he is not governed by a sinful nature. Problems are the result of society, environment, and economic conditions.
 - Mankind can solve mankind's problems.
 - The authority of God and history are ignored or said not to exist.
 - There is both an individualism (whatever one desires) and a group mind (today that is political correctness).



2. Biblical World View— Summary

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



3. Biblical View of Man

1. Rooted in God—who he is what what he does (Job 38-42; Isaiah 40.12-31; Colossians 1.15-23; 2 Corinthians 3.4-5; 5.15-17).
 - His character
 - His redemptive plan
 - His blessings
 - His judgment



3. Biblical View of Man

2. Man was created in God's image (Genesis 1.26) but because man sinned (the fall, Genesis 3.5-7) he needs redemption (1 Timothy 1.15).
 - Governed by the Old Sin Nature, the World System ideas, and the Angelic Conflict (Ephesians 2.1-3).
 - Self-centered and in love with self (2 Timothy 3.2-4).
 - Interested in one's own good and one's own advancement and one's own happiness (Matthew 6.19-21, 32).



3. Biblical View of Man

3. Believers are in God's kingdom (Colossians 1.13).
4. Church age believers are in Christ (2 Corinthians 5.17).
5. Church age believers possess a Royal Birthright from God (Philippians 1.27-30).
6. Therefore believers live (Colossians 2.6-10) by faith (2 Corinthians 5.8), by the Word of God (2 Timothy 3.16-17), and by the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5.16).



4. So What?

1. Learn the biblical world view so that it is my frame of reference.
2. Relate to myself, others, and the world based upon the biblical view of man and the world.
 - Purpose, Job, Family, Money, Nation, World, Conflicts, Recreation.
 - Theology, Ethics, Psychology, Law, Economics, Philosophy, Biology, Sociology, Politics, History.