

## Why We Need a Christian Worldview

Def: A worldview is the framework of truths through which you process your experiences and the truth claims you encounter. Everyone has a worldview, even though most people don't think it through in a formal way. A Christian worldview is a systematic way of understanding and valuing ideas and experiences based upon the teaching of the Bible. It should influence everything from the way we watch movies and read the newspaper to the way we pursue education and work to the way we make decisions about life and death.

worldview as lens

worldview as a biblical light shining on an object to reveal its true colors

1. The prevailing view of knowledge in our culture is schizophrenic.
  - a. Facts (scientific materialism)
  - b. Values (postmodernism) (cmp. "Don't impose your facts on me.")
  - c. These are both anti-supernatural.
  - d. These are not integrated. But reality is integrated. Ex: my ethical principles impinge on others. (This is very much a practical matter. Ex: Rousseau)
2. Non-Christian worldviews create barriers to communicating the gospel and applying it to real life.
  - a. Postmodernists don't recognize global truth claims when they hear them.
  - b. Materialists either hear something that sounds like a myth or a "value."
  - c. Christianity is the only worldview that is
    - i. truly non-schizophrenic
    - ii. addresses all facets of life (answer to secular isms as well as Islam and other major religions – not just about salvation)
3. Christians are called to shape all of life according to God's way of thinking.
  - a. We easily buy into cultural assumptions, and we need to be equipped with better filters.
  - b. Sin has touched all aspects of life, and the gospel is about bringing restoration to every aspect of life touched by sin. Renewing one's thinking using a biblical perspective is part of sanctification.