



## What Are the Five Major Worldviews?

*"Ok, here's the deal, I have no idea what makes people do what they do and who God is. One minute I hear that God is everywhere, then I hear God isn't anywhere and honestly, I just don't know what to believe. Where are all these people coming from? How do I know who is telling the truth?"*

A worldview is the basic set of beliefs by which one explains the world, interprets circumstances and lives one's life. This plays out in the way we think, speak, dress, love, value life and others. People's worldviews are reflected in everything; our media, our music, the trends we follow, the clothes we wear, sometimes the food we eat! It is the foundation through which we view life. What's yours?

"Life is all about me," is the cry of the Humanist/Naturalist. The **Naturalist** believes that man is the center of all things and science is the foundation for all truth. There is no God. Life is all about what we have and do, and there is no hope outside man, because there is no god. Image and wealth are everything and when we die, that's it. There is no life after death, therefore there is no hope.

Others will say that nothing in this world matters. There's no truth, therefore no god. There's no way to find peace and there is no hope. We call this **Postmodernism**. There is no right and wrong. Life is about suffering in the midst of existing. When we die, the world goes on, and whether we really made an impact or not is irrelevant. Life is irrelevant. As a matter of fact, it is down right depressing.

**Pantheism** believes that God is in all people and all things, all the time. The Bible teaches that God is present everywhere, but is not in all He created. For example, He created the tree, but He is not the tree. The Bible teaches that God is separate from His creation and therefore, we worship the Creator and not the creation (Romans 1:24). Their hope is in the quest for spiritual enlightenment that happens through oneness with the universe. Hinduism and the New Age movement reflect this worldview. To a Pantheist there is no difference between good and evil; one's deeds determine one's future, thus the belief in reincarnation.

Still another view is that there is a spiritual world beyond ours that we can tap into for directions about our life here on earth. This is **Spiritism**. It believes we find truth through spiritual encounters with demons. Like Pantheism, this worldview will talk about spiritual things, but neither is talking about the Holy Spirit of the Scriptures. Their purpose is to please the "spirits." They are about joining covens and doing satanic rituals like sacrificing animals.

None of these four worldviews offer any hope now or in the future. None of them believe in the grace of the biblical God who died on the cross for all people. Christianity offers, for those who believe in the Jesus of the Bible, life forever in Heaven with God. FOREVER! The purpose of living, according to the other worldviews, does not produce true love, peace or joy. Only with the Spirit of God living in us can we experience that because He is love, peace and joy! This is the **Christian** worldview.

We don't all worship the same god. Many will try to shame you into believing that Christianity is too conservative or too judgmental. But Christianity is far from these things, because Jesus Christ is loving of all people and is calling them all to believe in Him and to experience life as He originally intended it to be...with love, peace and joy. No other worldview can promise that and know that it is true. The Christian knows it is true because Jesus died and rose again, fulfilling the Old Testament and the New Testament prophecies. He excludes no one...are you ready to come to Him?