What Is a Worldview?

A worldview is "a pattern of ideas, beliefs, convictions, and habits that help us make sense of God, the world, and our relationship to God and the world." It answers, or at least addresses, three basic questions about life, or some might say four.

- 1. Where did we come from? (and why are we here?)
- 2. What is wrong with the world?
- 3. How can we fix it?

Not all worldviews are biblical or Christian. If the beliefs or assumptions held in one's worldview stand contrary to biblical teachings, the conclusions that person will reach about life, or the answers he or she will give to these basic questions, also will be unbiblical. When one holds a biblical worldview, the Bible is the source on which that person relies for answers to life's foundational questions. Having the one and only God of truth as its ultimate author, Scripture is, and is affirmed to be, a source of absolute truth.

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