

## **Biblical Worldview**

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### **Thesis Statement**

A worldview is the structure of an individual's view of reality and how they perceive life and the world around them. Constructed in an individual's worldview is philosophy, theology, and religion. A biblical worldview is based on the Bible. The individual believes the Bible is true and is forever preserved. The Bible is the foundation of everything the individual does, says, and thinks. The individual views the universe through the lens of how they perceive God (Tackett, 2020.) God commanded for his people to know his word. The Christian educator will have their lessons focused on God and his teachings through the scripture.

### **The Definition of a Worldview**

The term "worldview" is comparatively new to the Western Hemisphere. Though, the philosophy of a world view is as old as thought itself. A worldview according to George Mavrodes is a conceptual framework that interprets the meaning of the inscriptions that are scattered throughout the world. These inscriptions are the important phenomena of life and the universe. He compared a world view to the Rosetta Stone that helped archaeologists decipher the Egyptian hieroglyphics (Peterson, 2020, p. 4-12.) Every individual has certain presumptions and biases that affect the way that they view life and reality. It is a set of lenses that taints the vision of the user to alter the way they perceive the world around. It is formed by the individual's education, heritage, culture, upbringing, the media, books and movies absorbed, and the people around them. Though, many people cannot define their beliefs nor defend them (Home, 2023.) This student will define their world view as a biblical belief and explain why it is important to society and education.

### **The Biblical Worldview**

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A biblical worldview teaches the individual that God exists and created everything according to Genesis 1. Everything that is known and unknown to mankind is held together by the Lord. C. S. Lewis considered the biblical worldview to be composed of philosophy and theology. Though the world may view these beliefs as opposing lenses, many philosophers will use conductive reasoning for a belief in God (Peterson, 2020, p. 4-12.)

Plato was one of the first philosophers to study the science of the universe. His research led him to believe that the soul and the teleological argument guided people believe in God or many gods (Craig, 2008, p. 100-102.) Paul used reason to preach God and his worldview to the Romans on Mars Hill in Acts 17. He declared unto them that they ignorantly worshiped an unknown god. Paul proclaimed that the unknown God made the world and everything in it. That God created all mankind with one blood and race to dwell upon the earth. That every individual is precious in his sight. That anyone who seeks the Lord will find him.

As demonstrated by Moses, Paul, and the disciples, C. S. Lewis claimed when a person truly believes in their worldview, that it will embrace their whole world into that interpretation. For a Christian, they believe that they are called by God, himself. And that it is their duty to help others embrace that call (Peterson, 2020, p. 12.) Matthew 22:37 said that “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” He then stated in verse 39 “And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

### **The Biblical Worldview Perspective**

This student believes a biblical worldview begins with the identification of who the individual is. God states humanity is created in his image and that everyone is a sinner in need of redemption through his son Jesus Christ. The scriptures affirm that there is a spiritual realm

beyond our understanding. There is a war between God and the devil. Depending on if the individual is the born-again believer or not, their viewpoint will be different. The devil can convince the individual that there is nothing special about them and are on the same level as the animals. When the person identifies as a Christian. They are claiming that they are child of God.

Genesis 1:26-27 states that humans were created in God's image. Mankind was only the creation to have soul, spirit, and body. God made mankind with his image and no other creation can declare that (Hoekema, 1994, p. 11-15.) Isaiah 43:7 states that mankind was created for God's glory. No matter what an individual does, they are supposed to bring glory to God according to 1 Corinthians 10:31. Though the Lord has loved the world with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3) and the entire world (John 3:16), people are not perfect. For Romans 3:23 states "For all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God."

When the individual accepted Jesus as their Savior, they have entered the body of Christ. The Christian has a responsibility towards one another and to the Lord. The Christian is forgiven by the Lord and therefore must forgive the world (Peterson, 2020, p. 32.) A Christian has a walk with the Lord and must choose to live by faith. According to Hebrews 13:5 the Lord will never leave nor forsake the person. He is always there to provide for the individual's needs (Home, 2023.)

### **The History of Christian Education**

The Christian education began in the Old Testament. God provided examples how an individual should live in a covenant relationship with him. He provided the Israelites with guides and direction from the books that their leaders wrote and through the leaders such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses. God gave his people the instruction through the Ten Commandments, the Law, the priests, judges, and the prophets (Anthony and Benson, 2011, p. 17-20.)

### **The Purpose of Christian Education**

The purpose of Christian education is to train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it according to Proverbs 22:6. Matthew 5:14-16 states that the Christian is the light of the world. The world sees the works that they perform which will glorify God. The Christian needs to know their Bible and their God to guide others to Christ. God requires the individual to be a vessel unto honor according to 2 Timothy 2:21. An individual must have the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding to serve the Lord in the plan that God has for their life.

### **The Philosophy of Christian Education**

The Christian is not to be conformed to the world but should be transformed by the word of God and the renewing of the mind according to Romans 12:2. The Bible is the primary source for all types of learning. The Bible is the principle for truth, reason, and wisdom. When a student is immersed in Christian education, they will acquire their identity in the Lord. The student will value their personal walk with the Lord.

### **The Implications of Christian Education**

The Bible is the primary textbook that the Christian educator perceives and prescribes the character of education in the church. When a person's worldview is centered on the Lord, the education of themselves and their children. In Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Moses instructs the parents to provide faithful instructions to their children. Jesus in the New Testament used stories to teach new doctrine. God has always been central in Jewish and Christian education in the scripture. Education is obligatory to the Christian community. It is necessary and a command from the Lord (Estep, Anthony, and Allison, p. 44-50.)

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Christian education benefits the students to learn about God and his morals. The central lessons teach the students about the history in the Bible and how to have good character. The Christian educator focuses on how to live a Christ-like life. Some schools will not allow Christian education to be taught. The Christian educator can still teach the morals and character of Christ through normal lessons. These lessons will grow the integrity of student.

## **Conclusion**

A biblical worldview is having God centered in their life. God is the focus of how they think and act. They view themselves and others through his lens. In Christian education, God is the center of teaching. He commanded the Jews and the Israelites to instruct them in areas that pertain to his world. In Christian education, the educator will teach general curriculum but have an emphasis on God's character and morals.

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