

# INTRODUCTION TO WORLDVIEWS

**Worldview:** weltanschauung

**Metanarrative:** a big story that make sense of all the little stories

## Introductory thoughts:

- You will have questions
- You **cannot not** have questions → everyone does!
- Eventually they will be the same questions
- Questions that **demand** answers
- Questions that are all connected to this world/ existence
- Questions that are all connected to all the other questions



This is kind of obvious and a given in that we cannot really image anything else!

We can imagine a different place, a different time(s), & even different kinds of matter but we will still have space, time, and matter.

## QUESTIONS:

**1. Origins:** Where am I from?

**2. Destiny:** Where am I going?

We grow up

We grow old

Our parents grow old...older...death!

Is this the second question we think about or the first?

**3. Morality:** How should I then live?

**1 Corinthians 15:30** And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? **1 Corinthians 15:31** I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. **1 Corinthians 15:32** If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

**4. Meaning: How & where do I find meaning, purpose, & significance ?**

We might call this happiness

**5. Identity: Who am I?**

This is a post post-modern question. Very few people seem to have ever thought much about this question.

The sources of identity are **many**...and there are **many kinds**: primary, secondary, tertiary; good, OK, bad; eternal, temporal...

**6. Evil | wrong | (sin): What went w ? What is w ?**

Everyone k something is wrong.

We might not have a good explanation or good language to explain it, **but we know it!**

**Every** worldview deals with this in some way:

- Body is the prison house of the → so the goal is to
- Evil, pain...are an
- Evil is simply the pr state of e
- Evil, sin, & wrong are part and parcel of the f and must be

**7. Redemption | salvation | liberation: How do we f the wrong / evil?**

**Christian worldview / metanarrative in outline form:**

