

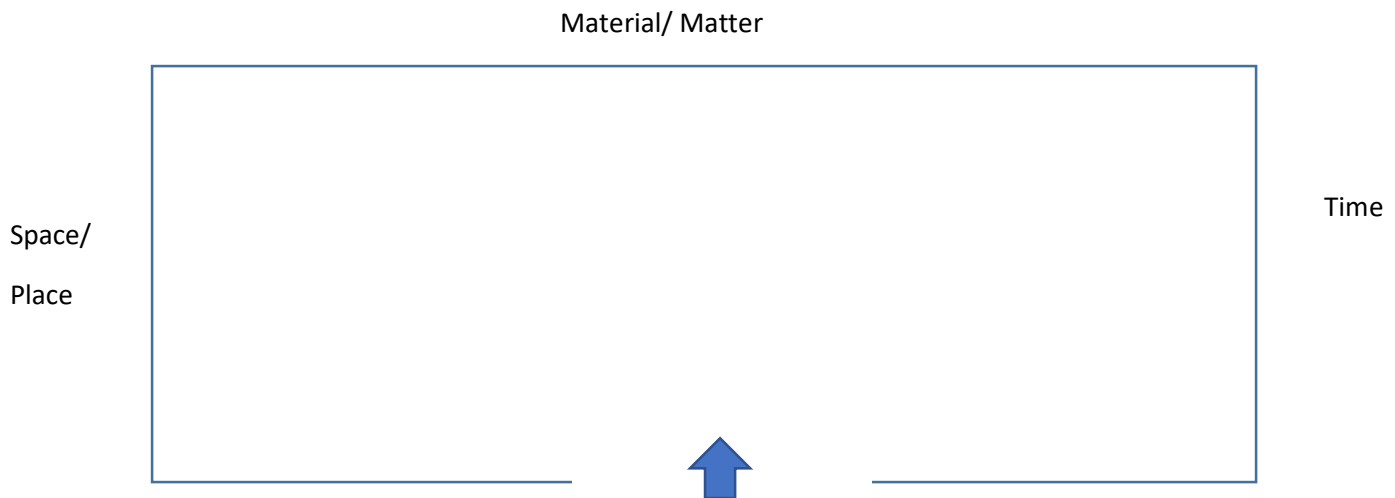
INTRODUCTION TO WORLDVIEWS

Worldview: weltanschauung

Metanarrative: a big story that makes 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 / experience
- Questions that are all connected to all the other questions



This is kind of obvious and a given in that we cannot really imagine 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 wrong? What is wrong?

Everyone knows 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 soul → so the goal is to escape the body
- Evil, pain...are an illusion
- Evil is simply the present state of evolution
- Evil, sin, & wrong are part and parcel of the fall and must be dealt with

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

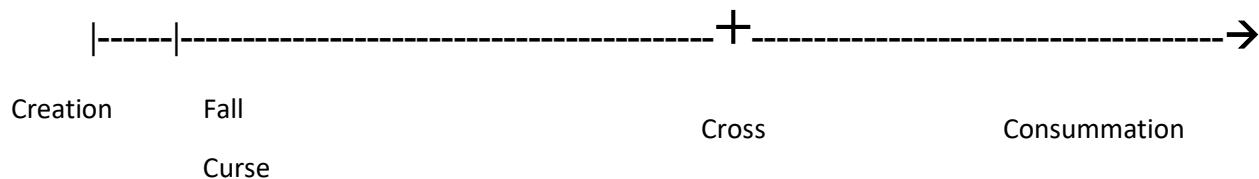
Christian worldview / metanarrative in outline form:

Origins

Where am I from?

Destiny

Where am I going?



Romans 11:36

**For of him,
and through him,
and to him, are all things:
to whom be glory for ever. Amen.**

Romans 11:36

**Ὅτι ἐξ αὐτοῦ
καὶ δι' αὐτοῦ
καὶ εἰς αὐτὸν τὰ πάντα·
αὐτῷ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.**

