



# Christian Theism: Part 1

A Universe Charged With The  
Grandeur of God



# Worldview Question 1



- Q: *What is prime reality-the really real?*
- A: *Prime reality is infinite, personal God revealed in the Holy Scriptures. This God is triune, transcendent and immanent, omniscient, sovereign, and good. Pg. 30*



# Terms

- *Terms:*

- *Infinite*

- *Personal*

- *Transcendent and Immanent*

- *Omniscient*

- *Sovereign*

- *Good,*

- *Love*

- *Relational*



# Worldview Question 2



- Q: *What is the nature of external reality, that is, the world around us?*
- A: *External reality is the cosmos God created ex nihilo to operate with a uniformity of cause and effect in an open system. Pg. 31*



# Terms



- Terms:
  - Ex nihilo
  - Open system
  - Freedom



# Worldview Question 3

- Q: *What is a human being?*
- A: *Human beings are created in the image of God and thus possess personality, self-transcendence, intelligence, morality, gregariousness and creativity. Pg. 33-34*



# Terms



- Terms:
  - Self transcendence
  - Personality
  - Intelligence
  - Morality
  - Gregariousness or Social Capacity
  - Creativity



# Worldview Question 5

- Q: *Why is it possible to know anything at all?*
- A: *Human beings can know both the world around them and God himself because God has built into them the capacity to do so and because he takes an active role in communicating with them. Pg. 36-37*





# Terms

- Terms: g
  - General revelation
  - Special revelation



# Worldview Question 3

- Q: What is a human being?
- A: *Human beings were created good, but through the Fall the image of God became defaced, though not so ruined as not to be capable of restoration; through the work of Christ, God redeemed humanity and began the process of restoring people to goodness, though any given person may choose to reject that redemption. Pg. 38*



# Terms



- Terms:
  - Self-determination
  - Self-transcendence
  - Intelligence
  - Morality
  - Social interaction





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# Worldview Question 4



- Q: *What happens to a person at death?*
- A: *For each person death is either the gate of life with God and his people or the gate to eternal separation from the only thing that will ultimately fulfill human aspirations. Pg. 40-41 (Sire)*



# Terms

- Terms:
  - Hell
  - Salvation on Earth
  - Heaven



# Worldview Question 6



- Q: *How do we know what is right and wrong?*
- A: *Ethics is transcendent and is based on the character of God as good (holy and loving). Pg. 42*



# Terms



- Terms:
  - Absolute Standard
  - Morality
  - Righteousness





# Worldview Question 7



- *Q: What is the meaning of human history?*
- *A: History is linear, a meaningful sequence of events leading to the fulfillment of God's purpose for humanity. Pg. 43*



# Terms

- Terms:
  - Linear



# Worldview Question 8

- Q: *What personal, life-orienting core commitments are consistent with this worldview?*
- A: *Christian theists live to seek first the kingdom of God, that is, to glorify God and enjoy him forever. Pg. 45*



# Terms



- Terms:
  - Kingdom of God
  - Imitate Christ



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