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 Q: What is the prime realitythe really real?

A: Prime reality is matter.
 Matter exists eternally and is all there is. God does not exist. Pg. 68

- o Cosmos
- o Matter

 Q: What is the nature of external reality, that is, the world around us?

 A: The cosmos exists as a uniformity of cause and effect in a closed system. Pg.70

o Determinism

Q: What is a human being?

• A: Human beings are complex "machines"; personality is an interrelation of chemical and physical properties we do not yet fully understand. Pg. 72

o Free Will/Determinism

 Q: What happens to a person at death?

 A: Death is extinction of personality and individuality.
 Pg. 74

• Q: Why is it possible to know anything at all?

• A: Through our innate and autonomous human reason, including the methods of science, we can know the universe. The cosmos, including this world, is understood to be in its normal state. Pg. 75



 Q: How do we know what is right and wrong?

 A: Ethics is related only to human beings. Pg. 77

 Q: What is the meaning of human history?

 A: History is a linear stream of events linked by cause and effect but without an overarching purpose. Pg. 80

- Natural History
- O Human History

 Q: What personal, life-orienting core commitments are consistent with this worldview?

 A: Naturalism itself implies no particular core commitment on the part of any given naturalists. Rather core commitments are adopted unwittingly or chosen by individuals. Pg. 84

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## Videos

o "State of the Art"

#### Secular Humanism

 Humanism: Human beings are of special value; their aspirations, their thoughts, their yearnings are significant.

#### Marxism

- O Proletariat = Working Class
- O Unity, not individuality

#### Video

Microsoft TechnologyCommercial

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