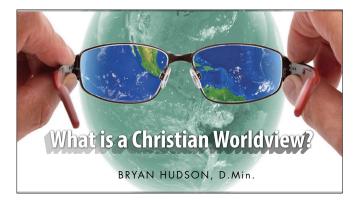


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Romans 12:2, Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
Colossians 3:17, And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 2:8, See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

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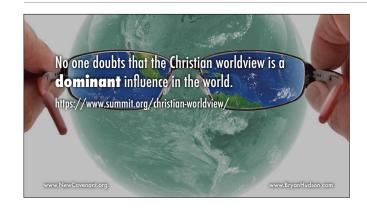
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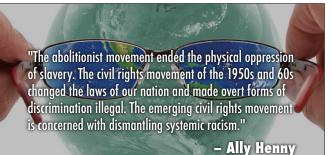
A worldview is a set of ideas, values, and presuppositions. It's like putting on a pair of sunglasses that color how you view life, people, and ideas. People collect little pieces of their worldview through parents, school, movies, and friends. A Christian worldview is based on the Bible https://www.theoldschoolhouse.com/what-is-christian.worldview/ A Christian worldview matters because it is the lens through which we see the world. Our Christian worldview is an invisible, but very real, filter that we use to understand why things are the way they are. Understanding our own worldview is just as important as understanding the worldviews of the people around you.

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Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:10) I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20:35)

And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. (Titus 3:14)

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A young Black man once asked an old black man what could be done to preserve and enhance the rights of black people. The old man, Erederick Douglass, an internationally known orator, had just one word of advice: "Agitate."

Frederick Douglass also said, "Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blows, or with both." (1867)

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Much of the silence and inaction of churches has resulted from the **inertia of decades and centuries** of building frameworks, and worldviews, that reject "secular" practices which have proved to be highly effective in society. Examples include protest, civil disobedience, and speaking out against injustice. By contrast, these were regular practices among what we call "Black churches" in the 20th Century.

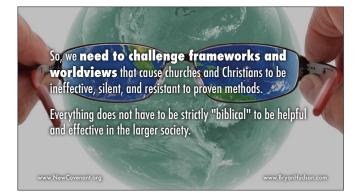
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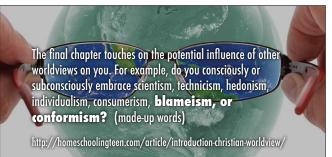
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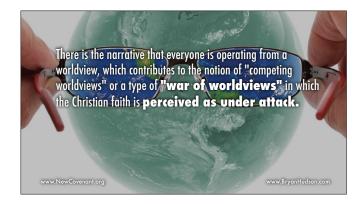
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In addition, a worldview must seek to answer the key questions of life, whether the general implications or specific applications. It is to these foundational questions and attending issues that we now turn our attention. A Christian worldview is a coherent way of seeing life, of seeing the world distinct from deism, naturalism and materialism (whether in its Darwinistic, humanistic, or Marxist forms), existentialism, polytheism, pantheism, mysticism, or deconstructionist postmodernism. Such a theistic perspective provides bearings and direction. https://www.uu.edu/centers/faculty/teaching/article.cfm?ID=364

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We should acknowledge that the missional work of preaching the Gospel, leading people to Christ, and making disciples is different than taking social action, or practicing social justice, whether ending slavery in the past, securing civil rights for Black people, or dealing with white supremacy in the present.

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We can do both by the grace of God, but we can no longer be guided by frameworks or worldviews that limit what we SHOULD do.

The Christian faith does not effectively address every facet of life for everyone, everywhere (as history has demonstrated). The Bible and Christ shapes our lives so that we can use every resource to help others.

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