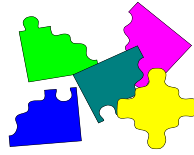


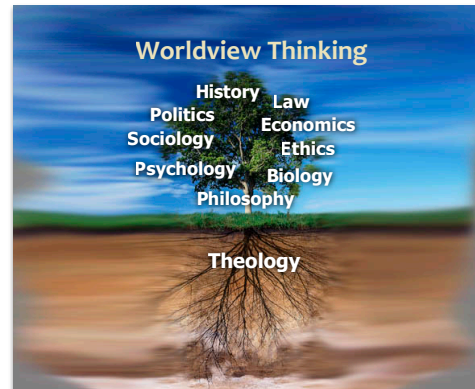
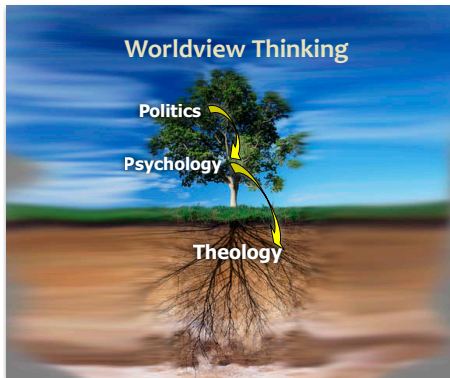
#3 - A WORLDVIEW IS CONNECTED! (It's all inter-related)

THE PROBLEM

Seeing "bits and pieces"



THE SOLUTION



"...the great missing element in Western thinking is the Christian viewpoint. Western man thinks about economics, politics, government, education, and a thousand other things without ever once asking, *What has God said about these things?*"

David Breese, *Seven Men Who Rule the World from the Grave*, p. 154.

WORLDVIEW RESOURCES:

- ◆ www.summit.org
 - Conferences, Curriculum, Fact Sheets, and Resources
- ◆ www.worldmag.com (Weekly news from a Christian perspective)
- ◆ www.gwnews.com (*God's World News Magazine* for children)
- ◆ www.breakpoint.org (Chuck Colson's daily commentaries)
- ◆ www.leaderu.org (Leadership University, over 8,000 articles from Christian professors)

RECOMMENDED READING to develop a Biblical Christian worldview...

Understanding the Times: The Collision of Today's Competing Worldviews,
David A. Noebel (Revised 2nd Edition, 2006)

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Thinking in Worldview Categories

By Chuck Edwards

INTRODUCTION

Surveys reveal...

- the percentage of students who said they were no longer "born again" after three years in college is between 27 and 59%.¹
- Only 9% of born again adults have a Biblical Worldview.²

1 - A WORLDVIEW IS CRUCIAL! (*Everybody has one.*)

Colossians 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

#2 - A WORLDVIEW IS COMPREHENSIVE! (*It includes everything*)

THEOLOGY: What about GOD?

Is there a God?

What is God like?

PHILOSOPHY: What is REAL?

What is the nature of REALITY (Ontology)?

How do I KNOW what's real (Epistemology)?

BIOLOGY: What is the ORIGIN OF LIFE?

Evolution ←-----→ Creation (Intelligent Design)

PSYCHOLOGY: What is HUMAN NATURE?

Monism ←-----→ Dualism (Body/Soul)

Good ←----- "god" -----→ Fallen

ETHICS: What is the foundation for MORALS?

Relative "values" ←-----→ Objective right and wrong

SOCIOLOGY: What is the optimum SOCIAL STRUCTURE?

Family / Church / State

LAW: What is the basis of LAW?

Positive law ←--- Natural law --→ Divine law

POLITICS: What is the best form of GOVERNMENT?

Total Government ←--- Limited Gov't ---→ No Government

ECONOMICS: What produces a sound ECONOMY?

Socialism ←-----→ Free Markets

HISTORY: How should we interpret HUMAN EVENTS?

Circular ←-----→ Linear

¹ Higher Education Research Institute. "College Student Survey." http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/heri/css_po.html.

² Interview in the Dallas Morning News, August, 22, 2003, <http://www.dallasnews.com/religion/stories/082203barnaQA.5586c.html> (accessed June, 2005).