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Biblical Worldview

Imagine if you will, a Supreme Being who created the entire universe, including space and time. He set the order of everything – the mathematical and scientific laws by which our universe runs. He literally created everything from nothing - He simply spoke it all into existence. This Supreme Being also created all the various forms of life, each with its own special purpose. And, at the top of the ladder of his creation, he made human beings to be a reflection of himself. In all of the universe, only humans were designed to have an actual relationship with their Creator.

Since this Supreme Being is so far advanced and above all of creation, being in close proximity to him is actually lethal. Nobody can see or be near him and survive. But, he still wants to interact with his creation. So, he created a document in human language in order to communicate with us. This document includes the account of his creative work as well as his early involvement with humans. In addition, this document, or manual, gives instructions on how to become a remodeled human being that is capable of surviving in his presence and living forever. Wouldn't you want to know more about this document? If there's instructions on how to live forever, wouldn't you want to know what those instructions were? Wouldn't you want to know what this Supreme Being is saying?

Here's the truth: we know all about this document or manual. It's been widely distributed and available to everyone. Most even know the gist of what it says. But few actually spend time reading it and trying to understand it. Of course, I'm talking about the Bible.

The Bible answers humanity's biggest questions... "Where did we come from?" and "who are we?" "What has gone wrong with the world? How can it be fixed?" And, "Where are we going?" Even though the Bible deals with all these hard questions, few people actually take the time to find the answers and then adjust their viewpoints to reflect that of our Creator. People have all sorts of ideas to answer these "big" questions.

Where did we come from? Were we created by God or just a cosmic "accident?" Did some advanced alien race seed our planet?



As to the problems in the world, many think we must look deeper within ourselves for some sort of ultimate link with the universe. Others say that we need the right political leaders who will make the world a better place. Still others think that people with certain viewpoints need to be eliminated and then the world will be better off.

And, where are we going? A lot of people think we are going nowhere, and when you die, that's it, you no longer exist. Some say that we get a second chance and are reborn in a future life and hopefully, it will be better than this one. Still others say that if we are good enough, when we die we can become gods of our own.

It's quite a mess out there, and in our modern world, most people have a mixture of a lot of various views and answers to these questions. In a survey conducted just last year (2021), **only 6% of Americans hold to a biblical worldview**. Even amongst pastors, who are charged with instructing people using the Creator's manual, the bible, only 37% hold to a biblical worldview. The vast majority of Americans believe in a hodgepodge of worldviews, with a little from this and little from that, with no real single coherent view of life in this world.

A worldview is basically the filter through which you experience, interpret, and respond to the world. It is, in essence, your decision-making filter. How you think about the world, and the answers to those "big" questions have a huge impact on how you behave.

Worldview is a combination of beliefs and behavior. You do what you believe. So, if you believe we are an accident, then ultimately nothing matters and you can just do whatever you want. If you believe that certain people can improve the world while others ruin it, then you will love some people and hate others. If you believe that when you die, that's it, there's nothing more, then you will want to go for the gusto and live your best life now. Who cares how it might affect anyone else?

How you think about the world and these "big" questions affects everything else in your life. If the ultimate Creator of the world gave us a document answering these questions, wouldn't it make sense to see what he has to say?

It's like the dinglehopper from the Little Mermaid. It is misunderstood and therefore, used improperly. But the difference is, the dinglehopper is just a



humorous illustration. In real life, there are actual, dangerous ramifications for misunderstanding and misusing things the Creator has designed.

The bible answers a lot of other questions too: marriage, family, parenting, work, friendship, etc. It also comments on a lot of issues: life and death, love and hate, war and peace, wealth and poverty, mercy and justice, pain and suffering, fear, leadership, government, time management, religion, sexuality, modesty, lawsuits, social status, use of money, use of alcohol, tattoos, witchcraft, etc.

It's alarming how many people, even so-called "Bible-believing Christians," make decisions on all of these things without even considering what the bible has to say about them. Here's what we believe about the bible here at OBC:

☞ **"The Bible is the Word of God and has the right to command my belief and action."** In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 the Bible itself claims to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. This statement is either true or false. If it is false, then the Bible is ultimately irrelevant. However, if it is true, then the Bible is backed up by the authority of God himself.

"The Bible is the Word of God and has the right to command my belief and action." I want us to remember this statement and hold to it. When you have a decision to make, take the time to see what God has already said regarding it.

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If the Bible really is the Word of God, and if we agree that it has the right to command belief and action, then we had best know what it says. We had better be consulting it on life's decisions.

☞ **Consider it**

As I said, it's alarming how many Christians make life decisions without even considering what the bible has to say about them.

☞ **Joshua 1:8**

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **meditate on it** day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.



God's Word is like a highway sign. You don't have to pay any attention to it if you don't care what happens to you.

We need to apply the Word and put it into practice. How do we apply the Word to our lives? By asking these questions... look for the **SPECK**

- ☞ **S – Is there a sin for me to avoid?**
- ☞ **P – Is there a promise from God for me to claim?**
- ☞ **E – Is there an example for me to follow?**
- ☞ **C – Is there a command for me to obey?**
- ☞ **K – How can this increase my knowledge about God?**

☞ **Consume it**

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

The Bible is meant to be bread for our daily use, not just cake for special occasions.

☞ **Every believer needs a **daily quiet time**.**

Quiet time is the definite time set aside each day for prayer and the study of God's Word. During this quiet time, you connect with God and get strength and wisdom for your day. Without it, it's like having a slice of bread once a week and eating nothing else in between. How healthy and strong would that make a person?

☞ In **Acts 17:11**, the Bereans were commended as more noble than other believers because they **examined the scriptures every day**, not just once in a while.

--Christian Johnson... A Bible that's falling apart probably belongs to someone who isn't.

Every Christian should own a read Bible.

☞ **Conform to it**

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.**



☞ Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another...

Don't just read the bible to complete a task. Let it get into you. Scripture memorization is helpful here.

I would like a job as tutor, teacher and advisor to your family. I will never take a vacation. I will never be out of humor. I don't drink or smoke. I won't borrow your clothes or raid your refrigerator.

I will be up in the morning as early as anyone in the household and will stay up as late as anyone wishes.

I will help solve any problems your children might have. I will give you the satisfaction of knowing that no question your children ask will go unanswered. For that matter, I will answer any of your own questions on subjects that range from "How we got here?" to "Where are we headed?"

I will help settle bets and differences of opinion. I will give you information that will help you with your job, your family and all of your other interests.

In short, I will give you the knowledge that will insure the continued success of your family.

I am your Bible. Do I get the job?

☞ **This is our creed: "The Bible is the Word of God and has the right to command my belief and action."**

**Consider it
Consume it
Conform to it**

☞ **Music video – This is my Bible**