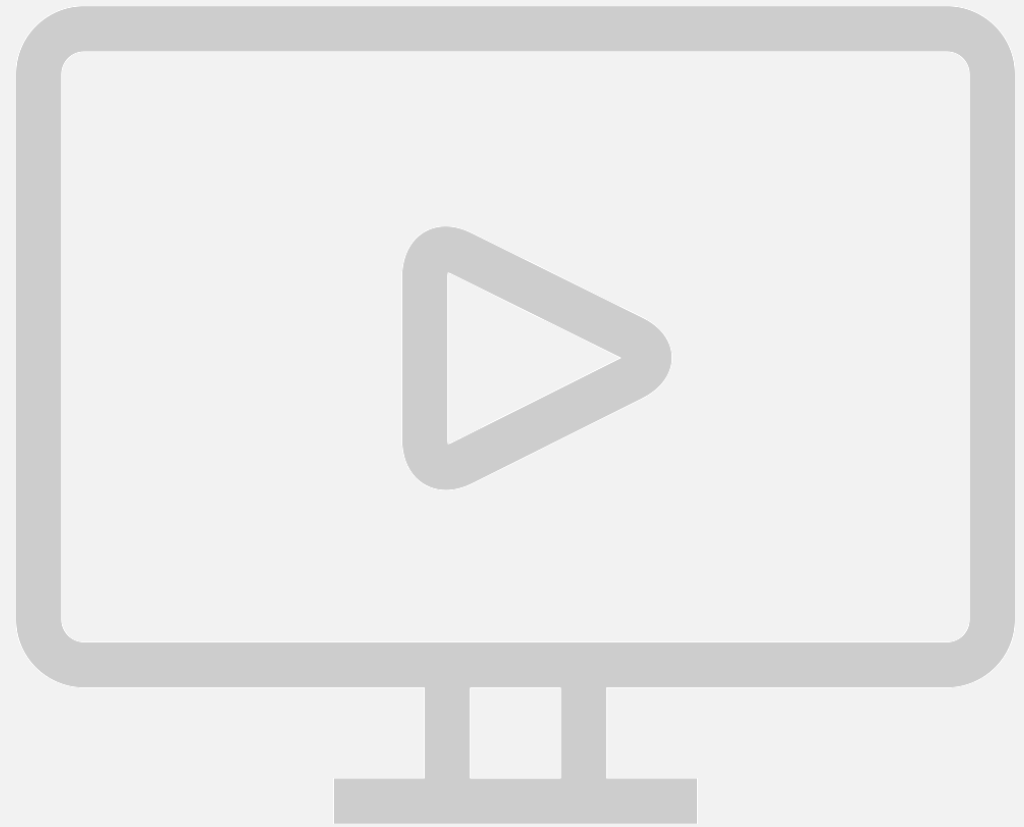


## UNIT 3: ATHEISM REVIEW

# POSTMODERNISM

- It is a worldview that denies all other worldviews
- Truth is not found, but constructed



## THE 7 ASSUMPTIONS OF POSTMODERNISM

1. Truth is not found; it is constructed
2. Truth does not apply to all people; all we know is our own experience
3. We cannot be objective about truth
4. There is no neutral knowledge; no worldview can explain everything

## THE 7 ASSUMPTIONS OF POSTMODERNISM

5. We can't see the world through God's eyes, we must find our own meaning
6. We can't have institutions that make objective decisions
7. No one can be objective; our experiences color how we see the world

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE OBJECTIVE OR SUBJECTIVE?

- ***Objective claims*** are based on unbiased facts, not personal feelings or interpretations
- ***Subjective claims*** are based on opinions and feelings as opposed to facts

## HOW DOES POSTMODERNISM ANSWER THE 4 BIG QUESTIONS?

- Creation: We can't know how we got here. We are just a collage of social constructs and we are not absolutely anything
- Fall: our problem is adherence to meta-narratives. Each worldview's claim to offer unbiased truth about the world is a problem
- Redemption: We must abandon the search for objective truth; our experiences allow us to generate a theory of living which will allow us to understand our experiences
- Eternity: there is nothing after death; we should forget about eternity

## SECULAR WORLDVIEW

- **Secularism:** an atheistic and materialistic worldview that advocates for a society free from religion

# HOW DOES SECULARISM ANSWER THE 4 BIG QUESTIONS?

- **Creation:** We evolved by random chance: molecules to man evolution
- **Fall:** religion and belief in sinful man have kept society from progressing
- **Redemption:** No god will save us; we must save ourselves. Focus on the “here and now”
- **Eternity:** annihilation: there is nothing after physical death



## KEY DEFINITIONS OF MARXISM

- **Communism:** classless and stateless utopian society in which all private property is commonly owned
- **Socialism:** the abolition of private property
- **Marxism:** the philosophy of Karl Marx; and atheistic and materialistic worldview

# HOW DOES MARXISM ANSWER THE 4 BIG QUESTIONS?

- **Creation:** molecules to man evolution; specifically punctuated equilibrium
- **Fall:** society has an economic problem; the rich/ property owners oppress the workers
- **Redemption:** The working class must rise up in revolution. Socialism is the answer with private property abolished and class distinctions eliminated
- **Eternity:** annihilation: there is nothing after physical death