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# THEISM

## LESSON 4: CHRISTIANITY; BASICS



# HOW DOES CHRISTIANITY ANSWER THE FOUR BIG QUESTIONS?

- **Creation**: We are created by a personal God who is transcendent. We are made in His image.
- **Fall**: Sin entered the world through the first humans; humans are sinful people in need of redemption
- **Redemption**: We can't fix it; we can only be redeemed by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- **Eternity**: We will spend eternity with God in heaven, or separated from God in hell

# BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

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## COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

- *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and by Him all things hold together.*

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## GENESIS 1:26-27

- *Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.”*
- *So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female.*

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- The first humans sinned and brought brokenness into creation.

# BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

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## ROMANS 5:8

- *But God proves His own love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.*

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- The Christian worldview is based squarely on the person of Jesus Christ.

# GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN IN TWO WAYS

- Nature: This is called general revelation
- Psalm 19:1 *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of his hands.*

# GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN IN TWO WAYS

- Bible: This is called special revelation
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

# THE MAIN STORY

- Christianity is not just a set of commands and inspirational sayings; it is the story God is telling, the story that makes sense of all other stories.

# CS LEWIS

- *“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”*

