



UNIT 1 STUDY GUIDE

Review



Worldview

- The total set of beliefs a person has about life's biggest questions.
- A pattern of beliefs, convictions, and habits that help us make sense of God and the world

Religion

- Attempts to explain what the world is like and how we should live

Closed System

- The world is only material; there is nothing transcendent or supernatural
- There is no reality beyond what we can sense

Open System

- There is a transcendent being that acts on the world
- There is a reality beyond what we can sense

Truth

- Conformity to fact or reality

Discernment

- The ability to distinguish mentally
- To see or recognize

Atheism

The belief that no god exists, either outside the universe or in it.



Pantheism

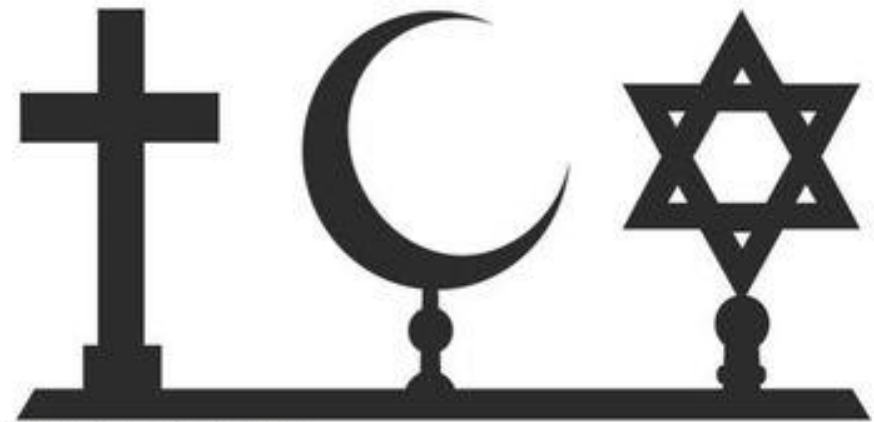
The belief that God is the universe. The creator and the creation are two different ways of viewing the same thing.



Theism

The belief in a
transcendent
God who created
the world

Theism



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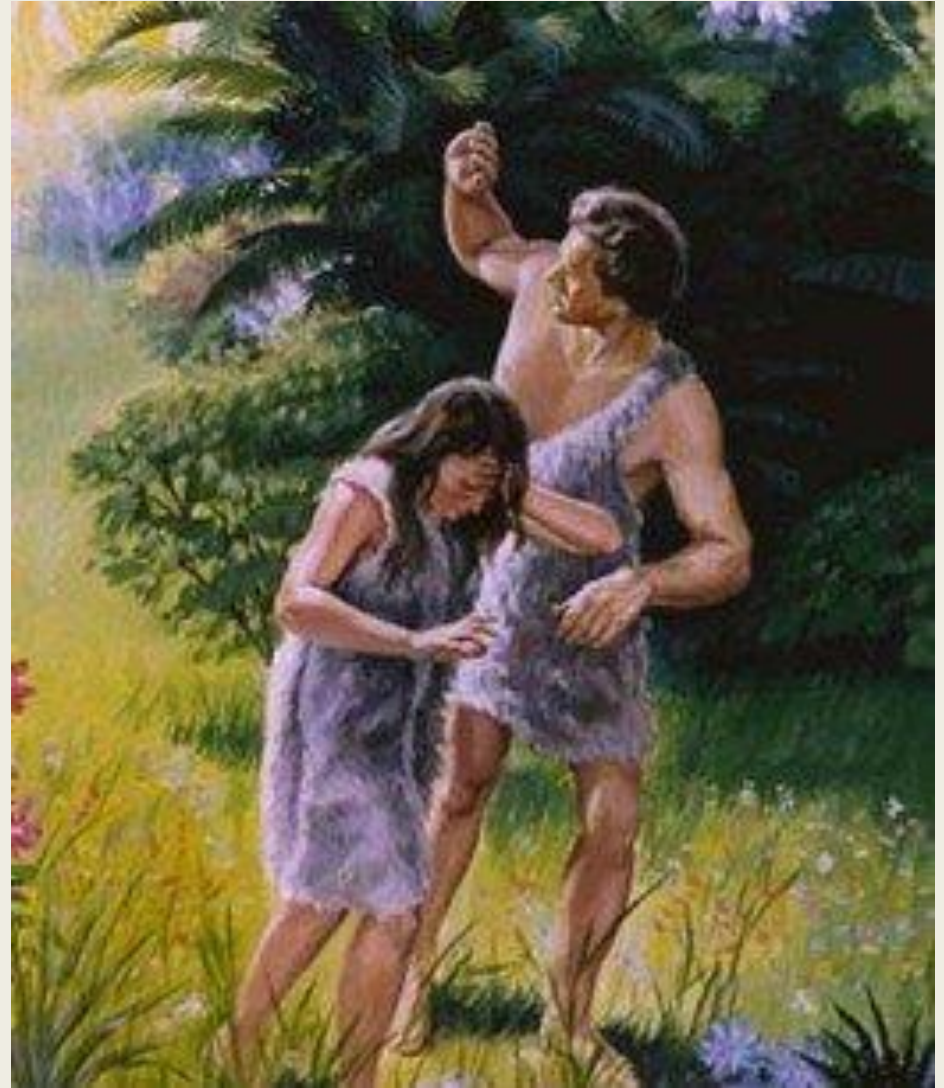
Creation

How did I and
everything else
get here?



The Fall

What went
wrong with the
world?



Redemption

How can the
world be fixed?



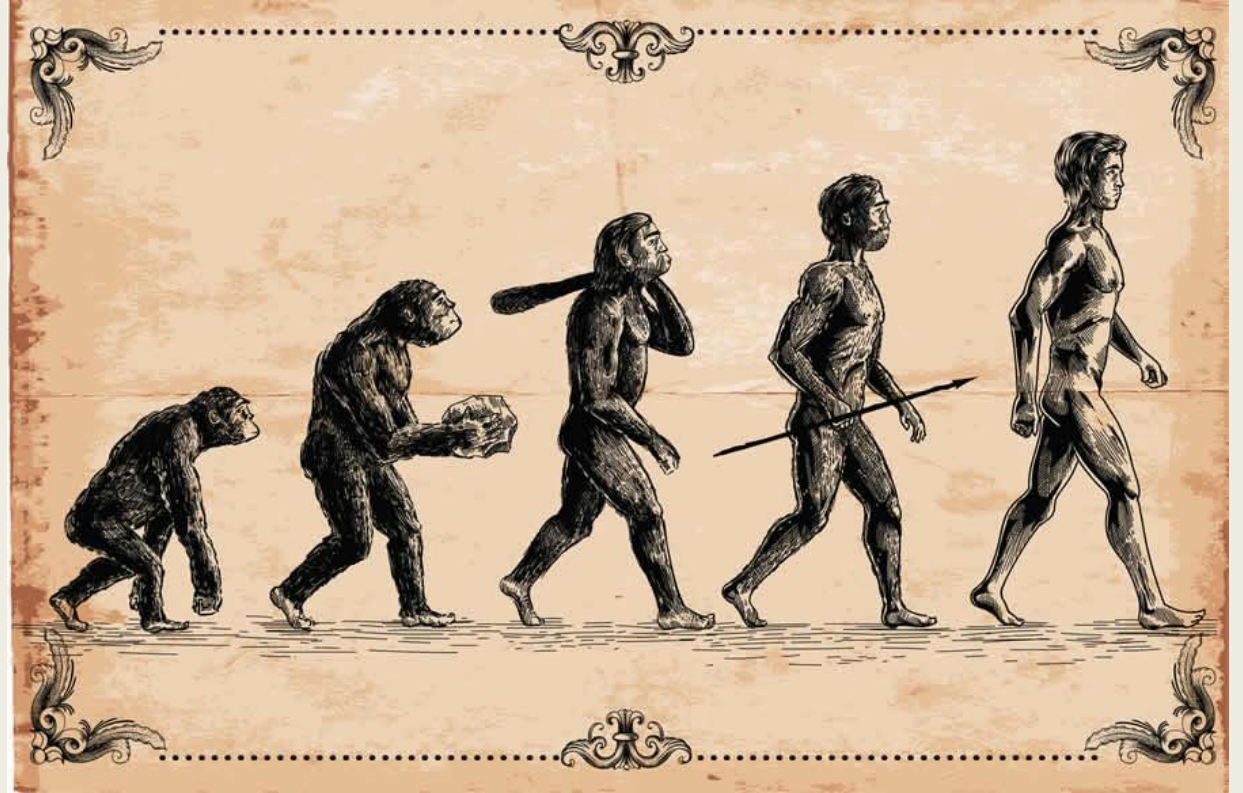
Eternity

Where do I go
when I die?



Creation

Atheism: we were not created; we evolved through the random chance of molecules to man evolution



The Fall

Atheism: religion
and belief in
sinful man has
kept humanity
from progress



Redemption

Atheism: No god
will save us, we
must save
ourselves by
improving social
conditions and
education



Eternity

Atheism:

Nowhere; I will
cease to exist
when my body
dies



Creation

Pantheism: we have
always been and
consciousness is
our ultimate reality
as individuals



The Fall

Pantheism: failing to have a high view of human potential and understanding true consciousness



Redemption

Pantheism:

harness

consciousness

to overcome self

and achieve

perfection



Eternity

Pantheism: live a cycle of suffering and rebirth to achieve enlightenment and be free from suffering



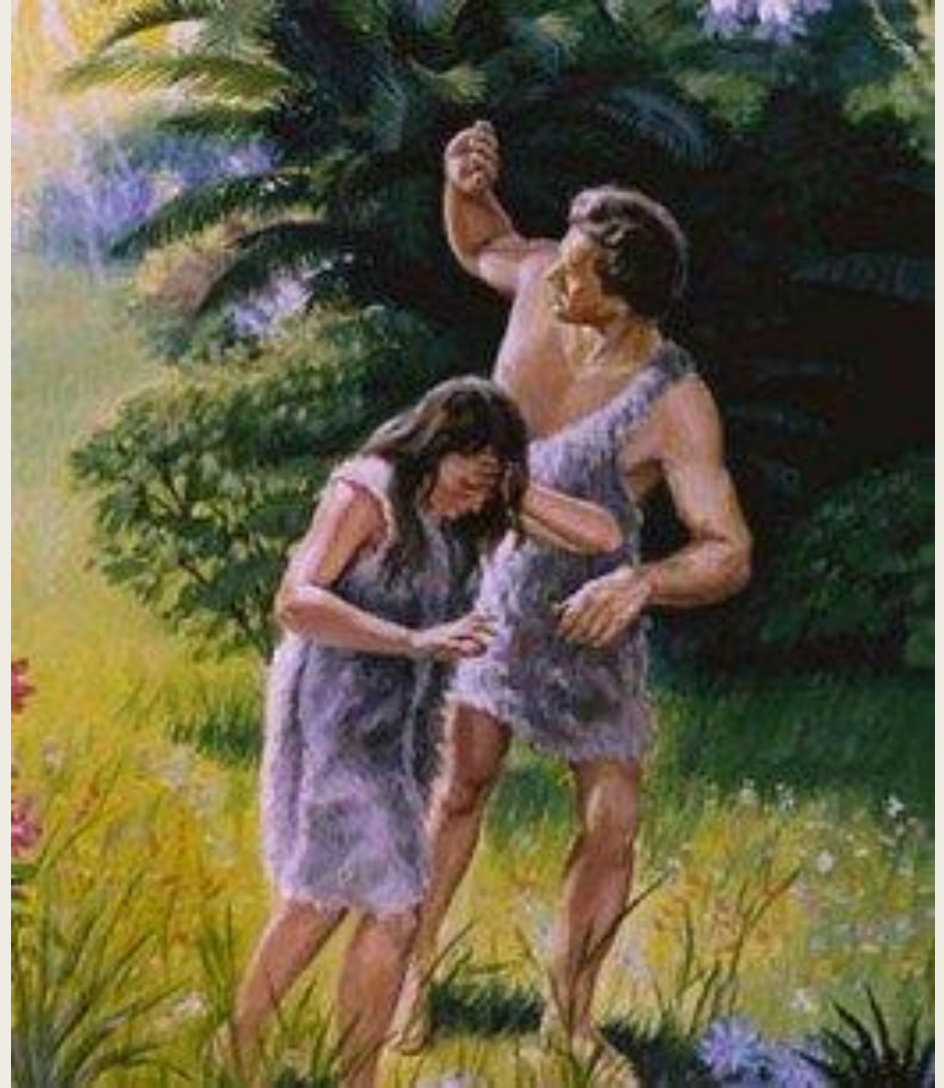
Creation

Theism: we were
created by a
transcendent
God along with
the universe



The Fall

Theism: rebellion
against God



Redemption

Theism:
following the
plan of God for
our lives



Eternity

Theism: our soul
lives forever
either in heaven
or hell



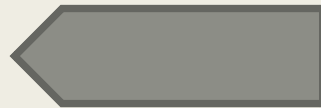
People make sense
of the world by
developing ideas



These ideas become
worldviews



These values lead to
certain habits that
affect the way we live



Our worldviews lead
us to value certain
things

There are four tests for evaluating the truth of a worldview

- The test of reason: Is it reasonable? Can it be logically stated and defended?
- The test of the outer world: Is there some external evidence supporting it?
- The test of the inner world: Does it adequately address your personal experiences in our everyday world?
- The test of the real world: Are its consequences good or bad when applied to a given cultural context?

Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit.

-Ephesians 4:14

“You are a king then?” Pilate asked. “You say that I’m a king,” Jesus replied, “I was born for this and have come into the world for this: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” “What is truth?” said Pilate.

- John 18:37-38

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, right away you say, ‘A storm is coming,’ and so it does. And when the south wind is blowing, you say, ‘Its going to be a scorcher!’ and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why don’t you know how to interpret this time?

-Luke 12:54-56

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

-Romans 12:2