THEOLOGY

LESSON 3: ATHEISTIC WORLDVIEWS



- •TO BE SECULAR IS TO ADMIT THERE IS NOTHING HIGHER THAN HUMAN LIFE
- THE DENIAL OF GOD'S EXISTENCE IS

 SECULARISM'S DOMINANT WORLDVIEW



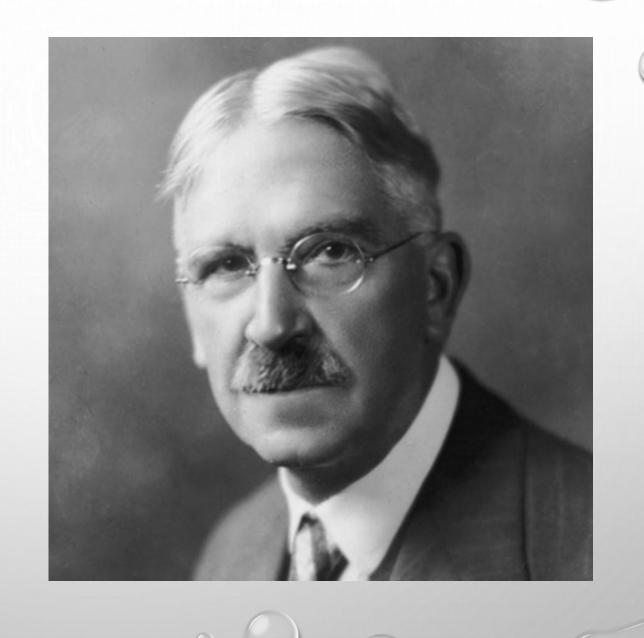
•IF ONE BELIEVES HUMANS TO BE THE
ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEMS, ONE
CANNOT ALLOW FOR A GOD WHO WILL
SAVE THEM



• JOHN DEWEY WAS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ATHEISTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY

JOHN DEWEY

HE BELIEVED SCIENCE
AND THE SCIENTIFIC
METHOD "SWEPT
GOD INTO THE
DUSTBIN OF HISTORY"



 ATHEIST ERNEST NAGEL ADMITTED ATHEISM CAN OFFER NO HOPE OF PERSONAL IMMORTALITY, NO HOPE OF DIVINE CHASTISEMENT, NO WAY TO HUMAN SALVATION, AND OFFERS A TRAGIC VIEW OF LIFE

MARXISM

- •LIKE SECULARISTS, MARXISTS ARE ALSO ATHEISTS
- •THEY BELIEVE GOD IS AN ENEMY TO A SCIENTIFIC, MATERIALISTIC, AND SOCIALIST OUTLOOK ON LIFE



•MARX BELIEVED THE WORKING CLASS WOULD FAIL TO RISE UP IF THEY HAD HOPE IN ETERNAL LIFE

MARXISM

· LIBERATION THEOLOGY IS A POLITICAL MOVEMENT THAT INTERPRETS THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS AS A CALL TO LIBERATE THE POOR FROM SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL OPPRESSION

POSTMODERNISM

- POSTMODERNISTS ARE ATHEISTS BY CONSEQUENCE
- •THEY BELIEVE GOD IS A SOCIALLY
 CONSTRUCTED META-NARRATIVE;
 THEREFORE THEY CANNOT TRUST HE IS
 REAL

POSTMODERNISM

•POSTMODERNISTS CAN BEST BE
CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING
THEOLOGICAL SUSPICION



RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

DESCRIPTIVE PLURALISM

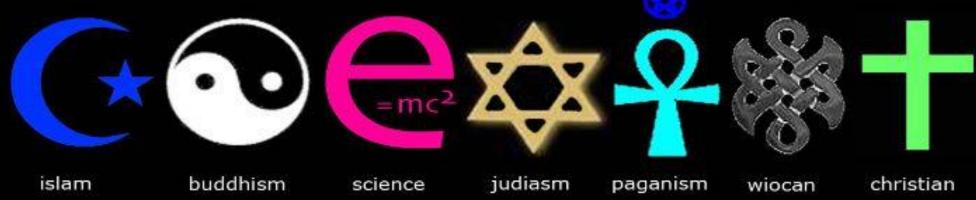
WE MUST LEARN TO
 TOLERATE EACH OTHER
 IN OUR RELIGIOUS
 BELIEFS

PRESCRIPTIVE PLURALISM

THERE ARE MANY
 DIFFERENT RELIGIONS
 AND NONE OF THEM
 ARE TRUE



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God is too big to fit in one place