



INTRODUCTION

Lesson 2: Three worldviews



Read Genesis 1:26-31 and answer the following questions:

- What was man to rule over?
- What three commands did God give man?
- How did God describe all He had made?

Atheism

- *Secular Humanism*: atheistic and materialistic worldview that advocates a society free from religion; humans determine truth and value
- *Postmodernism*: a skeptical worldview that teaches ultimate reality is unknowable and a knowledge is a social construct
- *Marxism*: atheistic and materialistic worldview that promotes abolition of private property and ownership of production by the state

Pantheism

- *Buddhism*: more of a way of life than an organized belief; its goal is enlightenment based on the four noble truths
- *Hinduism*: a syncretic religion that believes God is in everything, reality is an illusion, and people undergo karma to unify with the Brahman
- *New Age*: teaches that everyone and everything are connected through a divine consciousness

Theism

- *Christianity*: a theistic worldview centered on the person of Jesus Christ and based on the teachings of the Holy Bible
- *Judaism*: theistic worldview based on the Old Testament Scriptures and focuses more on this life than the life to come
- *Islam*: theistic worldview centered on the life of Mohammed and bases its belief on the teachings of the Quran, Hadith, and Sunnah

How do we know what is actually true?

- Remember the definition of truth:
- Conformity to fact or reality

Discernment

- The ability to distinguish mentally
- To see different things and put them into their proper context to evaluate truth claims using correct thinking and logic

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 CSB

