

Biblical Worldview

What is a worldview?

- A set of beliefs which you use to sort out the ideas around you.
- Your opinion on issues, morals and values.

Everyone has a worldview.

Christians have a Biblical worldview.

They make sense of the world according to God's standards as set down in the Bible.

The big questions of life
1. Who am I?
2. Where did I come from?
3. Where am I going?
4. What is my purpose?
5. Why is there suffering?
6. What is right and wrong?
7. Does God exist?

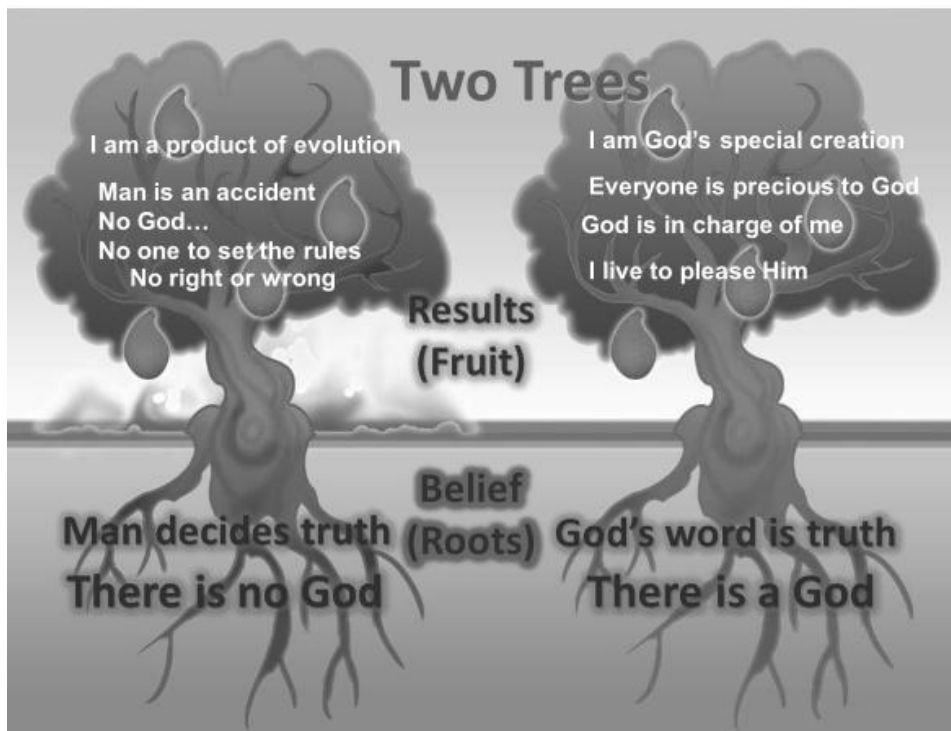
What does the Bible say?

1. I am created in God's image and I am special to Him.
2. God created me and knew me before I was born (Ps 139).
3. Heaven is real and is a home for those who love Him.
4. My purpose is to love and serve God and others.
5. Suffering in the world is the result of sin.
6. The Bible tells us what is right and wrong.
7. The created world and our conscience tell us that there is a God, (Romans 8).

What beliefs make up a non-Biblical worldview?

1. I am a free individual, free to do whatever I like.
2. I am a product of evolution, evolved from a single cell.
3. I am on my own journey through life, doing as I please. We cease to exist after death.
4. My purpose is to live for myself and to feel good.
5. If there is a God, why does He allow suffering?
6. There is no right or wrong. Everything is to be tolerated, except for Christianity because it believes in right and wrong.
7. There is no God.

Beliefs have consequences

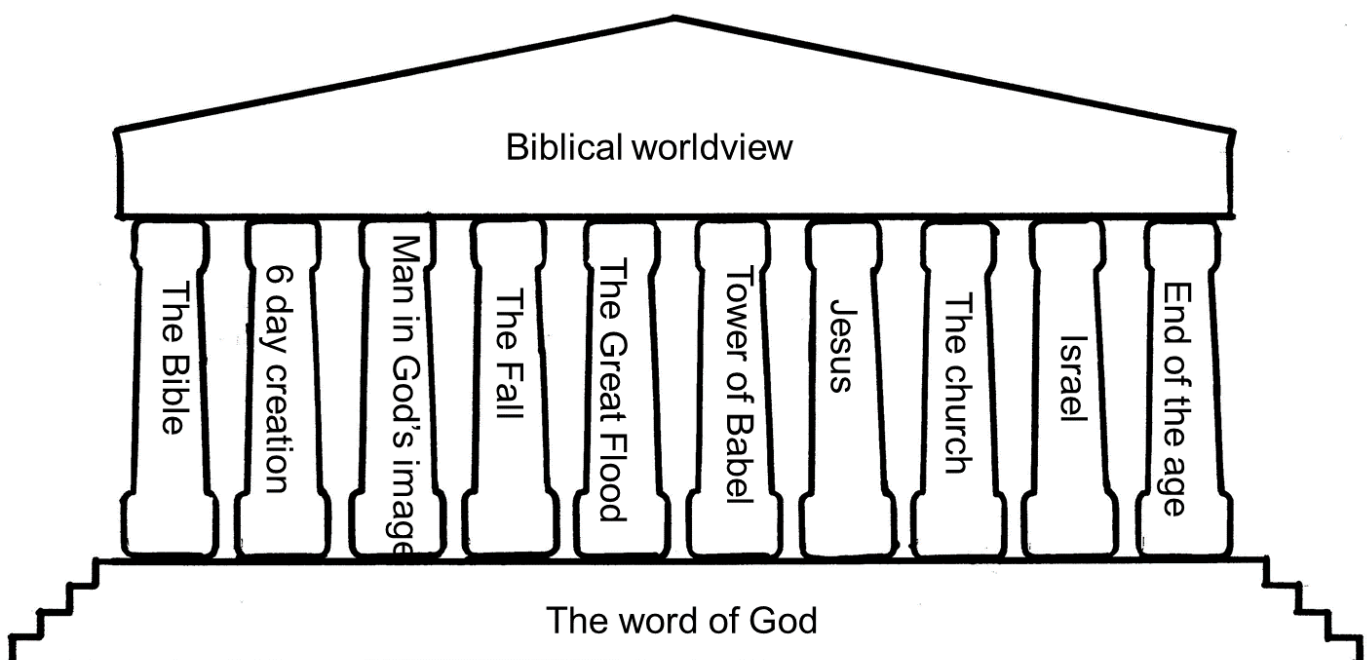


If we believe that we are a product of evolution, then human life has no greater value than that of animals.

But when we believe that every human life is special to God, we will want to serve God by caring for others.

Ten pillars of Biblical worldview

Biblical truths that hold up the Christian faith



Pillar no. 1 The Bible as the measure of truth

- The Bible is without error and is an accurate historical record.
- Standards for right and wrong are clearly explained to us in the Bible.
- The Bible sets the standard for morality.
- The Bible tells us that the God of the Bible is the only true God.

Psalm 11:3 If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Application to our students:

- Morals, right and wrong, are not a matter of opinion. God's answers should be pointed out.
- We can teach about other religions, but always show that only the Bible has the truth.

Pillar no. 2: Creation in six days

- God created the universe in six 24-hour days, (Genesis 1).
- Nothing exists apart from Him.
- God's creation was perfect.
- Living things were created after their own kind.
- The age of the earth can be calculated through Biblical history as being around 6,000 years old.

The genealogies help us calculate the age of the earth.

Genesis chapters 5-7 give names of people and the age at which they had their children.

For example, Adam became the father of Seth at 130.... through to ... Lamech became the father of Noah at 182.

The Flood occurred around 2348 BC; the Tower of Babel 2246 BC; Abraham 1996 BC; Joseph 1745 BC; Moses and the Exodus 1491 BC; David 1085 BC; Assyrian Destruction of Israel 722 BC; Babylonian Captivity of Judah 586 BC; Jesus 4 BC

Was Adam a real person? If not, then the others are not real either.

The Bible is History

- Scientists were not there to observe the beginning of the universe.
- They can only come up with theories.
- But we know the One who was there. He is trustworthy and His word is true and reliable.

Job 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand."

Two beliefs:

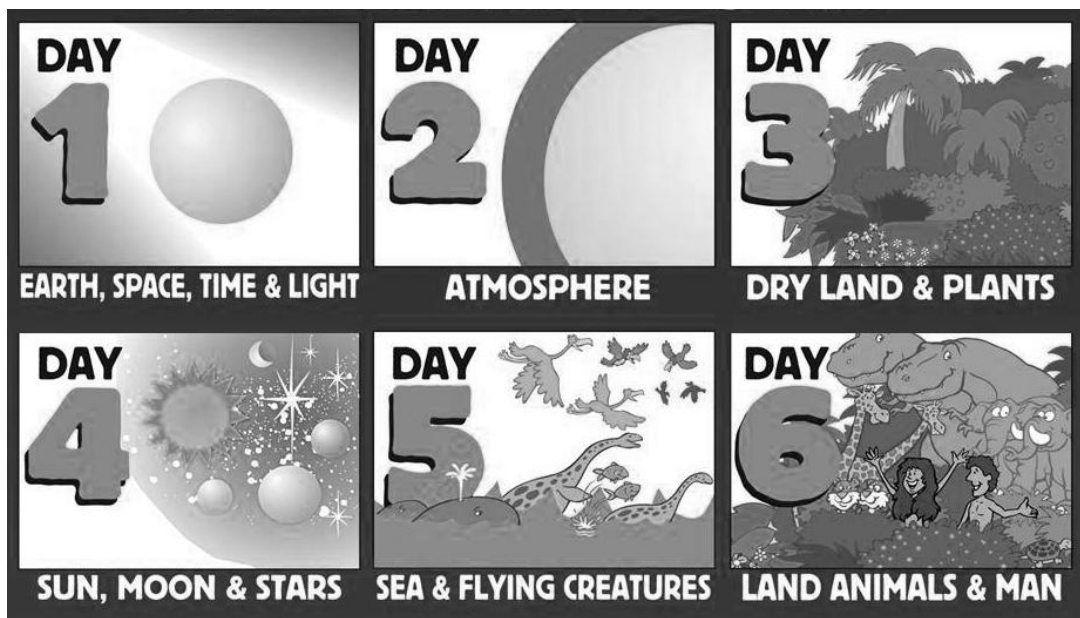
- The theory of evolution is based on belief (that there is no God)
- The Creation account is based on belief (in the true God)

A person who believes in evolution also believes that there is no need for God.

They may say:

"If God didn't make me, then I do not have to answer to Him, and I can decide for myself what is right and wrong."

But for the person who believes in Biblical creation, there has to be a God, who created us, who loves and cares for us, who gives us rules to follow, who has a plan for our life, who requires obedience.



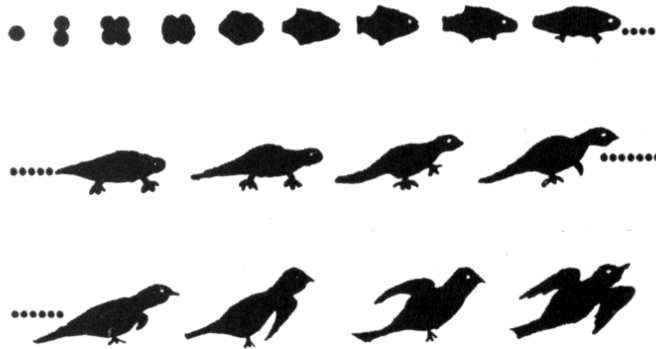
How old is the earth?

Who came up with the idea that the earth is millions of years old?

Answer:

Those who wanted to ignore God and please themselves. If there's no Creator, no God, then there's no such thing as sin and we can do what we like.

The theory of evolution: a living thing was created out of nothing. Then it developed and changed and developed and changed... until we have the living things in our world today.



The problem for evolutionists is...

- We don't see living things changing.

Their solution...

Millions of years! They tell us that if things take millions of years to change, we don't see the changes happening.

There's still a problem...

- Living things only make changes through mistakes in living cells. Some diseases are caused by these mistakes.
- This means that living things are not getting better. They are getting worse.
- How could something like green slime have developed into something as beautiful as a bird?
- How could the beautiful animals in our world have developed from mistakes?

When did these mistakes begin? The Fall.

Until the Fall, God's creation was perfect.

God looked at everything He had made, and it was very good (Genesis 1: 31)

If a rooster is born without feathers, it a mistake, not an improvement!

How do we know what is true?

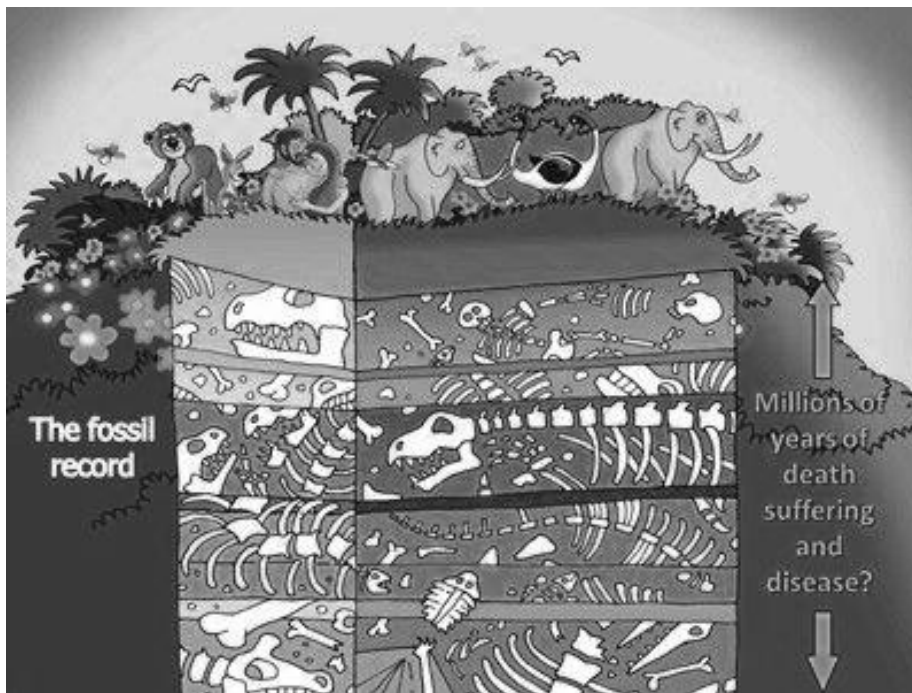
We must believe that the whole Bible, not just parts of it.

Mark 5:46-47: But Jesus said, "If you believed Moses, (who wrote Genesis) then you would believe Me, but if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

Why couldn't we say that God's perfect world came about by evolution?

Some people say:

"Couldn't God have created the first living cell and then created through evolution?"



Problem: This goes against what the Bible tells us. God says He created in six 24-hour days. God said His creation was good.

Why do scientists tell us that rocks and other things are millions of years old?

They **guess** the starting point as millions of years, and then add their measurements to that.

Why does it matter?

Belief in millions of years means that you also believe that there was death before the Fall, (that animals killed each other and died before Adam and Eve came along.)

If we believe that man came along millions of years after the original creation, then we must believe that death was always with us, and not caused by the Fall. No Fall – no need for Salvation.

How do we teach?

- Throw out books that talk about evolution and millions of years.
- Teach students to value themselves as God's special creation.
- Teach students to appreciate and care for God's creation.



Pillar no. 3. Man in the image of God

Why are we here?

If we are a product of evolution, then we are here by chance and there is no real purpose for us. No one is in charge of us and we can do what we like.

But if we believe that we were created in God's image, then we know that God has a special plan for us to fulfill on this earth, and we live according to His standards.

- Human life therefore has great value and worth.
- God loves all human beings equally.
- Every human being is special to God. We are loved by God.
- Our purpose is to love and serve God, not ourselves.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

We were created to have relationship with God. He wants us to love Him.

1 John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

God created male and female.

God created both sexes as equal but different. The two sexes have need for one another.

Mark 10:6 At the beginning of creation God made them male and female.

When does life begin?

God says: *For you created my in-most being; you knit me together in my mother's womb; I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, (Psalm 139: 13-14)*

How do we teach?

- Marriage is between man and woman.
- We have a mission to save lives, including the unborn, and to stand up for those who suffer.
- Racism is based on pride and selfishness, and against God's commandment to love one's neighbour as ourselves.
- We are to show God's love to people from all cultures and language groups, rich and poor.
- We are to live to serve God and not ourselves.

Pillar no 4. Man's fall into sin

- The Fall of man brought sin and suffering into the world.
- People are not naturally good. We have the ability to choose right and wrong, to choose God or ignore Him.
- People were created to have a relationship with God but man's fall into sin broke that relationship.

How do we teach?

- Everyone has sinned. We cannot reach God by trying to be 'good' in our own strength. We have to ask Jesus for forgiveness.
- God is only pleased with the 'goodness' that comes out of a desire to love and serve Him, and to make Him Lord of our lives.

Pillar no. 5. The Great Flood

- This was an actual event. The flood covered the entire world around 4,000 years ago.
- This accounts for many of the earth's geological features which are falsely dated by evolutionists to be millions of years old.
- Layers of fossils were buried quickly, not slowly over millions of years.

How do we teach?

- Point it out when records give false information about the age of the earth.
- Show students the evidence of the Great Flood in the local environment – volcanoes, landforms, rocks, fossils

Pillar no. 6. The Tower of Babel

Recorded in Genesis 11:1-9

Adam and Eve were created with the ability to produce children with any of the skin colours we know today, from very light to very dark. But as people grouped together according to their language at Babel, and then they moved away to live together, specific traits were expressed, e.g. some groups all had dark skin and some groups all had light skin.

How many different skin colours are there?

There is only one. Melanin is the chemical in our bodies that causes skin to be light or dark. Dark skinned people have more melanin than light skinned people.

How do we teach?

All races descended from Adam and Eve.

We make a stand against racism because we are one human family.

Pillar no. 7. The coming of Jesus and His death on the cross

- Christ died on the cross to give us an opportunity to be one with God.
- Because *all* have sinned, *all* need to ask Jesus Christ for total forgiveness and restored relationship with God.

How do we teach?

- Give students the opportunity to receive Christ as their Saviour and Lord.
- Teach them in the ways of God, and teach them about God's character. Teach them how He wants us to live.

Pillar no. 8. The role of the church

The church has a God-given role to:

- stand against wrong standards
- show the love of God
- live according to Biblical principles
- spread the Gospel

How do we teach?

We teach our students to:

- Make a stand against the works of the devil – e.g. wrong treatment of human beings, disease, drug abuse, hunger, poverty, terrorism, unfair practices
- Care for the poor, elderly, hungry, widows, orphans, prisoners
- Live in obedience to Jesus
- Be lights to the world

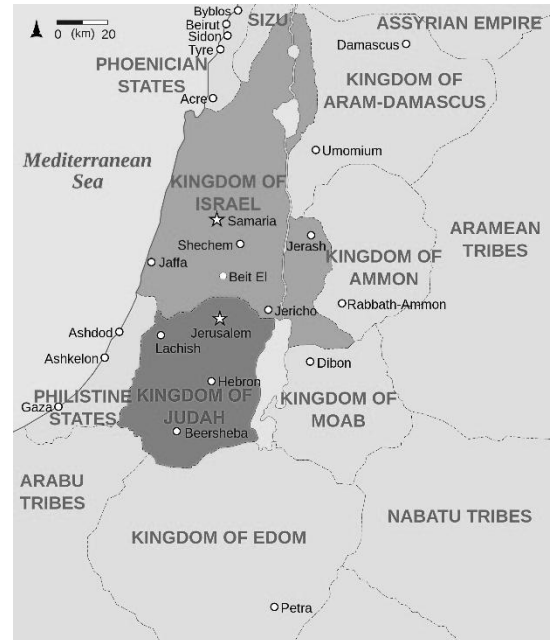
- Find the servant role that God has for them
- Carry the Gospel to the nations

Pillar no. 9. The role of Israel in world history

- Israel is God’s chosen nation and through this nation Jesus came into the world.
- Israel has been a target for persecution throughout history.
- Israel has a part to play in the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.

How do we teach?

- Teach students that the Bible is true, and tells us about real people in a real place called Israel.
- Teach them about the land and the people of Bible times – their clothes food, animals, homes.
- Teach them that the Jews have a special place in history because Jesus came to live among them.



Pillar no.10. The end of the world

The Bible tells us that the world will not go on indefinitely and the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy will point to the end of the age.

Matthew chapters 24 and 25 tell us:

- Jesus will come again.
- God’s perfect world will be restored in a new Heaven and Earth.

How shall we teach?

We teach our student that:

- The universe as we know it will not go on forever.
- Our time on earth is temporary.
- God is in control.
- A better home awaits us.
- Heaven is a real place, (Rev. 22).
- We should always be ready to meet Jesus, doing what He has called us to do.
- Jesus said that the gospel must first be preached to all nations, so that Jesus can return again.

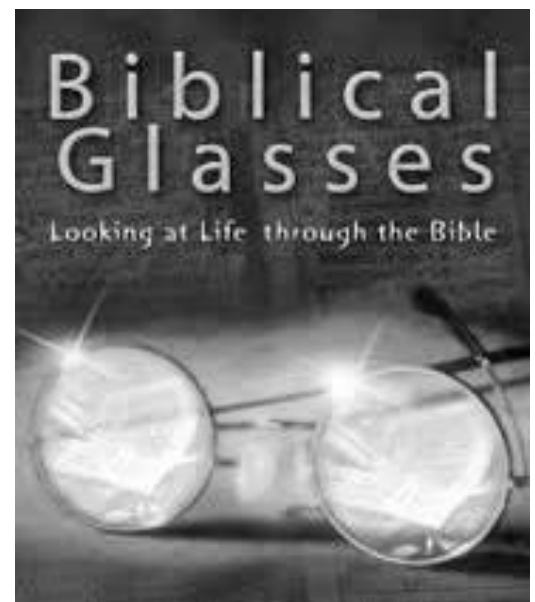
Matthew 24:14 Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come."

The Gospel not only has to be preached, but also practiced and demonstrated.



The importance of Biblical Christian worldview in education

The secular education system gives a wrong view of world history. Only the Bible has the true history, and can tell us what is right and what is wrong. Students who can process the information they receive through the glasses of a Biblical worldview will have confidence and strength to stand in a secular world.



Some verses that encourage us to make a stand for God:

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

So then our brothers, stand firm and hold on to those truths which we taught you. (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

Put on the full armour of God that you can stand against the devil's schemes. (Ephesians 6:11)