



**A Worldview is what you believe about God, Creation, Humanity, Moral Order and Purpose**

GOD	CREATION	HUMANITY	MORAL ORDER	PURPOSE
Has to do with the nature, character and role of God.	Has to do with what is made and sustained by God.	Has to do with who and what humans are.	Has to do with moral behavior and responsibility.	Has to do with the intention or meaning of all that exists.

## The Four Basic Worldviews



- 1. Naturalism:** The belief that only material reality exists. There is no God or spiritual existence.
- 2. Animism:** Sees reality to have separate material and spiritual parts which interact in a symbiotic relationship. There are spiritual gods who manifest themselves in physical nature and are capable of causing good or evil to happen to humans
- 3. Far Eastern Thought:** Understands reality to be a totally impersonal cosmos which is moving toward unity. Though it is impersonal, everything is understood to be a part of everything else – god is everything and everything is god
- 5. Theism:** the belief that there is a God. This God may be either personal or impersonal. Theistic systems usually depend on some kind of revelation as their authority source

**Who Is God?** God is an objective person who is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. He is perfect in every way and is especially characterized by his holiness, his righteousness and his love. He has eternally existed, and reveals himself to mankind in three distinct personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three manifestations are co-equal expressions of one God

**What Is A Human Being?** Human individuals are beings who have been created in the image of God for the very purpose of living in relationship with him. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, we are tarnished by our human nature which is disobedient toward God. This sinful nature generates sinful acts and the end result is separation from God

**What is Our Ultimate Authority?** The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is the ultimate revelation of God to mankind. In it, God reveals the objective truth about who he is, who mankind is, his purposes and desires for the world and how human beings are able to know him in a personal relationship.

**How Can We Achieve Salvation?** Salvation is the process that God has provided for mankind to end the separation that exists because of the sin problem. This separation is a spiritual problem which exists as an objective reality in this life and continues on throughout eternity if it is not remedied before physical death. God provided for this process through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To receive this salvation, an individual must personally acknowledge his or her responsibility for the sin problem, decide to turn from that disobedience, ask God's forgiveness and offer his or her life to him based on the work of Christ on the cross. God honors a person's sincere repentance and request by adopting the individual into his family to live for eternity in his presence