

Worldview: For the Glory of the Creator **Colossians 1:15-20**

We are seeing in our culture an unprecedented number of clashes over worldview. It is seen most strikingly in issues surrounding masculinity and femininity, manhood and womanhood, and in the relationships between men and women. How do we make sense of all this?

A worldview is the underlying assumptions that you rely upon to interpret reality. Those underlying assumptions are called presuppositions. You presuppose something to be true. These are the basis or foundations of how you view the world. Your worldview can function like a pair of glasses, a map or GPS, or a puzzle. Your worldview says to you, “This is what things are supposed to be like.” Or “This is how things are supposed to work.”

There are a few ways that worldviews can be communicated. One way is by examining the five main pillars of a worldview:

- What you believe about God - is there a God is there not a God
- What you believe about man - where did man come from, what is man's purpose
- What you believe about truth - is truth absolute or is truth relative
- What you believe about knowledge-how do we come to know things
- What you believe about ethics-what is right, what is wrong.

Instead, we will look at worldview through a meta-narrative perspective—the big picture or broad stroke approach. Your worldview tells a narrative that explains the world or tells a story that explains why the world is the way it is.

So, we will refer to life’s ultimate questions:

- Who am I or what is man?
- Why am I here or what is my purpose?
- What’s wrong with the world?
- How can what is wrong be made right?

We will look at each of these through the lenses of the following worldviews:

- Secular humanism
- Neo-Marxism
- Biblical Christianity by examining Colossians 1.

Our goal is to help us understand where the differences lie, to help us understand why we can look at the same puzzle piece or the same map but be seeing very different things.

Secular Humanism

Who am I? I am the result of random evolutionary processes. There is no reason of me to be here at this time in history. I just showed up.

So, why am I here? Can only mean two things: I am here to consume and to procreate. There are no other reasons for my existence.

Secular humanism has no bases for morality and ethics. Everything is random, with no order. Whatever happens, happens and there is no reason for their happening. Right and wrong, good and evil don’t exist. I do what I do, and it makes no difference what I do. There are no limits

Neo-Marxist Worldview

In cultural Marxism, we have the oppressor/oppressed paradigm, this idea of a hegemonic power. A Hegemonic power is where one group has dominance or power over another group or groups.

So, in the neo-Marxist idea, to answer the question, who am I? I am a representation of the various oppressed groups to which I belong. These groups are being oppressed by a group who is perceived as having power or dominance over the groups that I represent. Therefore, I need to fight to gain the power from the oppressor group.

If you are a representative of a oppressed group, you poke the bear—the oppressor group, until they awakened to fight against your group. By doing this you prove that they are an oppressive group. They are bad, and something needs to be done about them.

The oppressor group can play the same game. It's all about power.

So, if this is who I am, then why am I here in the Neo-Marxist ideal? *I am here to participate in this power struggle. This is my purpose.*

If I am part of the oppressive group, then I am here to oppress people unless and until I'm made to stop oppressing people.

If I'm part of one of the oppressed groups, then I am here to fight the power of the oppressor and to somehow get the oppressor to seek power by force if necessary and it's always necessary, because according to my worldview, the oppressor will never seek power voluntarily. You want the oppressor group to seek power, then you have an enemy that needs to be subdued.

Biblical Worldview

Who am I? Colossians 1:15; Genesis 1:26-27

I am the crowning glory of the creation of God. There's nothing else in creation like you, like me. We are the crowning glory of the creation of God.

As God's image-bearer, we are unlike anything else that God has created, having inherent dignity, inherent worth, and inherent value.

The secular humanist sees people as a cog in the wheel. They exist to fulfill their biological urges. There are no morals and no ethics.

The neo-Marxist would say dignity, worth, and value is found only in the group who has power.

Why am I here? Colossians 1:16

To bring glory and honor to the One who created me.

I am here to worship, to serve, to bring glory and honor to the one who created me in His Image. That's why you and I exist; that's why mankind exists—to bring glory and honor to the One who created us.

Why are men made the way men are, and women made the way women are, because it maximizes the glory that we bring to our Creator. This is where we as Christians stand.

Men and women are not here for biological, evolutionary reasons that lead to chaos as the secular humanist preaches.

Men and women are not here to grab power from each other as the Neo-Marist preaches.

The Marxist worldview sees marriage as a means of oppression. Marriage exists to oppress women. Men invented and created marriage men to oppress women.

The Biblical worldview is far different than that. Marriage reflects who God is. In biblical marriage, men reflect God by protecting and providing for women and children, and women reflect God by encouraging and helping men and nurturing children