



HOW BIBLICAL IS YOUR WORLDVIEW?

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When one talks about worldviews, the temptation is to ‘switch off’ and dismiss it as irrelevant philosophical jargon. The reality however, is that your worldview (which is the framework, attitudes, beliefs and set of ideas through which you order your world) is the cornerstone of who you are and how you relate to God and to others.

Our worldview tells us what is real, what is important, what is right, and what is wrong. In the past decade many Christians have rallied around the slogan, “What would Jesus do?” This is a fine question to ask. Unfortunately, it can’t really be answered effectively by people who don’t share Jesus’ worldview.

Biblical principles are our guide

A Biblical worldview is based on the infallible Word of God. When you believe the Bible is entirely true, then you allow it to be the foundation of everything you say and do. That means, for instance, you take seriously the mandate in Romans 13 to honour the governing authorities by researching the candidates and issues and making voting a priority. Christians who do not use Biblical guidelines and principles when casting their vote thus do not have a Biblical perspective or worldview in this area.

Worryingly, non-biblical ideas can easily be integrated into our thinking without us being aware of their influence. We are constantly bombarded with secular hu-

manist ideas through TV, film, radio, advertising, newspapers, books and academia. Because we live in a fallen world, these ideas seductively appeal to the desires of our flesh. It is a constant battle and one that Christians must actively engage in.

Test yourself: do you have a Biblical understanding and mindset

If we capture and embrace more of God’s worldview and trust it with unwavering faith, then we begin to make the right decisions and form the appropriate responses to questions on abortion, same-sex marriage, cloning and even media choices. Ultimately, it is our decisions and actions that reveal what we really believe.

“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.”
Lam 3:40

- 1 **How did the world come into being?**
 - (a) evolution
 - (b) the Big Bang
 - (c) by random selection
 - (d) God used evolution
 - (e) God spoke the world into existence
- 2 **How long did it take God to create the world?**
 - (a) 6 billion years
 - (b) 600 million years
 - (c) 6 million years
 - (d) 6000 years
 - (e) 6 days
- 3 **Why did death enter the world?**
 - (a) random selection
 - (b) temptation
 - (c) sin
 - (d) satan
 - (e) Eve
- 4 **When the two are in conflict, does God hold His Law or man’s law to be higher?**
 - (a) it depends on the jurisdiction
 - (b) it depends on people’s sincerity
 - (c) it depends upon the situation
 - (d) in spiritual matters, God holds His Law to be higher
 - (e) in all matters, God holds His Law to be higher
- 5 **To whom does God’s Law apply?**
 - (a) to believers
 - (b) to unbelievers
 - (c) to pastors
 - (d) to politicians
 - (e) to all of these
- 6 **When the two are in conflict, does God want His people to obey His Law or man’s law?**
 - (a) His Law always
 - (b) His Law in the Church
 - (c) man’s law if it is a political issue
 - (d) both
 - (e) neither
- 7 **Marriage is designed and intended by God to be:**
 - (a) a public commitment
 - (b) a life-long commitment
 - (c) between one man and one woman
 - (d) under God
 - (e) all of these
- 8 **When Cain killed his brother Abel, how did God deal with this first murder?**
 - (a) He banned all knives
 - (b) He banned all rocks
 - (c) He required Cain to undergo counselling
 - (d) He banished the murderer
 - (e) He overlooked it
- 9 **“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed...” Does this command apply to:**
 - (a) human sacrifice
 - (b) infanticide
 - (c) premeditated murder
 - (d) abortion
 - (e) all of these
- 10 **Why were Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by fire?**
 - (a) arson
 - (b) fire hazards
 - (c) lack of hospitality
 - (d) intolerance
 - (e) homosexuality
- 11 **To what does God’s Law apply?**
 - (a) religion
 - (b) family life and liberty
 - (c) society
 - (d) economics
 - (e) all of these
- 12 **Why was the Law given to mankind?**
 - (a) to reflect God’s character
 - (b) to give us a knowledge of sin
 - (c) to establish justice
 - (d) to lead us to Christ
 - (e) all of these



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“A man ought to examine himself” 1 Cor 11:28

13 Which of these does the Ten Commandments permit?

- (a) socialism
- (b) atheism
- (c) nationalisation
- (d) materialism
- (e) none of these

14 In the event of premeditated murder, what does God’s Law require?

- (a) mandatory counselling
- (b) life imprisonment
- (c) execution
- (d) restitution
- (e) more legislation

15 What may take precedence over our loyalty to God?

- (a) our country
- (b) our tribe
- (c) our political party
- (d) our church denomination
- (e) none of these

16 What is man?

- (a) matter in motion
- (b) the pinnacle of evolution
- (c) basically good
- (d) fallen creation
- (e) none of these

17 What happens to a person after death?

- (a) annihilation
- (b) extinction
- (c) reincarnation
- (d) Judgement
- (e) purgatory

18 What does God’s Law say about tattoo marks?

- (a) it is good
- (b) it is culturally neutral

- (c) it’s unhealthy
- (d) it is an abomination
- (e) none of these

19 To whom should restitution be made?

- (a) the victim
- (b) the thief
- (c) the government
- (d) the relatives
- (e) the descendants of the victims

20 Who is responsible to provide education for the next generation?

- (a) the church
- (b) the parents
- (c) the government
- (d) the teachers
- (e) the UN

21 Why is there suffering and evil?

- (a) karma
- (b) survival of the fittest
- (c) spiritual warfare
- (d) man’s rebellion against God
- (e) there is no reason

22 The goal of Biblical charity is:

- (a) encourage life-long dependence
- (b) to establish welfare organisations
- (c) encourage responsibility and productivity
- (d) to make rich Christians feel guilty about their wealth
- (e) to show how generous Christians are

23 Who has all authority on earth?

- (a) satan
- (b) the archangel Michael
- (c) The United Nations
- (d) mankind
- (e) The Lord Jesus Christ

24 The commandment “you shall not steal” forbids which of these:

- (a) socialism
- (b) vandalism
- (c) laziness
- (d) theft
- (e) all of these

25 Which of these forms of government did God institute?

- (a) self-government
- (b) family government
- (c) church government
- (d) civil government
- (e) all of these

26 Can God’s Law be rescinded, revised, or improved?

- (a) yes
- (b) no
- (c) maybe
- (d) only by the church
- (e) only by the UN

27 When we have material needs, the Bible commands us to:

- (a) pray
- (b) work
- (c) trust God
- (d) be content
- (e) all of these

28 Does God hold all rulers and all nations – including non-Christians – accountable to His Law or are the lost free to do what they want?

- (a) only Christian rulers must obey His Law
- (b) non-Christians should consider principles of His Law
- (c) a referendum should be held
- (d) theologians should be consulted

■ QUIZ



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“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the Faith; test yourselves...” 2 Cor 13:5

- (e) all rulers are always accountable to God's Law
- 29** At the Day of Judgement, by what standard will people be judged?
 (a) God's Law
 (b) a church constitution
 (c) the national constitution
 (d) the UN charter
 (e) the Bill of Rights
- 30** According to God's Law, which of the following may be taxed?
 (a) property
 (b) inheritance
 (c) missions
 (d) churches
 (e) none of these
- 31** In 2 Thessalonians 3:10 the Bible teaches: “if anyone will not work, neither shall he...”
 (a) want
 (b) suffer
 (c) vote
 (d) eat
 (e) worry
- 32** In Ecclesiastes 10:18 the Scripture teaches: “because of...the building decays”
 (a) state financing
 (b) freewill offerings
 (c) laziness
 (d) government intervention
 (e) legislation
- 33** Jesus commanded that: “...must be preached to all nations.” Luke 24:47
 (a) the Gospel of love and mercy
 (b) the prayer of Jabez
 (c) repentance and forgiveness of sins
 (d) the Lord's Prayer
 (e) health and wealth
- 34** In 1 Peter 2:14, God's Word declares that the primary responsibility of civil government is to:
 (a) educate and uplift the masses
 (b) provide cost-effective housing
 (c) child welfare
 (d) to punish those who do wrong
 (e) to raise taxes
- 35** Under God's Law (Exodus 22:3-6) who should make restitution?
 (a) the thief
 (b) the government
 (c) the tax payer
 (d) the victim
 (e) the church
- 36** Complete this passage: “My people are destroyed from lack of...” Hos 4:6
 (a) finance
 (b) government hand-outs
 (c) legislation
 (d) knowledge
 (e) foreign donors
- 37** Complete this verse: “But seek first...” Matt 6:33
 (a) marriage
 (b) financial success
 (c) economic independence
 (d) a college education
 (e) His Kingdom
- 38** “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the...of your mind” (Romans 12:2)
 (a) removal
 (b) inspiring
 (c) informing
 (d) renewing
 (e) resting
- 39** “Everyone who wants to live a Godly life in Christ Jesus will be...” (2 Tim 3:12)
 (a) blessed
 (b) prosperous
 (c) persecuted
 (d) delivered
 (e) healed
- 40** Complete this verse: “Let us fix our eyes on...” Hebrew 12:2
 (a) the government
 (b) the Pope
 (c) the Pastor
 (d) the TV
 (e) The Lord Jesus Christ ■

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