

# Explanatory Power of a Biblical, Systematic Theological Worldview:

## A. Account for the Following...

1. Physical beginning of universe;
2. Empirical design, order, & complexity ranging from astronomy (e.g., anthropic principle) to biological systems (e.g. specified complexity) to genetics (irreducible complexity);
3. Unity & diversity of all life-forms;
4. Abstract, non-physical realities (e.g., math; first principles of logic);
5. Objective moral values (e.g. justice; freedom; equal rights), duties (e.g., love your neighbor), virtues (e.g., benevolence), accountability, & altruism);
5. Objective beauty & our capacity to experience beauty;
6. Existential need for God: meaning, purpose, genuine happiness, lasting, fulfillment, peace, & *agape* love;
7. Inherent value & natural depravity of humanity;
8. human mind & conscience;
9. moral evil & goodness, natural evil, & suffering;
10. Bonafide miracles;
11. Historical person, work, & bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ;
12. Inherent search for identity, redemption from sin, & immortality (cross-culturally);
13. Inherent value & respect of all persons regardless of age, creed, income, race, religion, or sex-for all people are made in God's image;
14. Similar life-after-death experiences;
15. Our capacity for creativity, information, critical thinking skills, & feelings (pleasure/pain) for the plight of others whether known or not known;
16. Our capacity for aesthetic experiences, appreciation for beauty, & universal aesthetic signatures that cross time, cultures, & space (e.g., value of technical excellence);
16. Relationship to, distinction from, & stewardship of environment;
17. Abiding joy & comforting hope regardless of the circumstance or context.

## B. Answer the Greatest Questions of life:

1. **Origin:** Where did we come from;
2. **Identity:** What are we? Who are we?
3. **Meaning:** Why are we here?
4. **Morality:** How should we live?
5. **Destiny:** Where are we going?
6. **Evil:** What's gone wrong with the world?
7. **Hope:** What can be done to fix the problems of the world?

## C. Harmonize Reality as it is (including natural revelation; the physical & abstract) with special revelation (e.g., Teachings of Scripture, Jesus Christ, & biblical prophecy):

*The weightiness of a biblical, systematic theological worldview is not only (1) justified by means of (a) logical coherence, (b) empirical adequacy, (c) existential relevance, (d) viability, (e) workability, & (f) aesthetic & (g) moral qualities that enriches lives, but is able to offer (2) an anti-reductionistic way of thought & life that other worldviews like naturalism, postmodernism, rationalism, epicureanism, and Eastern mysticism cannot possibly do.*

# THE FORMATION OF A BIBLICAL, SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGICAL WORLDVIEW

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Our ultimate goal as Christians is to possess a character or disposition that beautifully reflects Jesus Christ in thought, word, & deed, magnifying the Father in all things no matter the context or situation. In order to develop a biblical, systematic theological worldview, we need to accurately & intimately know the Scriptures to the extent it becomes second nature to us. A worldview is a habituated way of seeing & doing, an interpretative framework or sum-total of our beliefs about the world (Romans 12:1-2, 15:6; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 1:27, 2:1-11). One's worldview, which is the most important fact about a person, (1) directs one's decisions, actions, & reactions, (2) one's way of life, & (3) one's becoming. The importance of a worldview may be likened to a computer's operating system. I submit to you that the best way to develop a viable biblical worldview is to organize the central biblical doctrines of Scripture (doctrine = what the whole Bible says of a particular topic) into a coherent system (systematic theology) that maintains exegetical accuracy, corresponds to how things actually, & is logically coherent. Consequently, we are to inculcate or instill this biblical, theological system into our lives whereby it becomes the means by which we observe & respond to all things, consciously & unconsciously (second nature). Having a biblical worldview not only is God-honoring (affirming a very high view of Scripture), existentially relevant, & identifies things as they actually are (thus, workable), but is also highly anti-reductionistic, possessing incredible explanatory power & viability. Moreover, a biblical, systematic theological worldview qualitatively benefits, enriches, & nourishes the possessor, those in one's sphere of influence, & society as a whole. Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 18:18; Jeremiah 26:2; Psalm 19:1-11; John 3:12; 14:26, 16:13; 17:17; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 2:20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

View of Reality	View of God	View of Truth & Knowledge	View of Humanity	View of Ethics & Aesthetics
Doctrine of Creation	Doctrine of the Trinity	Doctrine of Truth: Correspondence & coherent approach	Doctrine of Anthropology	Doctrine of Natural, Moral Law
Doctrine of Heaven	Doctrine of the Perfect & infinite Attributes of God	Doctrine of Prolegomena	Doctrine of Hamartiology	Doctrine of Sanctification: Positional; Progressive; Perfect
Doctrine of Hell	Doctrine of Creator-Creation Distinction	Hermeneutics	Doctrine of Soteriology	Doctrine of Biblical Stewardship (e.g., money; work; community; physical nature)
Doctrine of Miracles	Doctrine of Christology	Doctrine of Bibliology	Doctrine of Israelology	Doctrine of the Family (e.g., marriage; manhood; womanhood; parenting)
Doctrine of Eschatology	Doctrine of Pneumatology	Doctrine of Perspicuity	Doctrine of Ecclesiology	Doctrine of Biblical Ethics: Unqualified Absolutism; Conflict Absolutism; Graded Absolutism; Aretaic Graded Absolutism
Doctrine of Angels		Doctrine of Illumination	Doctrine of Sanctification	
Doctrine of Demons		Doctrine of Verbal, plenary inspiration	Doctrine of Future Judgments	Doctrine of Virtue
Doctrine of Satan		Biblical Application of Truth: Doctrine of Christian Living	Doctrine of Future Rewards	Doctrine of Beauty (e.g., aesthetic nature, experiences, values, & judgment).
Doctrine of Divine Providence		<i>Sola Scriptura</i>		