

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: CHRIST vs 'Another Gospel'

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The BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW 'story' or 'progressive narrative':

CREATION

Genesis 1-2
infinite God
(holy)



FALL

Genesis 3
finite man
(sinful)



REDEMPTION

Rest of Bible
God's grace
(forgiveness)



GLORY

Book of Revelation, et al
shared glory!
(salvation)

Various 'Christian' Movements and Ideologies Prevalent Today:

Cultural Christianity in the name of Jesus

Prosperity Theology in the name of Jesus

Signs and Wonders Movement in the name of Jesus

Seeker Church Movement in the name of Jesus

Sensual Gospel in the name of Jesus

New Age Spirituality in the name of Jesus

Identity Theology in the name of Jesus

Liberation Theology in the name of Jesus

Systematic Theology in the name of Jesus

Galatians 1:1-10

A Spiritual Spanking/Slap-in-the-Face

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KEY OBSERVATIONS

1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— **2** and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— **7** not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. **9** As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

- 1) Notice Paul proclaims his identity in Christ.
vs 1-2
- 2) Notice the priority of Christ's sacrifice for our sins.
vs 3-4
- 3) Notice the sharp rebuke to those wandering away from Christ to other things.
vs 6
- 4) Notice the condemnation for those teaching a false gospel.
vs 7-9
- 5) Notice the Lordship of Christ and the humility of his servants.
vs 10

**Naturalism
Atheism/Nihilism**
(Communism)

**New Age
Eastern Religions**
(Hinduism/Buddhism etc.)

Biblical Christianity

1) Nature of God

Atheism: God does not exist; belief in God results in superstition and conflict

Pantheism: God is impersonal; 'it' is above good and evil; everything ultimately is 'god'

Theism: God is the triune, eternal, personal, almighty, sovereign, loving, all-knowing, just, Creator of all things.

2) Metaphysics
(all matter & life)

The natural order is eternal, self-sufficient and uncreated. It is ultimately matter/energy. Matter/energy are everything. Biological life came from ????

The world itself is divine. But the spiritual is most imp.

The world was created by God. Both spirit and matter are imp. Biological life emanated from God.

3) Epistemology
(knowledge)

Human senses & experience; rationality based on evidence; scientific method (verifiable)

Truth lies within every human; it is attained through states of higher mystical consciousness seek experiential *gnosis*

Truth is objective standing; it is independent of human desire; Humans can know God through the *logos* (logical) truth of God.

- General revelation (creation around us)
- Specific revelation (the Bible)

4) Ethics
(right & wrong)

Ethics are relative or non-existent altogether. Nothing is right or wrong. hedonism? dominance? If moral -- Why/how??

Ethics are relative. Help you move to 'Om' or being in vibe with universe. Karma - '*what you sow, you will reap*'.

Ethics are not relative but absolute and grounded in the moral law of God which emanates from who He is. God's perfect goodness is the source of the standard for right and wrong.

5) Nature of Man

Nothing more than highly evolved animals.

Humans are spiritual beings who are gods (or will become will become one with the ONE)

Humans are created beings made in the image of God (relational, moral)

6) Basic Human Problem

Superstition & ignorance existence is meaningless

Ignorance of our true human potential. Need oneness with Brahman (ultimate reality).

All have sinned and rebelled against the Creator-God. Thus separated.

7) The Solution to Human Problem

Scientific advancement, education and technology

Transformation of consciousness to ultimate spiritual enlightenment and good karma providing oneness with One.

Salvation through faith/belief in the finished work of Christ's death & resurrection as the only acceptable sacrifice for our sins. Forgiveness that transforms our lives and reconciles us to God.

8) Death
(final state)

The end of human existence.

An illusion; the entrance to the the next life (reincarnation). (or 'the Void' under Buddhism)

The end of our earthly life gives way to either heaven for those who have believed on Christ or eternal judgement for those who have rejected Christ.

9) Jesus Christ

A mere human teacher

One of many gurus or master teachers who have appeared throughout history.

God-in-the-flesh who eternally exists as the 2nd person of the Trinity, but entered the world as a man to sacrifice himself for all who would receive him as Lord and Savior.

10) The Bible

66 books
40 authors
1,500 year period
one clear message

A compilation of nonsensical ancient mythical writings

One of many ways one can reach Oneness with the universe

The complete, inspired, infallible, inerrant divinely given and protected special revelation of God so people from all generations can know & worship Him.