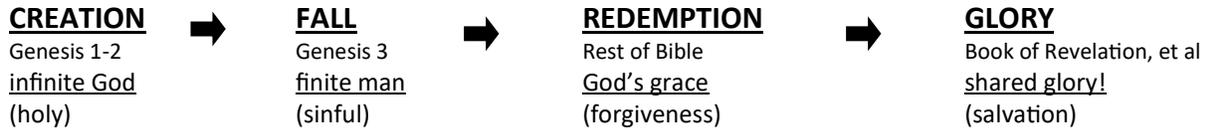


BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: THE GRANDEUR OF GOD Pt. 4

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The BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ‘story’ or ‘progressive narrative’:



The BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW begins with ‘the ONE true great big God’.

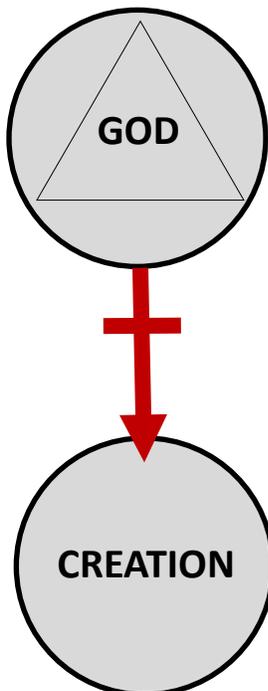
“Prime reality is the infinite, personal God revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

This God is triune, transcendent, immanent, omniscient, sovereign and good.”

James W. Sire

1. **GOD is INFINITE.**
 2. **GOD is PERSONAL.**
 3. **GOD is TRANSCENDENT.** He is beyond us.
 4. **GOD is IMMANENT.** He is with us.
 5. **GOD is SOVEREIGN.** He rules over all things. He has all authority.
 6. **GOD is GOOD.** What He is, is good. What He does is good.
 7. **GOD is HOLY.** Holy means set apart; not like the rest.
 8. **GOD is LOVE.** He is the SOURCE of generous, self-sacrificing, other-oriented love.
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In the Biblical Worldview creation is distinct from God yet always dependent on God.



Job 12:10 *In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind*

Acts 17:25, 28 *God gives to all men life and breath and everything... in him we live and move and have our being.*

Colossians 1:17 *In Christ ‘all things hold together’*

Hebrews 1:3 *The Son is... upholding all things by His powerful word...*

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Here we see both God’s transcendence and His immanence.

1 John 1:9-13

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

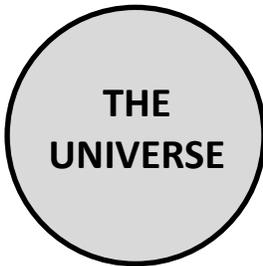
12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Here we see both God’s justice and His grace.

Romans 3:25-26

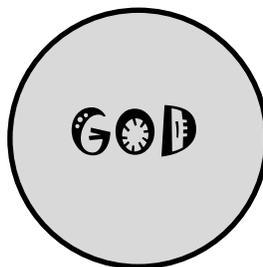
Eph 2:8-9

MATERIALISM: worldviews that deny the existence of God altogether.



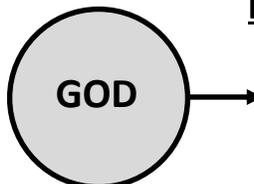
- Psalm 10:3-4** *3 For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD. 4 In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."*
- Philippians 3:18-20** *For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...*
- Romans 8:5** *Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh; but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.*
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PANTHEISM: worldviews that say the whole universe is God.



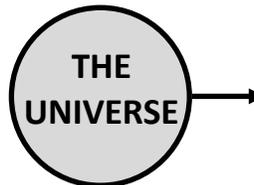
- Hinduism, Buddhism, Skhism, Confucianism, Taoism, other eastern religions. Prominent in environmentalism. No personal nature of God or humanity.
- Popular Culture: 'AVATAR' - the diety Eywa of the planet Pandora and the Na'vi people.
- Romans 1:25** *They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator, who is forever worthy of praise! Amen.*
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DUALISM: worldviews that say God and universe eternally co-exist.



There is only God and matter. Eternal conflict between good and evil. Which prevails? God is not Lord over the universe. Suggests universe is evil. Denies the universe was inherently good (Gen. 1:31) and is used for His purposes.

Popular Culture: 'STAR WARS'- where 'The Force' can be good or evil.

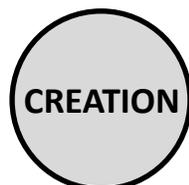


Colossians 1:16-17 *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

DEISM: worldviews that say God is no longer directly involved.



God is transcendent but he is not immanent. He created but left it to run on its own. He is largely uninvolved. For some, this is the only way to explain the world's evil and pain. This denies the entire history of God interacting with man recorded in the Bible.



"Many 'lukewarm' or nominal Christians today are, in effect, practical deists, since they live lives almost totally devoid of genuine prayer, worship, fear of God, or moment-by-moment trust and obedience to God."

Wayne Grudem SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY
(diagrams here adapted from pgs 267-270)