

## FIVE NON-CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEWS

**Introduction.** We cannot overstate the significance of these five anti-Christian worldviews. The basis for much of what is taught in the public classroom today comes from Secular, Marxist, Cosmic-Humanist, and Postmodern thinking. The labels are often dropped when these ideas are taught. Neutrality in education, or anywhere else, is a myth.

**The Islamic Worldview.** The major differences between Christianity and Islam are Islam's rejection of the biblical, Trinitarian God and the death of Jesus for the sins of the world. Muslims likewise reject Jesus' physical resurrection from the dead and his claim to be the Son of God.

"Murder, pillage, rape, and more murder are in the Koran and in the Traditions" According to Trifkovic. He goes on to say that Muhammad's life "seems to have impressed his followers with a profound belief in the value of bloodshed as opening the gates of Paradise." (A.D. 622 to present is a history of violence, submission, and war toward infidels (non-Muslims).

On the other hand, there are a number of Muslims, particularly those living in Western democracies, who do not believe the Koran's violent passages regarding killing infidels and Islam's violent history should be applied literally today.

**The Secular Humanist Worldview.** Secular Humanism refers primarily to the ideas and beliefs outlined in the Humanist Manifestoes of 1933, 1973, and 2000. Secular Humanism is the dominant worldview on the majority of colleges and universities throughout all Western nations. It has also made gains in many Christian colleges and universities, especially in the areas of biology, sociology, law, politics, and history.

The ideas of Humanism have gained prominent influence throughout modern society. More recently, the outspoken atheist and Oxford biologist Richard Dawkins has gained much attention through a number of popular books on evolution and, of course, his 2006 best-seller, *The God Delusion*.

**The Marxist Worldview.** Marxism is a militantly atheistic, materialistic worldview. Based on the writings of Karl Marx from the late 1800s, Marxism has taken on some new looks in recent years. A Marxist style communism controls a large number of nations around the world, and traveling under the name of "social democracy," a Marxist inspired political philosophy has engulfed Western European nations. Further, many South American countries have also taken a Marxist turn in recent years.

**The Cosmic Humanist Worldview.** The Cosmic Humanist worldview consists of two interrelated spiritual movements. One is known as the New Age Movement (NAM), and the other is neopaganism, which includes occult practices, Native American spiritism, and Wicca.

The New Age Movement mixes ancient Eastern religions (especially Hinduism and Zen Buddhism) with a touch of other religious traditions, adds a smattering of scientific sounding jargon, and imports the newly-baked concoction into mainstream America.

The assumption that truth resides within each individual is the cornerstone for this worldview. Granting oneself the power to discern all truth is a facet of its theology.

**The Postmodern Worldview.** Forced to face the inhumanity, destruction, and horror brought about by the Third Reich and the Soviet Gulag during the first half of the 20th century, a substantial group of Enlightenment humanists and neo-Marxists abandoned their worldview to create one they believed more fitting with reality, resulting in the postmodern turn. By the 1980's, postmodern professors were making significant inroads in humanities and social science departments around the world.

Postmodernism's most effective methodological tool, is known as deconstruction, which means 1) that words do not represent reality, and 2) that concepts in sentences in any language are arbitrary.

**Conclusion.** Society will flourish in the light of truth only when the emphasis shifts back to a Christian perspective. This dramatic shift in emphasis can be brought about through the leadership of thousands of informed, confident Christians who think deeply and broadly from a well-honed biblical worldview and emerge as leaders in education, business, science, and government.

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