Why I am a Christian with a Christian Worldview

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This is my second talk, and it is about **why I am a Christian with a Biblically developed worldview**. By this I mean that my understanding about God, our world, creation and everything else is shaped by the Word of God.

● In the first talk I went into some detail about how, growing up, I naturally turned to an evolutionised world view to explain the origin of the universe and all life forms on planet Earth. It was this worldview that led me to becoming an atheist. This naturalist worldview was strongly shaped by a number of factors:

Firstly, evolution was taught as **fact** at school and in higher education. **Secondly**, the books I was reading about science supported what the science, physics and biology teachers were teaching about evolution. **Next**, my friends accepted evolution as fact. **Add** to this mixture television, the evolutionised BBC etc, and other sources of information such as libraries, helped underpin evolution as a **solid fact in my thinking**.

● So faced with that evidence *(so called)*, any reasonable person would conclude that if the universe and all life came into existence by random chance and probability, all by itself, over vast aeons of time and with no divine intervention at all, any need for a Creator is completely removed.

So the ultimate conclusion of naturalistic, evolutionary science is that it permanently eliminates any need for God. **This is an atheistic worldview**.

● On this basis I decided that the concept of God was a figment of people's imagination that was based more upon wishful thinking. It's a fairytale with no scientific basis. As a result I decided that the only reasonable conclusion was '**atheism**' and this involved a complete rejection in my mind of any idea of the existence of God, I therefore became an **atheist**.

Now, to understand how this firm conviction was seriously challenged and why I chose to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, please see my first talk.

Primarily, there are two world views today. The secular, humanistic world view founded upon evolution and the Christian world view founded upon God's Word.

Let me contrast them both.

The **secular, humanistic world view**, is empowered by evolution. Man is at the centre of that view. In this view there is no God, so there are no rules governing decision making or morality. In this worldview man is accountable to no one because there is no ultimate authority. So man decides what rules he will accept and reject because he likes to rebel against the thought that there is a God and that he is accountable to him.

- Therefore, it is man who decides what is right and wrong. He decides what is acceptable and what is not.

It is rather like putting on your glasses to see correctly. As children we may remember putting coloured cellophane over out eyes and seeing the world around us in various colours of reg, green and yellow.

Having an atheistic worldview is like putting on evolutionary glasses. Everything you see through those evolutionary glasses, including earth's history is interpreted in millions of years, that there is no god, man makes the rules, and he is responsible to no one accept himself.

Having a Biblical worldview is like putting on Biblical glasses. Everything you see is understood through the lens of Holy Scripture with God who made the heavens and the earth. With Christ as our Saviour and Redeemer. We now understand that the history of the Bible is a true account of creation and the record of redemption leading to a new heavens and earth.

- While evolution has no long term solution to sin, death, pain and suffering because it is all part of the evolutionary process. God has a solution to sin, death pain and suffering through the Gospel of Salvation.

- Through a **humanistic worldview** man proclaims the **gospel.** The gospel of '**me first**', **it's my life**, **my money**, **my pleasure**. **I can do what I want when I want**. This is the

person who has no thought of accountability, approaching judgement and eternity to come.

This is the worldview where man sets himself up as god.

- This reminds us of the ultimate lie told by Satan to the first man and woman in **Genesis 3:5** Satan said *you shall be **like** God*.

Finally, this worldview is a highly subjective opinion because everyone believing it has wildly varying viewpoints with different outcomes, some of them having horrifying consequences. As a result, our world is seriously broken, and many people's lives reflect this.

Proverbs 14:12 says that *there is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death*.

- **Historically**, it is this **worldview** that gave rise to false philosophies involving human wisdom and with man replacing God at the centre of his life, society and government, and because life has no real meaning with no divine court of justice to answer for one's actions, man can just please himself because the end justifies the means.

The Christian worldview is radically different. It is empowered by the word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit. This is the worldview where God is in charge. It is not '**Self**' but **Christ** who is the centre of the Christian's life.

- It is God's word that decides the standards of living and those standards are **right** and **just**, **holy** and **godly**.

In this worldview we don't proclaim the gospel of '**self-improvement**' but the **Gospel of Salvation** because only in Christ is there salvation and true meaning to life and eternity.

The Christian has a Christ-centred world view because it is Christ who determines **every aspect of our lives** and our **final destiny**. **We know we are safe in His hands**.

In the end, the humanistic foundation established by evolution will crumble and everyone who builds their life upon it will perish.

The Christian's foundation can never fail because God has established it for ever.

- So we now understand why God's word has much to say about **worldviews** and the pressure this world exerts upon people to conform to **its way of thinking**.

This is one of the reasons why our world is dominated by **corrupt behaviour** and is in such a **mess**.

The **pressure** exerted upon sinful humanity to conform to this world's standards is strong, especially when this worldview is **underpinned** by **evolution** and **secular thinking**. Which is then enforced in our schools, colleges, universities and the media.

Here is something for you to consider. In many Christina homes, children and young people may have an hour or two soaked in Christian education per week, but they are **exposed** to evolution and secular thinking in schools and the media for over 30 hours per week. **Guess which one influences your child the most**.

- Christian parents are often not aware of an educational system that they send their children to that seriously undermines godly principles.

Now in order to combat this, each Christian must develop a **Biblical worldview** to live a godly life **and** bring up our children with God's word in their hearts, so they too have a Biblical worldview.

- **The Bible starts at Creation**. This is **not** by accident. It is crucial to have a proper understanding of God's purposes in creation, and why it is now spoiled through man's sin and disobedience, and what God is doing about it (it's about the **past**, the **present** and the **future**).

- God has a wonderful remedy to lost humanity and to all the pain and suffering of this world brought about by man's sin and not through any imagined evolutionary process.

- But if the Christian tries to **insert evolutionary philosophy** into God's word in Genesis, they undermine the Bible's saving message.

● Evolution teaches that pain, suffering, death and extinction has been going on over millions of years and long before man ever came on to the scene.

● The Gospel teaches that pain, suffering, death and extinction came about through man's disobedience to God's command.

This is what God's word says in **Romans 5:12** *by **one man** sin **entered** into the world, and death by sin; and so **death passed** upon all men, for that all have sinned*.

● That man was Adam. He sinned and that brought death, suffering, pain, sorrow and destruction into God's world. Adam's sin has **major** consequences.

If sin and death was already in the world **before** Adam was created, that means God's word is **wrong** and Adam's disobedience was insignificant with no effect upon the human race or this world.

● If evolution is true, the first man Adam is **not to blame** for the sin and corruption that spoils our world, **why?** Because it is all part of the so-called progress of evolution.

Evolution, when accepted by humanity, completely undermines the saving work of Christ. It sees mankind evolving into something better, more advanced. The future is brighter in man's hands rather than in God's hands.

● This is of course part of Satan's lie "*you shall be **like** God"* which many have believed down through the ages of human history.

● However, only the Gospel can bring **light** into people's hearts and with it comes **life**, **joy** and **peace** that the world can never give.

● On the other hand, **evolution** gives absolutely nothing. Its message is that you are just some highly developed pond scum, with no ultimate purpose or meaning and when you die, that is the end.

No wonder many young people and adults have empty lives, and some are choosing to end it one day.

Only the Christian gospel can change that hopelessness and that's where you and I come in.

How does the Christian continue to grow strong with a Biblical worldview?

In **Romans 12:2** we read that the Christian is *not to conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind*. For the Christian, God's word and the Holy Spirit transforms our way of **thinking** which in turn transforms our **language** and our **behaviour**, in fact, it changes just about **everything**.

The Christian has **new life in Christ**, which means a **new direction** in life, **new habits** and a **new focus** with **new priorities**.

- **This transformation is a constant, day by day process**.

Furthermore, God's word speaks clearly about the effect people with "**renewed minds**" have on their neighbourhood and culture. Our Lord describes us as **salt**, **light**, and **cities built on hills** and God speaks of His people as **beacons** and **lights** to the **nations**.

- **God brought about this change in our heart and life**, but we have a responsibility to work with God's Spirit to ensure this inward change bears more fruit.

In Ephesians 4:30 we read: *grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption*.

- **So, first and foremost, we Christians have to get our minds <u>detached</u> from the worldview of the secular culture that surrounds us and get firmly established in Christ's culture**.

But this is a challenge in our evolutionary saturated society because evolution is the foundation of a secular culture, and it is this that shapes the thinking of the unsaved.

- **This detachment is made even harder when the Christian finds that some Christians hold to many evolutionary assumptions**.

This is called '**Theistic Evolution**' when God, it is believed, used evolution in the creation process. This error, its serious weaknesses and consequences will be dealt with in a different session (if the Lord permits).

For now, let us just say that God's Word can be trusted implicitly from the very first verse to the very last verse. There is not even a hint of any evolutionary processes anywhere in God's Word.

So why would a Christian decide to insert evolutionary philosophy into it?

And who do you think is behind that notion? - remember Genesis 3:5?

- Please don't fall for that **old trick** that the Genesis creation account is Hebrew poetry, it is not, **it is historical narrative** providing a clear, detailed, day by day account of God's amazing creation over a literal week of 7 literal days, **exactly** as the Bible teaches.

- God's word can be trusted because **He was there in the beginning**, and He has told us what He did. Evolutionary experts were not there in the beginning. They did they see creation's beginning, nor can they go back in time to observe it, nor do they understand anything about it.

So, whose word are you going to trust? God's word or the word of evolutionary experts who rely on pure speculation and guesswork to try and understand how the universe came into existence **without** the Creator, an impossible task.

Dear Christian, do not compromise God's word, work hard to develop a Christian Worldview. Put on those **Biblical glasses** so you can walk with the Lord in the light of His word and live that life that God has prepared for you.

Thank you.

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