

# “THINK BIBLICALLY!”



1. **Christian World View:** A ‘world view’ is a set of **presuppositions** and beliefs that one uses to interpret and form opinions about **true** life and ultimate issues of **true** reality. A ‘Christian’ world view is interpreting all of life through the grid of the **Bible**.

## 2. Enemies [in the Church] of the Christian World View:

A) Philosophical **dualism** [**compartmentalization**]-this philosophy says religion should be separated from other areas of life (hard-science, social-science, politics, career choices, entertainment, literature, history, daily living, family life, etc.)

*“any view that makes the earth a relatively new thing (on the order of 12,000 to 20,000 years old) flies in the face of too much varied and **independent evidence** to be tenable....**in my judgment** the earth and universe are indeed billions of years old” (Pastor James Boice, *Genesis*, Vol. I, p. 68)*

*“God’s revelation is not limited exclusively to the Bible’s words. The **facts of nature** [?] may be likened to a sixty-seventh book of the Bible” (Dr. Hugh Ross, ‘*Creation and Time*,’ p. 56; *Christian apologist*)*

B) **Relativism**/postmodernism [**Emerging**]-this view says truth is relative; truth is not universal, immutable, objective nor dogmatic but truth is changing, subjective, ambiguous and inclusive

*“I have gone out of my way to be provocative, mischievous, and **unclear**, reflecting my belief that **clarity is...overrated**, and that shock [and] **obscurity**...stimulate more thought than clarity” (Pastor Brian McLaren, ‘*A Generous Orthodoxy*,’ p. 27; Cedar Ridge Community Church)*

*“The Bells started questioning their assumptions about the Bible itself—‘discovering the Bible as a human product,’ as Rob puts it, rather than the product of divine fiat. ‘The Bible is still in the center for us,’ Rob says, ‘but it’s a different kind of center. We want to embrace mystery, rather than conquer it.’ ‘I grew up thinking that we’ve figured out the Bible,’ Kristen says, ‘that we knew what it means. **Now I have no idea what most of it means**’.”*

*(Excerpt from ‘*Christianity Today*’ reporting on Rob and Kristen Bell, founders of Mars Hill, emerging church in Michigan)*

3. **A Biblical View of Truth:** *How do we know if something is true or not?*

**God defines** truth (2 Sam 7:28). **Jesus is** Truth (John 14:6). **God’s Word** is Truth (John 17:17)

**4. There is No Truth Apart from Christ:**

“Christ...in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”  
(Colossians 2:2-3)

**5. The Christian World View is Holistic:**

We are love God with our whole being—with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30). We are not to compartmentalize our spirituality. We need to assess EVERY area of life from a biblical point of view.

**6. The Christian World View is About How We Think:**

“whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **let your mind dwell on** [“think about” ESV] these things” (Philippians 4:8)

**7. Thinking Biblically is a Command:**

“do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind”  
(Romans 12:2)

**8. Scripture is the Foundation of a Christian World View:**

“All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate [“competent” ESV; “complete” NKJ], [“thoroughly” NKJ] equipped for every good work”  
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

**9. A Healthy Christian World View is Discerning and Can Detect and Expose Error:**

“Examine [“Test” NKJ] everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22)

“guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called ‘knowledge’—which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith” (1 Timothy 6:20)

“we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying **speculations** [“arguments” ESV] and every lofty **thing** [“opinion” ESV] raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

**10. Scripture is Sufficient:**

*Sufficiency* = all that God wants us to know is included in Scripture, and that Scripture sufficiently meets our needs in every area of life; all the truth we need for life and godliness is contained in Scripture

“learn not to exceed what is written” (1 Corinthians 4:6)

“His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us” (2 Peter 1:3)

“know the truth and the truth will make you free” (John 8:32)

## 11. Scripture is **Perspicuous**:

*Perspicuity* = the clarity of Scripture; Scripture is clearly **comprehensible** with the aid of the Holy Spirit’s illumination (1 Cor 2:16); the core truths of Scripture can be understood by a child (Deut 6:6-7); the truth of Scripture is not obscure, ambiguous, esoteric, secret or beyond finding out; Scripture was written in the language ‘of the people’; God’s truth can truly be known (John 8:32) with certainty (1 John 5:20)

“The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple” (Psalm 19:7)

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your Word” (Psalm 119:9)

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13)

*“Certainty is overrated... Certainty can be dangerous”  
(McLaren, FaithWorks Magazine/Newsweekly)*

*“But, if many things still remain abstruse to many, this does not arise from obscurity in the Scriptures, but from [our] own blindness or want of understanding, who do not go the way to see the all-perfect clearness of truth....Let, therefore, wretched men cease to impute, with blasphemous perverseness, the darkness and obscurity of their own heart to the all-clear Scriptures of God”  
(Martin Luther, ‘Bondage of the Will’)*

## 12. Remember...**Everyone** has a World View