# Christian World View Truth world view



# world view

truth

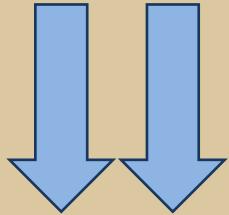


world view

truth -> reality

God

God is real · God is spirit · God is truth



#### creation

the material universe the physical reality

truth

error

#### revelation

the Bible · Jesus Christ the spiritual reality

light

darkness



# world view

truth from God

REVELATION

faith in God

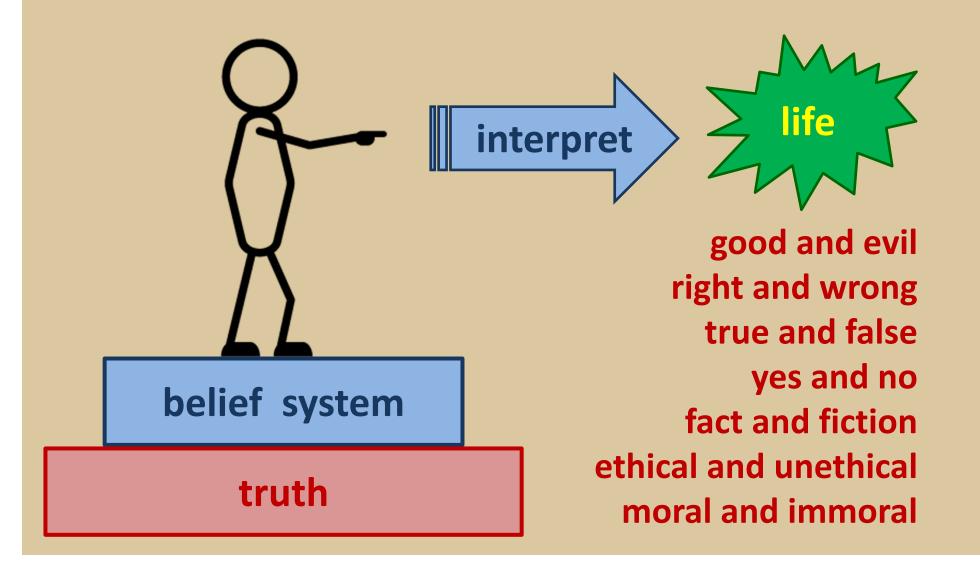
truth from man

REASON

faith in man

### the definition of a world view

a world view is a belief system used to interpret life



# the pursuit of a world view the fundamental issues



what is truth? · what is real?

who is God? · who is ruling?

who is man? · what is being?

what is life? · what is living?

what is death? · what is dying?

TRUTH: what is truth? what is real?

the reality of truth

**GOD**→ theism = faith in God

1 God exists · truth exists in God

2 truth is revealed by God

MAN→ humanism = faith in man

- 1) the material world exists
- 2 truth is discovered by man

GOD: who is ruling? who is the authority?

the reality of God

**GOD**→ theocracy = God-rule

(1) God is the owner · divine creation

2 God is the ruler · divine sovereignty and divine providence

MAN → autonomy = self-rule

- 1 man is the highest material life form
- 2 man is god over the material world

MAN: who is man? what is being?

the reality of being

**GOD**→ theocentric = God-centered

1 man is the special creation of God

2 man is fallen and separated from God

MAN → anthropocentric = man-centered

- 1 man is a chance organism
- 2 man only exists in time and space

LIFE: what is life? what is being?

the reality of life



1 life is precious = the gift of God

(2) life is defined = the virtues of God

3 life is meaningful = the divine purpose

**MAN**→ human philosophy

1 life is a mystery

2 life is for life = an enigma

**DEATH:** what is death? what is after death?

the reality of death

#### **GOD**→ divine revelation

1 the end of the beginning



3 the resurrection to life or judgment

#### **MAN**→ human speculation

1 the end of existence

2 the annihilation of man

# the pursuit of a world view the personal issues



my origin · how did I come to be?

my identity · who am !?

my meaning · why am I here?

my values · what are my virtues?

my function · how shall I live?

my future · where will I end up?

#### Christian world view

a world view is a belief system used to interpret life

a Christian world view believes that God (the Bible · Jesus Christ) provides the true foundation for interpreting life

the origin → how did I come to be?

we were created by God · in the image and likeness of God
the identity → who am I?

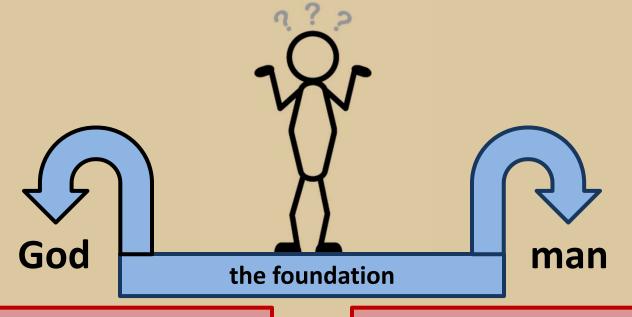
we are fallen creatures · enslaved by sin and cursed by death the meaning → why am I here?

we live to know God · to enjoy Him · to glorify Him forever
the values → what are my virtues? aesthetics · ethics · morality
we believe that God is the source of all absolute truth
the function → how shall I live? salvation and kingdom
we live by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone

the future  $\rightarrow$  where will I end up?

we will live forever in the kingdom of God

a world view is based on faith in God or faith in man



#### theism

faith in God = the God of the Bible

absolute truth exists in God absolute truth is revealed by God

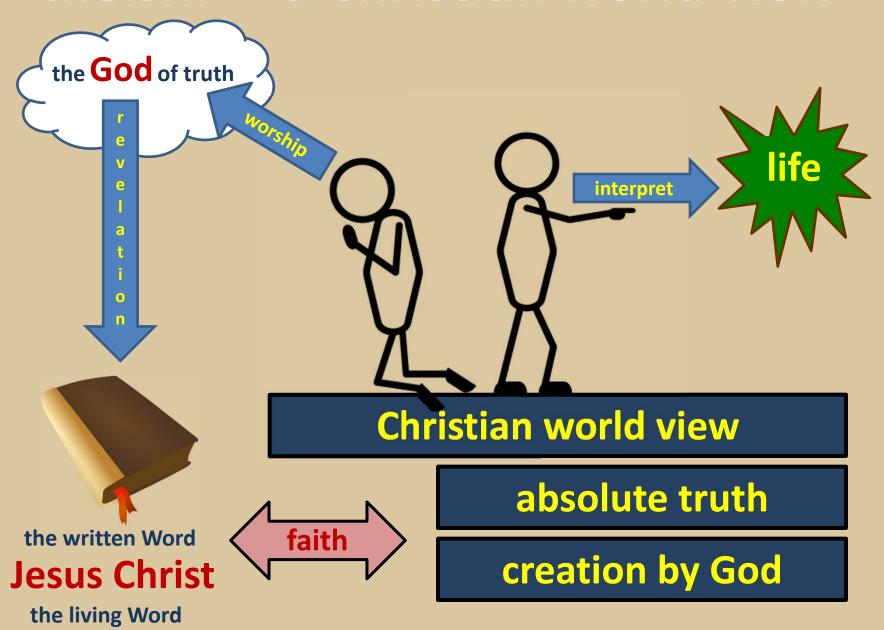
absolutism · Christianity · assurance

#### humanism

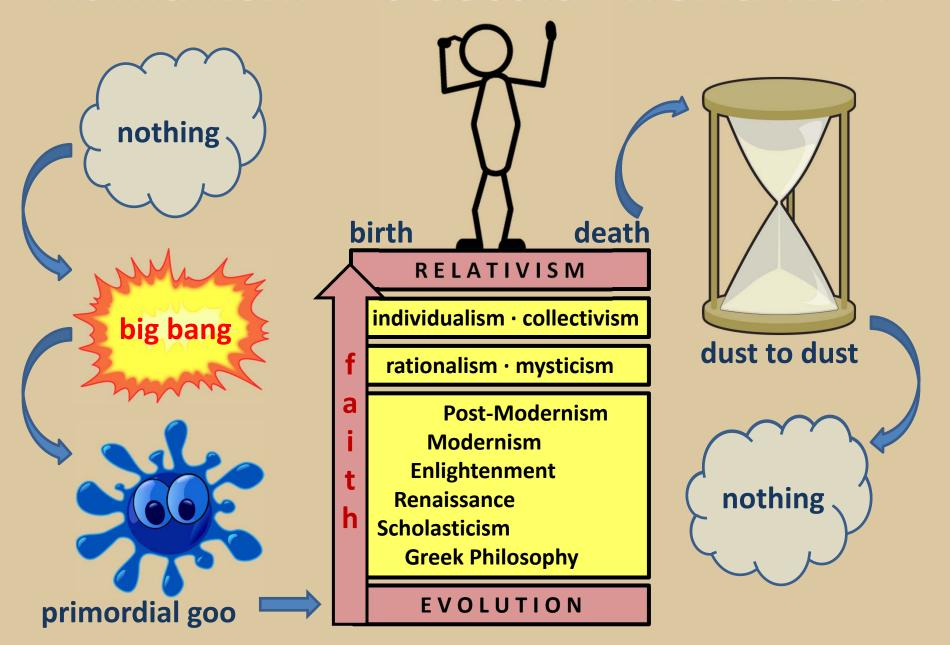
faith in man = there is no God individualism · collectivism absolute truth cannot be found values are time and place sensitive

relativism · secularism · skepticism

# theism · a Christian world view



# humanism · a secular world view



# mankind lives in God's world

God



the material universe the physical reality

the Bible · Jesus Christ the spiritual reality

# the truth of God



