THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL
PREPARED WORKERS ARE FEW

APologetics
IN AN AGE OF QUESTIONS

PROCLAMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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What is your favorite card game?

Amazing different ways to play with “same” cards

Matching: Go Fish, Old Maid, Uno, Rummey
Trick-taking: Bridge, Euchre, Hearts
Shedding: Uno, Rummey
Accumulating: War, Egyptian Rat Screw, Hot Hands
Comparing: Poker, Blackjack, Baccarat
Patience: Solitare
Drinking: President (A-orifis)
Collectible: Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh!
Same cards different games

What are the differences among the games?
Values of the cards: Aces, Queen of Hearts
Methods of play: Tricks, discards, groups
Rules: who goes first, what is allowed
Goals: how to win

Each “kind” of game has a Unified way to Play
- view organizing play, Story: Beginning, Middle, End
- each view is not interchangeable

More complicated games are often only learned by playing!
Verbal, visual, kinesthetic – learn basics, experience, strategy
Playing the game: Worldview

1. Basic Background

2. Practice Round

3. Strategy
Basic Background to Worldview

What is a Worldview? Why is it important? How do we know what our Worldview is?

Worldview is a basic way of seeing life, including what we trust and how we interpret meaning. Unified way to “play” life. (like a card game)

Keller Quote

Lens, Frame, Story
Why are Worldviews important?
Everyone has one! - Everyone has basic beliefs.

Neutrality, non-religiousness, is a myth.
Ellul – the older faith of Christendom we now have faith in modernity. Our religious confidence has been transferred from trust in God to new god substitutes, such as science and technology, nation-building, hedonistic pleasure, and so on.

Jacobs – “Everyone has a hook. No one is off the hook.”

Everyone has:
Basic Beliefs (faith)
Story (structure that we build/hang on)
Map (the outline of our story)
Yard Stick (applied belief, values, “morals”)
Why are Worldviews important?

Answers our deepest questions.
  Where did we come from?
  Where are we going?
  What is the basic nature of reality? Etc.

Os Quote

Essential to Communication, REALity checker-like cards, we must have it or chaos
How do we know our Worldview?
3 Basic Kinds of Worldviews

- Natural World
  - "Scientific"
  - No god
  - Naturalistic

- Spiritual World
  - Pantheistic
  - Monistic “Eastern”

- Creation
  - Physical/Spiritual
  - Theistic

God
Practice Round
Learn by Playing: Star Wars Worldview

Review Story: Galaxy out of balance and a prophecy that a Jedi will come to save the galaxy by restoring balance, spiritual Force energy field is the essence of reality, leaders named Jedi or Sith (Darkside) are lopsided because the Sith are taking over, leaders meditate to get in touch with the Force to resolve problems, Anikan Skywalker (Jedi) was of virgin birth, raised a slave, and has no father, his mother died and he deals with anxiety over separation and loss, he fears his pregnant wife will die, the Jedi Council refuses to make him a “Master” and he does not trust them, the evil Sith Lord (Chancellor Palpatine) seduces Anikan to follow the Darkside through manipulation of his fears, Anikan becomes the evil Lord, Darth Vader but he still has “good” in him.
Answer these Questions about Star Wars

What is the basic worldview?
What is the ultimate source/nature of reality/existence?
How do we find answers, know things?
What is a person?
What is the purpose of life?
What is right or wrong with the world?
How do we resolve what is wrong, get better?
Strategy: R.E.A.L. test

Understanding and Meaningful conversation is the goal
Does the Worldview stand up to REALity?

**Reality** – ultimate origins: why something and not nothing, basic reality, is God real, what is creation, what is human, can we know, where are we going...

**Error** – identifies problem, what is broken, what causes the problem

**Answer** – what is the solution to fix the Error, what will rescue us

**Life** – what should life be like, what do we hope for, next
Strategy: Tree test

Therapy: How do we get better?

Axiology: What is right and wrong, good and bad?

Teleology: What is the purpose?

Anthropology: What is a person?

Epistemology: How do we know?

Metaphysics: What is the nature of ultimate reality?

Ontology: What is ‘ultimate’ being?
Fill in the Tree: Map of Worldview

Scientific Naturalism
Ontology: Stuff (no god or mind)
Metaphysics: Stuff to more Stuff
Epistemology: We don’t know. It’s just Stuff!
Anthropology: we are just Stuff
Teleology: Stuffiness (none)
Axiology: no answer, is not ought
Therapy: preference, no answer, rearrangement
Theism, Biblical Christianity

Ontology: Trinity, love in Relationship
Metaphysics: Personal, Relational, Craft - love
Epistemology: Relation to God, love correctly
Anthropology: Image of God, love the other
Teleology: Love God and Neighbor
Axiology: God’s Loving Rule, see Teleology
Therapy: Healing by Love (God’s grace, mercy in Jesus Christ)
God is Healing on a Journey

Right Map, Story, ID = Worldview

Jesus’ healing of the blind man: Mark 8:22-26

People are Trees(WV) walking on a Journey
Understand self/others
Communicate Hope to self/others
Study to Life

Class is text book, microscope, still pics study

Life is watching/interacting w real habitat
Doing Life is Story/WV unfolding
Doing Apologetics must be Life interaction
“Argumentation” argue, not Argue
Always Loving
Questions...