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TriBakery Group: Worldview #8

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Scripture:

“...because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse...”

Romans 1:19-20

“Also He has put eternity in their hearts...”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

“...for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'”

Paul at Athens, Acts 17:28

Remember:

Every worldview has to hold three main areas of belief:

Creation – where do we come from?

Fall – how come there is evil in the world?

Redemption – how do you correct or change the evil?

Quotes:

“We are all made in the image of God, live in God’s universe, and are upheld by God’s common grace – and thus we share certain universal experiences, insights, and ways of thinking. Most basic would be the truths of common sense – our fundamental sense of personal identity, right and wrong, the rules of logic, and so on...Yet these truths do not interpret themselves. They are merely data that need to be explained and accounted for by an overall metaphysical system.”

Nancy Pearcey, p 313, Total Truth

“All truth is God’s truth, wherever we may find it, as the church fathers said so long ago; but those truths make sense only within a Christian worldview...everyone has genuine knowledge of God through the world He has made...the most pervasive, inescapable experiences – of our own human nature and of an orderly and beautiful universe – give ample reasons for believing in God. Why? Because only His revelation accounts for those experiences.”

Nancy Pearcey, pp 313-314, Total Truth

“It is idle to talk always of the alternative of reason and faith. Reason is itself a matter of faith. It is an act of faith to assert that our thoughts have any relation to reality at all.”

G.K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy

Discussion: What do your friends...non-Christian...think of your beliefs? What do you think of their beliefs? Do they see their beliefs as a “faith” or as fact? Do you see anything close to “God’s truth” in what they believe? Have you ever pointed that out to them...if so share how the conversation went?