

Christian
Worldview

PE310/510-D



The plan

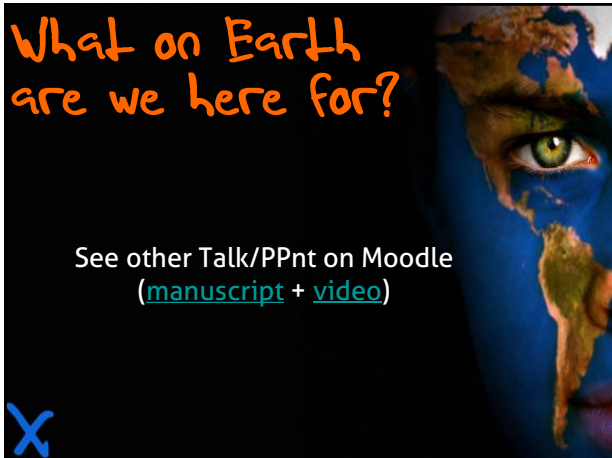
"What on Earth are we here for?"

Unit + Student Introduction

Current Affairs + Reading Review

At the X-Roads: Why Worldview Matters

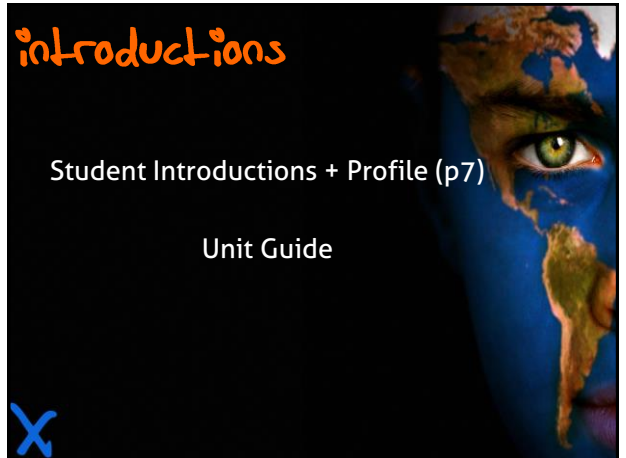
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What on Earth
are we here for?

See other Talk/PPnt on Moodle
([manuscript](#) + [video](#))

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introductions


Student Introductions + Profile (p7)

Unit Guide

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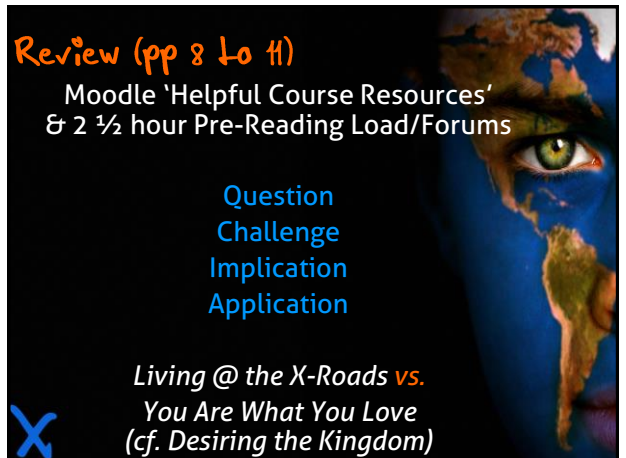
Current Affairs (p8)



One-minute World News

Unpack ⇒ Embody ⇒ Pray
(creational intent + cultural idolatry
+ healing action)

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Review (pp 8 to 11)

Moodle 'Helpful Course Resources'
& 2 ½ hour Pre-Reading Load/Forums

Question
Challenge
Implication
Application

Living @ the X-Roads vs.
You Are What You Love
(cf. *Desiring the Kingdom*)

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At the X Roads:

Why worldview matters



What Story Am I In? (p11)



Thank God You're Here! – clip/debrief p13

What Story Am I In? (p12f.)

"I can only answer the question
'What am I to do?'
if I can answer the prior question,
'Of what story do I find myself a part?'"
(Alasdair MacIntyre)

3 Cultural Stories— **think, pair, share**
⇒ **debrief (p13f.)**



Worldview Definitions (p14ff)

Discuss in Pairs: From Kant's *Weltanschauung* (1790) to Sire's *fundamental orientation of the heart* (2004), what has changed, and what has stayed the same with 'Worldview'?

"A worldview is a **commitment**, a **fundamental orientation of the heart**, that can be **expressed as a story or in a set of presuppositions** (assumptions which may be true, partially true or entirely false) **which we hold** (consciously or subconsciously, consistently or inconsistently) about the **basic constitution of reality**, and that **provides the foundation** on which we **live and move and have our being.**" (Sire, 2004)



Worldview Definitions (p14ff)

"Worldview is an articulation of the **basic beliefs** embedded in a shared **grand story** that are rooted in a **faith commitment** and that give **shape and direction** to the whole of our **individual and corporate lives**" (Goheen & Bartholomew, 2008)

- Beliefs embedded in grand story
- Rooted in religious (ultimate) faith
- Shapes the whole of our life, and lives



Worldview Questions (p17)

- **ORIGIN:** Where did we come from?
- **IDENTITY:** Who are we?
- **MEANING:** Why are we here?
- **MORALITY:** How should we live?
- **DESTINY:** Where are we going?
- **TENSION:** What is our problem?
- **RESOLUTION:** How do we fix it?



Worldview Questions (p17)

- (1) What is **prime reality**—the really real?
- (2) What is the nature of **external reality**, that is, the world around us?
- (3) What is a **human being**?
- (4) What happens to a person at **death**?
- (5) Why is it possible to **know** anything at all?
- (6) How do we know what is **right and wrong**?
- (7) What is the meaning of **human history**?

Worldview Components (p18f)

www.summit.org // David Noebel, "Understanding the Times"

1. **THEOLOGY**: Is there a God? What is God like?
2. **PHILOSOPHY**: What is real, and how do we know?
3. **BIOLOGY**: What is the origin of life?
4. **PSYCHOLOGY**: What is human nature?
5. **ETHICS**: What is morally right and wrong?
6. **SOCIOLOGY**: how should society be structured?
7. **LAW**: What is the basis for law?
8. **POLITICS**: What is the purpose of Government?
9. **ECONOMICS**: What produces a sound economy?
10. **HISTORY**: How should we interpret human events?

↳ "What's happening in the world today is no more, and no less, than the clash of worldviews." Agree or disagree? How have you seen this clash?

Christianity; Islam; Marxism; Cosmic Humanism;
Secular Humanism; Postmodernism.

Worldview Analysis (p18f)

- ↳ How may one wisely choose between competing worldviews?
- ↳ If we can't prove any one system beyond a reasonable doubt (let alone a shadow of a doubt), then is our choice arbitrary?

1. Consistency
(logical, makes sense internally)

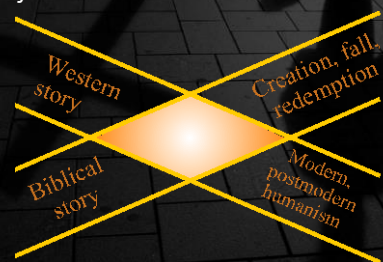
2. Completeness
(explanatory power for facts @ hand)

3. Correspondence
(connects with public & private reality)

ADDED BONUS: Liveability
(personal confirmation via experience)

Living Faithfully @ The X Roads (p21)

Why does worldview matter? **Tell another**



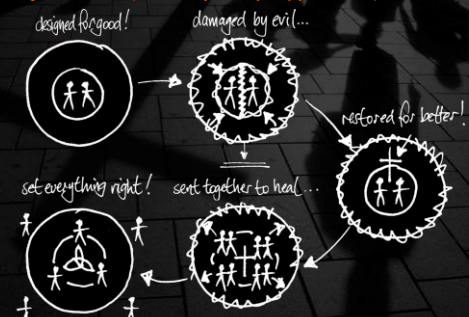
What does this graphic mean, and how can we ensure this cross-road is a missionary encounter, not a compromise?

Criticisms of WV Thinking (p21f)

1. Intellectualizes the gospel
2. Relativizes the gospel
3. Disconnected from Scripture and vulnerable to idolatrous spirits of the age
4. Leads to unhealthy activism
5. Leads to neglecting the poor and marginalized

How might Smith's anthropology and emphasis on worship (formative and embodied/material practices that cultivate our desire/love for the Kingdom of God) correct the overly rational tendency of worldview subjects like PE310/510

Vocational Reflection



Vocation ... ⇒ **Creational Intent**
⇒ **Cultural Idolatry** ⇒ **Healing Action**

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



preparation

Pre-Reading + Moodle Forum

Qn | Challenge | Implication | Application

Current Affairs

Vocation

