

WORLD VIEW

What are the big ideas that govern your life? (*examples: existence of a god(s), origin of the universe and life, existence of absolute truth, etc.*)

- I.
- II.
- III.

How did you decide on these? (*examples: parents, church, high school, college, books, media, etc.*)

What do you consider to be a source of truth and authority and why?

1. Bible
2. Science
3. Religion
4. Philosophy
5. Culture
6. Other

Table I. World view comparison

Questions	Christian	Naturalism
Existence of a god	Yes	No
Identity of god	YHWH, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit	Humans are highest form of life
Is the deity knowable?	Yes	---
Authoritative texts or ideas	Bible	Science
Origin of life	Initially created by God during Creation week. Human receives special breath of life from God.	Initially, life self assembles. Other life forms evolved over billions of years. Humans are simply part of the evolutionary progression.
Origin of universe	Created by God speaking it into existence	Big Bang
Existence of afterlife	Yes. Heaven or Hell	No

The potential teaching of Intelligent Design in public schools has recently garnered national attention. Why has it received so much attention?

Some consider Intelligent Design as an attempt to inject a specific religious view. Is Intelligent Design a religious view?

Are Intelligent Design and Scientific Creationism the same thing?

Many people, especially scientists and other academicians, are against discussing things they consider to be religious in schools. Are evolution and naturalism essentially religious concepts?

Is naturalism equivalent to atheism?

Next Week: What is the Bible Creation story? Is it literal or figurative? Should it be taught in school?