
HOW DOES THE WORLD THINK? THE IMPORTANCE OF WORLDVIEWS

'To think intelligently today, means to think worldviewishly, to come to terms with the mosaic of meaning systems which make up modern thinking.' – Os Guinness

The Greatest Commandments – Mark 12:30–31

WHAT IS A 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.' – James Sire, *Naming the Elephant*, p. 122

Three analogies for worldviews: foundations, lenses, maps



ENGAGING WITH WORLDVIEWS

Double listening (John Stott)

- listening to the world
- listening to the word

FIVE DIMENSIONS OF WORLDVIEWS

1. Reality

2. Humanity

3. Knowledge

4. Ethics

5. Redemption (meaning/purpose)