

Definition of Terms

Worldview--One's conception of the nature and meaning of the world and of one's life in the world.

Philosophy--Study of knowledge, reality and values.

Pantheism--God and all that exists are the same.

Materialism--Matter is the only reality.

Monism--All reality is viewed as being of one type--all spirit or all matter.

Dualism--Reality is made up of two principle types--spirit and matter.

Epistemology--Study of how we know what we know. Examines the sources, nature, and validity of knowledge.

Ethics--Study of the principles of moral behavior.

History--An interpreted reconstruction of past events and their significance.

Reason--One's ability to think correctly and to make judgments.

Rationalism--All true knowledge comes through human reasoning.

Empiricism--All true knowledge comes through human senses.

Truth--A statement that agrees with reality.

Fact--An event that has happened in time and space.

Faith--Trust based on sufficient evidence.

Evidences of Christianity--Study of facts and reasons supporting the truth of Christianity.

Apologetics--Comprehensive study of the defense of the truth of Christianity

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Atheism--Denial of the existence of God.

Agnosticism--A profession of the inability to determine whether or not God exists.

Absolute--A universal principle that is true for all people in all times and places.

Cosmological Argument--A universe of limited, changing beings points to an uncaused First Cause

Teleological Argument--The design in the universe points to a Designer.

Moral Argument--Man's moral nature points to a Moral Creator.

Creation--The universe and life originated from a definite act of God.

Supernaturalism--Belief in a spiritual power beyond the physical universe.

Naturalism--Man and the world are explained by natural processes only.

Natural Law--A statement describing observed uniformity in the physical world.

Prophecy--God spoke His message through specially guided spokesmen.

Predictive Prophecy--Declaration of events before they happened.

Miracle--An event in the external world visible to the senses, worked by the direct power of God intended as a sign.

Revelation--Communication from God to man of His nature and will.

General Revelation--The knowledge of God available to all persons through nature
(the universe and human beings).

Special Revelation--The revelation of God through Scripture and through Christ.

Scripture--Biblical writings produced by persons who were specially guided by God's Spirit to write the truth God wanted written.

Incarnation--God became a man in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.