

## **I AM the truth**

### **I. Introduction-**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Jn 14:6

Way: (hodos), a course of conduct  
a manner of thinking, feeling, deciding

Truth; the body of real things, events, and facts  
capitalized : a transcendent fundamental or spiritual reality

I Am is a self-declaration by Jesus, identifying Himself as God

### **A. Jesus' truth defines our worldview-**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Rom 12:1

Worldview; a comprehensive conception or apprehension of the [world](#) from a specific standpoint

### **B. The Christian worldview is that the bible is the truth and is in God's revelation of Himself, His way, truth, life and way to heaven-**

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Mat 7:12

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. II Tim 3:16

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. Ps 119:160

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Inerrant; free from error

Immutable; not capable of or susceptible to change

### **C. The current worldview in the United States**

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. II Cor 4:3

The Dominant Worldview Embraced by American Adults:

- Biblical Worldview 6%
- Secular Humanism 2%
- Postmodernism 1%
- Syncretism 88%
- Biblical Christianity in the general population 2%

Syncretism: the combination of different forms of belief or practice

## **II. The battle of worldviews-**

### **A. Truth of Jesus vs. The lies of the devil ( the world)**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Jn 8:31

Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God. Jn 8:43

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Lies; to make an untrue statement with intent to deceive

Abide= to remain connected

### **B. The voice of lies started with the devil-**

1. First heard on earth in the garden of Eden-

The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Gen 2:8 & 15

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2. The lie of the devil, Did God says?

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Gen 3:1

Wise: to be prudent, wisely understand, prosper

**C. Did Jesus really say I am the way, the truth, the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. Jn 3:16

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**Examine yourself and determine which path you are on:**

**“Am I heaven ready?”**

**Wide Path of the World**

We feel that we are good people  
Many ways to Heaven and God  
My way is easy and free from pain  
We trust in ourselves  
We feel entitled to Heaven  
Life is about my happiness  
Seek to fulfill my wants/desires  
Follow what is popular  
Love myself, high self-image  
Spoke Sinner’s Prayer\* once

**Result: Destruction, Hell**

***Depart from Me, I never knew  
you Matthew 7:23***

**Narrow Path Following Jesus**

We confess our sins  
Jesus is the only way to God  
Jesus’s way requires self-sacrifice  
We trust in Jesus alone  
We don’t deserve God’s grace  
Life is about being holy  
We seek to love and serve Christ  
Follow Jesus, who is not popular  
Love Jesus, humble self-image  
Walk with Jesus daily

**Result: Life, Heaven**

***Well done, good and faithful servant Matthew 5:21***

**D. Truth that is beyond human understanding-**

God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Rom 11:32 & 12:1

Spiritual: pertaining to the reason or logic

**III. Find truth beyond a reasonable doubt-**

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**A. In this case, is there enough evidence to convince a rational person that Jesus, the bible and God are true-**

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CS. Lewis – Oxford professor and writer of The Chronicles of Narnia series and Mere Christianity •

Alister McGrath – Biochemist, Christian theologian and founder of "scientific theology" •

Kirk Cameron – Actor noted for his role in Growing Pains •

Francis Collins – Physician-geneticist, noted for his landmark discoveries of disease genes; director of the National Human Genome Research Institute •

Simon Greenleaf – One of the main founders of Harvard Law School, Greenleaf’s principal work is a Treatise on the Law of Evidence (3 vols., 1842–1853), and which remains a standard textbook in American law schools. He was an atheist set out to disprove the resurrection. •

Lee Strobel – Former avowed atheist and journalist for the Chicago Tribune; was converted by his own journalistic research intended to test the veracity of scriptural claims concerning Jesus; author of such apologetic books as “The Case for Faith” and “The Case for Christ”. •

Josh McDowell - Evangelical Christian apologist and evangelist. He is the author or co-author of over 150 books. Most notably, “Evidence That Demands a Verdict”, “More Than a Carpenter”, “A Ready Defense” and “Right from Wrong”. •

Albert Henry Ross- A skeptic regarding the resurrection of Jesus, who set out to analyze the apparent myth. In compiling his notes, he came to be convinced of the truth of the resurrection, he set out his reasoning in the book “Who moved the stone?” •

J. Warner Wallace – A Dateline featured cold case detective. As an atheist, he decided disprove the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and became a Christ-follower at the age of thirty-five after investigating the claims of the New Testament

gospels using his skill set as a detective. He wrote the book "ColdCase Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels".

• Francis Schaeffer- Author of "True Spirituality". "As a youth, by mistake, the library accidentally checked out a book to him on philosophy. He decided to read it. He found that the book raised all of the questions of lif.org

### **B. Let God be who He is-**

The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me? Jer 32:26

Is there proof beyond a reasonable doubt that God can provide His inspired truth for us to build our lives on?

Is the God we believe in big enough, smart enough, powerful enough, loving enough, involved enough to produce an accurate copy of His true love story to His people that is Inerrant, Immutable; and true?

Really a simple task:

783,137 words in the king James Bible

3,116,480 letters in the King James bible

Compared the creation of human life-

215 million gigabytes, of data in a single doubled stranded molecule, in the highest storage mediums in the world

All contained in 75 billion cells in the human body

### **C. Looking for God's truth or validating our personal worldview and truth-**

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. Jam 1:5

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### **D. Building our life on a biblical Christian worldview-**

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. Mat 7:24

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness. Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it. Mat 7:21 & 26