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Life is Really Very Simple

Part 4, There is Eternity WITH God... and Eternity WITHOUT God

Every human being is faced with what I call “The Big Three”, i.e., the three questions that define our existence.

- Where did I come from? – The Question of Origin.
- Why am I here? – The Question of Purpose
- Where am I going? – The Question of Destiny

Human worldviews are created and embraced primarily to answer or to explain away these “Big Three” questions of life. There are two major categories of worldview.

THE NATURALISTIC WORLDVIEWS

Naturalistic Worldviews purposefully ignore the Divine coefficients in the equations of creation and life. Naturalists posit that 1) all we are and all we know—the sum-total of reality—came about through an unexplainable cosmic accident, 2) that we have no purpose whatsoever, and 3) when we die, we simply go out of existence, just as our accidental Universe will do many ages hence. Naturalistic worldviews are incoherent, and they are also impossible (where did the cosmos come from to create the cosmic accident?). Furthermore, naturalistic worldviews produce nothing but despair, insomuch that they are called “Despair Philosophy”. Consequently, for the Naturalist, life has no meaning or purpose, and adherents have two choices. They can choose...

- 1) to live in and embrace despair, meaninglessness, and hopelessness, or
- 2) they can choose to knowingly delude themselves, i.e., to create their personal fairy tale, and live in this alt-reality, by injecting artificial meaning into life events. Philosophers call choice #2 “Existentialism”. Existentialism is a social construct that attempts to artificially create meaning in and for life.

And so, most adherents of the naturalistic worldview party hearty, they celebrate everything, and to excess, they revel, indulge, and live “free” ...because tomorrow they die and exit their artificial, meaningless existence.

THE GOD-CENTRIC WORLDVIEWS

In opposition to the Naturalistic worldviews, there are the God-centric or Deistic Worldviews. These worldviews answer the Big Three questions of life with one word: God. God created the universe and us. We are here to know God in His salvation from sin. And, finally, our purpose is to glorify and enjoy God. And in so doing, we find real meaning, purpose, and fulfillment in life. And finally, we go to meet God as either an ally or an enemy. The only rational and coherent worldviews are God-centered. The God-centric worldview can explain reality as we see and experience it, our beginning, the meaning of life, morals, and the function of eternity.

And so, as we wrap up this month’s theme of “Life is Really Very Simple”, I want to recommend that you seriously consider the ramifications of your worldview. Do you have a naturalistic worldview that explains nothing and provides only despair? Or do you have a God-centric worldview that coherently explains our origin, purpose, and destiny? And if you DO have a God-centric worldview, are you serious about finding out what God says about life and eternity?

Truly life IS simple, and when we die the consequences are also simple. We either die as an ally of God, or we die as His enemy, and we will live forever either WITH God or WITHOUT Him. Our Creator warns in Psalm 46:10, *Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*

It would be most wise to first discover your Creator, to trust Him for your eternal salvation from your sin, and then to serve Him with a heart of love and appreciation. Friends, as Moses admonished the nation of Israel, “Choose LIFE!” (Deuteronomy 30:19).

God bless and consider!