

## **Blended**

*How to discern truth for yourself #2*  
*Understand that truth must come from God*  
Rom. 1:18-32

*If Truth cannot be established by me, then it must be established by a greater authority...the greatest authority - God.*

**Worldview** is defined as a set of beliefs about fundamental aspects of reality that ground and influence all one's perceiving, thinking, knowing, and doing.

### ***Seven Major Worldviews***

#### **1. Atheism**

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- Agnosticism is a “soft” form of atheism.  
“a” means “no”. “Gnostic” means “knowledge.”  
So the agnostic would have no knowledge of God.
- The naturalist and evolutionist would fall into the atheistic worldview.

#### **2. Theism**

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- The three great monotheistic (one God) religions in the world are:
  - A) Christianity
  - B) Judaism
  - C) Islam
- The two great doctrines that separate Christianity from Judaism and Islam (and other religions) are:
  - A) The resurrection
  - B) The Trinity

In terms of a worldview, the one true God as revealed in the Bible would be understood as “Christian Theism”.

\*God is infinite but personally involved in the world He created.

### **3. Finite Theism**

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- Finite Theism sees God as good and righteous but limited in power.
- God is loving and kind but has no power to change anything.

### **4. Pantheism**

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- This is the religion of New Age.
- Earth worship is common with this group.

### **5. Panentheism**

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- This is the religion of Stars Wars.
- It is a belief that God is in everything, so tap into all that you can.
- God is a “Force” that is neither good nor evil.
- The “Force” has a light and dark side.

### **6. Deism**

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- Deism believes in a God who is out there but doesn’t care about the affairs of earth.
- God created everything, set everything in motion, established certain laws of nature in order, and now sits back and lets His creation run on its own with no concern for the daily affairs of men.
- Deism is the concept of God as an “absent landlord.”
- Theist evolutionists would fall into this worldview.

## 7. **Polytheism**

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- The theme of Polytheism -  
“As man now is, God once was. As God now is, man may become.”
- Hinduism is the world’s largest polytheistic religion.  
They believe in many gods and will, therefore, be quick to accept your form of god as well.
- America’s largest polytheistic religion is Mormonism.  
Mormonism teaches that God was once a man that became God.  
Therefore, men now can attain “godship.”

### **WHICH God of these worldviews is REAL?**

#### **Romans 1:18-32 Truth Reminders**

1. God has revealed Himself to all humankind (Rom. 1:18-20).
2. Man has believed the great lie (Rom. 1:21-25).
3. Embracing the lie and deception of sin has impacted every area of our lives, most notably our mind and way of thinking (Rom. 1:26-32).

The Bible tells us who God is.

- A. He has made Himself known to all humankind.
- B. He has shown us our problem, sin, and He has provided the solution, faith in Jesus Christ.

**For Further Study**Arguments For God

## 1) Cosmological Argument

A branch of metaphysics that deals with the universe as an orderly system;

- a. Every event has a cause.
- b. The universe had a beginning.
- c. Therefore, the universe has a cause.

## 2) Teleological Argument

The study of evidences of design in nature;

- a. Design implies a designer.
- b. The universe manifests design.
- c. Therefore, the universe has a designer.

## 3) Moral Argument

- a. Moral Law implies a Moral Law Giver.
- b. There is a moral law.
- c. Therefore, there is a Moral Law Giver.

## 4) Ontological Argument

An argument for the existence of God.

- a. A necessary being is by definition one that cannot not exist.
- b. But what cannot not exist, must exist.
- c. Therefore, a necessary being must exist.

## 5) Biological Argument

- a. Life is a highly complex organ.
- b. The chances for life arising without a creator are infinitesimal.
- c. Therefore, it is highly probable that there is a Creator.

Therefore, based on these arguments,  
we can reasonably assume the existence of God.