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Worldview Series:
Postmodernism

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WORLDVIEW

“Basic beliefs we assume or think to be true about the BIG questions of life.”

BIG Questions ???

- C**reation?
- H**istory?
- E**thics?
- W**hen I Die?
- G**od?
- U**nderstanding?
- M**an?

Different Worldview ANSWERS

?????? →

Post-modernism →

Existentialism →

Creation?

History?

Ethics?

When I Die?

God?

Understanding?

Man?

← Christian Theism

← Naturalism (“Modernism”)

← Nihilism

LEISURE RULES

FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF

One man's struggle to take it easy.

“EGOISM”

“I” - ISM

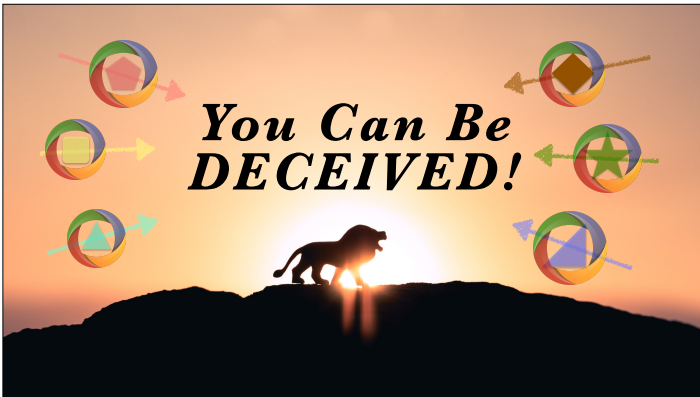
“... ‘isms’ in my opinion are not good. A person should not believe in an ‘ism’; he should believe in himself....”

SATAN

- ◆ Your adversary, the **devil** prowls around like a **roaring lion** seeking someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).
- ◆ The “**schemes** of the devil” (Eph. 6:11).
- ◆ The devil **deceives** by his **cunning** (2 Cor. 11:3).



*You Can Be
DECEIVED!*



Naturalism (“Modernism”)

- ◆ No God
- ◆ Optimistic
- ◆ Reason & Science



Satan’s SCHEME



*“Reason & science
oppose Christianity”*

Nihilism

- ◆ No God.
- ◆ Pessimistic.
- ◆ **Nothing** is true, valuable, or meaningful.



Satan’s SCHEME



*“Nothing really
matters”*

Existentialism

- ◆ No God who designed you.
- ◆ Define yourself.
- ◆ Emphasize feeling and freedom.



Satan's SCHEME



"Follow your feelings"

Postmodernism

- ◆ "Truth" is relative.
- ◆ "Truth" depends on your perspective.



Satan's SCHEME



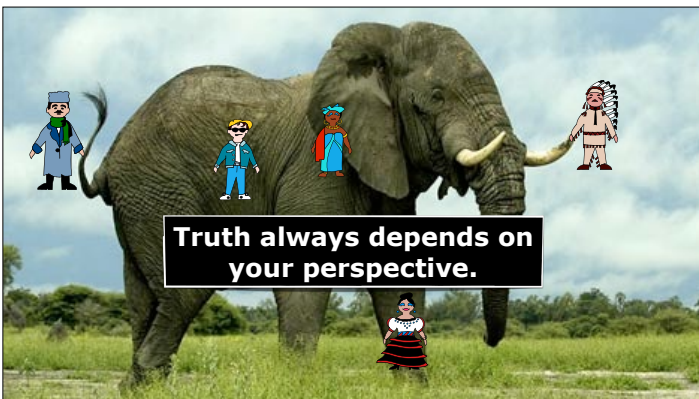
"Everyone has their own truth"

Postmodernism

Truth always depends on your PERSPECTIVE.
(*"Relativism"*)



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Modernism vs. Post-Modernism

MODERNISM

- ◆ Reality *"out there"* to discover
- ◆ **Certainty** (through reason & science)



POSTMODERNISM

- ◆ We **construct** reality (reality/illusion)
- ◆ **Skepticism** (even of science)



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"SUBJECTIVE" Truth

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- ~ We **construct** truth.

Personal:

- ◆ Food
- ◆ Clothing

Cultural:

- ◆ Manners
- ◆ Many laws



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- ~ We **discover** truth.

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- ◆ Arsenic will kill you.
- ◆ Killing babies is wrong.
- ◆ God's existence



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**'ICE CREAM'
TRUTH**

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**'INSULIN'
TRUTH**

Postmodernism

Postmodernism

"Truth is always relative"

"Follow your own truth"

"Don't force your morality on me"

POSTMODERNISM

- ◆ “Truth” is a *power-play* to *oppress* others.
- ◆ “Truth” is *irrelevant*.
- ◆ **Fight** for your group’s “truth,” regardless of what’s true!



*Don't
Be
Deceived!*



God says to **EVERYONE:**



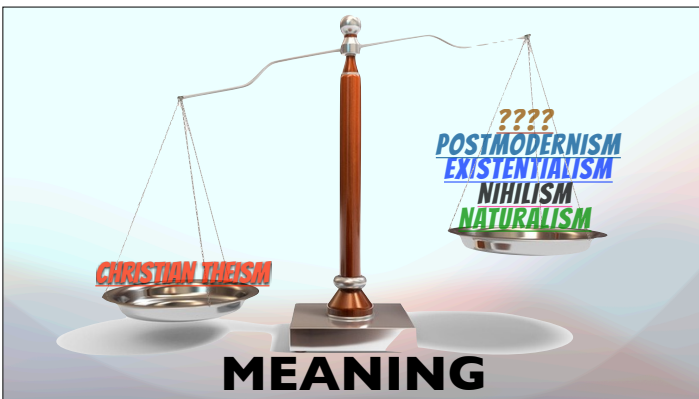
- I am the only God.
- You are created in my image.
- You are sinful, but I love you.
- You have value, meaning, and purpose.

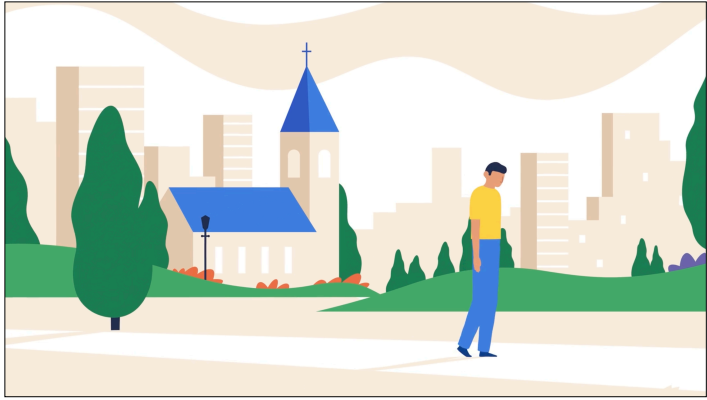
(‘Insulin’ Truth)

CHRISTIAN THEISM

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POSTMODERNISM
EXISTENTIALISM
NIHILISM
NATURALISM

MEANING





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