

Rapid Kingdom Questionnaire

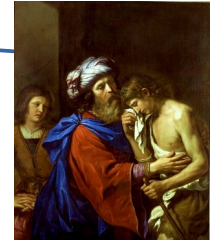
17 - What is Your Worldview?

The Prodigal Son

The parable is about God wanting sinners (the lost) to come into his family.¹

But, what's your focus when you think of the parable?

- The son wasting his money in a revelry?
- The son coming home?
- The father's forgiveness and acceptance?
- The 'religious' (dutiful) son's revulsion at his father's decision?
- The young son coming out of slavery into sonship?
- The placement of an 'orphan' who renounced his birthright into full-time sonship with all its authority, rights, privileges and blessings?



The way you see it depends on what you've been taught.

Actually, it's really about the prodigal father – he was extravagant, lavish with his returning son. He brought his son out of slavery into full sonship working with his dad.

Our Father has done this for us, but we usually only recognise this when we have a Kingdom worldview. We wear the ring of authority as everything is ours because we are now sons of the Most High God.²

Worldviews

There are a multitude of worldviews. For example:

- Socialist worldview
- Left-wing worldview
- LGBT worldview
- Christian worldview
- Church worldview
- Atheistic worldview
- Environmentalist worldview
- Islamic worldview
- Buddhist worldview
- Scientific worldview
- Evolutionary worldview
- etc

Queen Elizabeth has a Commonwealth worldview, not an English worldview, even though she's genuine English. She has to see the domain of her throne's authority, not just her birth nation. It's not enough for her to see herself as British royalty because this will cause her to miss out on her responsibilities and her oversight of member nations.

Not everybody's worldview is the same because we all have different inputs into our lives. So the list above is a broad-brush categorization of reality. So, for instance, there are:

- Socio-evangelicals – Evangelicals with a strong involvement in social justice.
- Enviro-evangelicals – They are passionate about the world's biosphere and work strongly to influence their friends and family in the environmental arena.
- Evangelo-evangelicals – Evangelism is their focus in everything.
- Fundamentalist evangelicals – They do everything by the book. If it's not in the bible it's 'out'. They take the bible literally in most instances.
- Calvinist Evangelicals – They espouse predestination and have 5 distinct doctrines: **Total Inability**; **Unconditional Election**; **Limited Atonement**; **Irresistible (efficacious) Grace**; and **Perseverance of**

1 – See Luke 15:1-3

2 – 1 Corinthians 3:22

the Saints. (T-U-L-I-P)

- Arminian Evangelicals – They reject predestination and affirm the freedom of the human will.

Environmentalist ('Greenie') Worldview

Those with this worldview see everything from an environmental perspective. Everything is done and said with an environmental purpose. Eg

- Recycle
- Refuse to buy plastic goods
- Use an electric vehicle
- Don't buy shares in coal mines or petrochemical companies
- Don't waste paper
- Don't litter
- Teach their children environmental activism
- Install solar hot water
- Set up a mini wind generator
- Install solar panels
- Eat only organic labelled food

Worldviews usually cause people to have tunnel vision so they only see what they want to see. It also causes them to believe what they want to believe so long as it supports their worldview.

(See comments about the pseudo-science of global warming in the attached appendix)

Evolutionary Worldview

Take the evolutionary worldview for example: Scientists who believe in evolution interpret their research results through the lens of evolution. Everything has its origin in evolution, so the data must support evolution in their mind. This is more than an evolutionary mindset, it's an evolutionary worldview. Nothing can be accepted or considered outside of evolution.

(See comments from scientists pointing to the bad science behind evolution in the attached appendix)

Evangelical Worldview

Those in the evangelical churches develop an evangelical worldview because they are taught by evangelical teachers and preachers. This teaching – which is primarily biblical exegesis – produces their worldview. Some outcomes of this type of worldview are:

- Seeing the world as evil, not just the world system.
- They cannot stand any form of evil. They believe this attitude is a true reflection of God's attitude.
- Bomb abortion clinics – this is no different to:
 - the LBGT's hate for Christianity
 - environmentalist's vandalism on the facilities of mining and forestry businesses

NOTE: *alotrioepiskopos* (1 Peter 4:15) – usually translated 'busybody'. This is "A legal term for a charge brought against Christians as being hostile to civilized society, their purpose being to make Gentiles conform to Christian standards."³ Peter warns us that we are not to force our Christian standards on the unsaved. We are to change our society by drawing them into the Kingdom instead.

3 – 'Busybody': "Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words" (www.menfak.no/bibelprog/vines?word=%AFt0000393)

Kingdom Worldview

This is not a biblical worldview. Things need to be seen through the eyes of a son of the King (a prince).

To have a kingdom worldview, you need a kingdom mindset. This means changing the way you think and relate. The church must no longer be the centre of your life, your culture must submit to kingdom values, you must operate under kingdom principles.



The Kingdom Trumps Religion & Culture

How do you know what your Worldview is?

(1) Here's a very basic clue:



EG: What's the first thing you want to say when you meet someone?

(See Steve Irwin's comments about his conservation mindset at the very end of the ABC's Australian Story episode, "Irwin Encounters" aired on TV on 24-5-2015)

(2) Your prayer-life is a give-away. What do you focus on when you're in your private prayer time? This will indicate what type of worldview or 'variety' of Christian worldview you have.

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APPENDIX

EVOLUTIONARY COMMENTS

(Quotes from my free e-book "Unmasking Evolution: The Resource Book")

<http://unmaskingevolution.com/book.htm>

"With the failure of these many efforts science was left in the somewhat embarrassing position of having to postulate theories of living origins which it could not demonstrate. After having chided the theologian for his reliance on myth and miracle, science found itself in the unenviable position of having to create a mythology of its own: namely, the assumption that what, after long effort, could not be proved to take place today had, in truth, taken place in the primeval past."⁴ (*Written by Dr Loren Eiseley (Anthropologist) in the book "The Immense Journey", Random House: New York, 1957 p:199*)

"The basis of Darwinian evolution, according to biologist, Steven Jay Gould, is an "a priori assertion" – i.e. something that is believed beforehand. Evolution originated, therefore, as an expression of the cultural and political biases of nineteenth century liberalism. This belief was not based on any evidence, but has been passed on as fact for over 100 years."⁵ (*Paleobiology, Vol. 3, No. 2, 1977 p:115*)

"Evolution is a uniformitarian belief – i.e. the past can be totally understood by reference to present day events. In New Scientist, zoologist Mark Ridley describes uniformitarian as not being "an empirical principle: it is trusted because of its obvious logic...the theory of evolution stands or falls with uniformitarian." By being non-empirical, uniformitarianism is therefore, by definition, untestable. This means that evolution is actually non-scientific, and must be classified as a belief system."⁶ (*New Scientist, June 1982*)

"A conference of scientists at the Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago) in October, 1980, was convened to thrash out the issues of Darwinian evolution. The meeting considered whether the mechanisms of micro-evolution (mutation and natural selection) gradually produced enough change to cause macro-evolution. Their final analysis was "NO!".⁷ (*Science, Vol. 210, No. 4472, November 21, 1980 p:883-887*)

"The fact of evolution is the backbone of biology, and biology is thus in the peculiar position of being a science founded on an unproved theory – is it then a science or a faith? Belief in the theory of evolution is thus exactly parallel to belief in special creation – both are concepts which believers know to be true but neither, up to the present, has been capable of proof."⁸ (*An admission of the non-scientific basis for the belief in evolution by L. Harrison Matthews in the foreword of the 1971 edition of Darwin's "The Origin of Species", J.M. Dent & Sons Ltd: London p:x*)

"We have no acceptable theory of evolution at the present time. There is none; and I cannot accept the theory that I teach to my students each year. Let me explain. I teach the synthetic theory known as the neo-Darwinian one, for one reason only; not because it's good, we know it is bad, but because there isn't any other. Whilst waiting to find something better you are taught something which is known to be inexact..."⁹ (*Comments made by Jerome Lejeune at a lecture in Paris on March 17, 1985. Notes are from a recording of the message.*)

"The fact is that in recent times there has been increasing dissent on the issue within academic and professional ranks, and that a growing number of respectable scientists are defecting from the evolutionist camp. It is interesting, moreover, that for the most part these 'experts' have abandoned Darwinism, not on

4 – Laurence D Smart (2000) "Unmasking Evolution: The Resource Book" p:78

5 – Laurence D Smart (2000) "Unmasking Evolution: The Resource Book" p:79

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7 – Laurence D Smart (2000) "Unmasking Evolution: The Resource Book" p:85

8 – Laurence D Smart (2000) "Unmasking Evolution: The Resource Book" p:87

9 – Laurence D Smart (2000) "Unmasking Evolution: The Resource Book" p:88

the basis of religious belief or biblical persuasion, but on strictly scientific grounds...”¹⁰ (Wolfgang Smith in his book *Teilhardism and the New Religion: A Thorough Analysis of the Teachings of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*, Tan Books & Pub. Inc: Rockford (USA), 1988 p:1)

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMENTS

“[Marc] Morano cited evidence to support the conclusion that the [presumed scientific link between anthropogenic climate change and extreme weather events](#) is “weak (or worse) on scientific ground.” He noted it has been [nine years since a Category 3](#) or greater hurricane has struck the United States, with the last being Hurricane Wilma in October 2005. Also, [the U.S. tornado count has plummeted](#) to record lows in three consecutive years, 2012 through 2014...In *“The Greatest Hoax”*, Sen. James Inhofe reveals the reasons behind those perpetuating the climate-change hoax, who is benefiting from the general acceptance of the hoax and why the premise statements are blatantly and categorically false.”¹¹

“[T]here has been no increase in the planet’s average temperature for 18 years and five months; the rate of warming since we first might have influenced it in 1950 is far from catastrophic; no one knows what fraction of it is manmade; and it is not global, for – to take one example – there has been no warming of the Antarctic continent since the satellites began measuring temperatures there in 1979.”¹²

10 – Laurence D Smart (2000) “Unmasking Evolution: The Resource Book” p:90

11 – Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2015/05/climate-change-worries-obama-pope-more-than-isis/#J4PWHXVEFJ8Cjz17.99>

12 – Lord Monkton, “Are Obama and the hard left of the devil?” WND Commentary 24-5-2015
(<http://www.wnd.com/2015/05/are-obama-and-the-hard-left-of-the-devil>)