

Is it a Problem that the Incidence of Biblical Worldview is Very Low?

The Report

The 2023 ‘American Worldview Inventory’,¹ conducted by the Cultural Research Center, showed that only 4% of Americans (i.e. USA residents) currently have a biblical worldview. This figure was calculated from scores relating to beliefs and behaviour, and designated that percentage as ‘Integrated Disciples’. Another 14% were classified as ‘Emergent Followers’ who “possess a significant portion of a biblical worldview, but not enough to qualify as having a biblical worldview”.² The remaining 82% of the population were classified as ‘World Citizens’.

Dr. George Barna, Director of Research at the Cultural Research Center (Arizona Christian University), who released the report, lamented the decline in the numbers of those who have a Christian worldview based on the Bible. In the wrap-up at the end of the report it states his comments:

“The results of the American Worldview Inventory are frightening for biblical Christians, according to George Barna, the creator of the American Worldview Inventory and director of the research for the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University.

“When you put the data in perspective, the biblical worldview is shuffling toward the edge of the cliff,” Barna said. “As things stand today, biblical theism is much closer to extinction in America than it is to influencing the soul of the nation. The current incidence of adults with the biblical worldview is the lowest since I began measuring it in the early 1990s.”

The veteran researcher cautioned, “Young people, in particular, are largely isolated from biblical thought in our society and are the most aggressive at rejecting biblical principles in our culture.”

“Facilitating a return to biblical thinking and living in America will take an intentional, strategic, and consistent effort by the remaining population that represents this biblical approach to life,” Barna explained.

Barna was especially disappointed that more Christian churches and schools are not emphasizing biblical worldview development. “People do not develop a biblical worldview randomly or by default,” he continued. “The impact of arts and entertainment, government, and public schools is clearly apparent in the shift away from biblical perspectives to a more experiential and emotional form of decision-making.”

“It will require parents, in particular, and cultural leaders who care about this matter to energetically and creatively persuade children and their influencers to embrace biblical principles as the foundation for personal decision-making,” he said.”³

The Kingdom Perspective

Unlike the author of the report, we need to see things from a Kingdom perspective, not a biblical one. So, what does the research show us, and should we feel alarmed about it?

Biblical theism may be much closer to extinction, according to the survey, but that’s a positive thing, not a negative one. Theism is based on theology, not relationship and oneness with the Trinity, so it has no place in the Kingdom. For Kingdom sons, our understanding of the Trinity comes from our experiences with them and what they have said to us. It also includes revelations that we’ve received, as well as prophetic messages and downloads. In addition to what we’ve received, it also includes what others have experienced and received which we’ve discerned as authentic.

As we are moving forward in this new era of the Kingdom,⁴ we are being prepared for ‘the manifestation of the sons of God’, which will see The Restoration of All Things eventually take place.⁵ What’s happening

1 – Cultural Research Center (28-2-2023) “American Worldview Inventory 2023: Release #1: Incidence of Biblical Worldview Shows Significant Change Since the Start of the Pandemic” www.arizonachristian.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/CRC_AWVI2023_Release1.pdf

2 – p:2

3 – p:3

4 – “A New Era in the Kingdom” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/MESSAGE-A-New-Era-in-the-Kingdom-21-11-2018.pdf

5 – SEE: “The Fall Has Been Reversed. What Now?” (30-5-2023)

right now is a series of Kingdom processes leading up to those events, but which are totally independent of biblical theism and the religion(s) based on it.

What's happening around the globe among awakened believers is an exchange of their biblical worldview for a Kingdom worldview. This is a positive (good) thing, even though it is causing a decline in the adherence to evangelical ideas. As such, we can be pleased that the balance⁶ of spiritual 'landscape' is changing in favour of what the Trinity wants, not what Christianity wants. This change is extremely important, as Frank Viola stated in an April 2023 audio:

*"There's a revolution taking place in the Body of Christ right now. I'm not talking about revival, those come and go, they're short-lived. I'm talking about something deeper, higher, that has more of a lasting effect."*⁷

For the Kingdom to move ahead on the Earth, "sonship is the key"⁸. That's where the focus should be for any "believer in Jesus", as well as the intimacy and oneness that are part of genuine sonship.

COMMENT: George Barna co-authored 'Pagan Christianity'⁹ with Frank Viola. It's interesting, then, that he has such disappointment in the decline of those with a biblical worldview. Apparently, their tome wasn't a 'wake-up' event for him concerning evangelical Christian views of spirituality. He appears to have ignored the imperative to have a Kingdom worldview, rather than a biblical worldview.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES

- **VIDEO:** Mike Parsons "Made in his Image" youtu.be/1dKAn5Fy-tA
- **AUDIO:** Frank Viola "The Message That Launched the Present Revolution" [0:2:35-1:03:38] www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEDvyr-B1QE

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IMPORTANT UPDATE: With a new spiritual era now in place,¹⁰ it's critical that anything that purports to be supporting the Kingdom, but which actually hinders the Kingdom's agenda, be eliminated. That especially relates to Evangelical Christian theology which has produced activities that have been working against Heaven's plans (i.e. the Kingdom) through religious activity and non-spirituality.¹¹

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6 – SEE: "Why Very Little has Happened in the Kingdom To-Date" (4-6-2023)

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SEE: Message - "Spiritual Balance in Australia" (17-5-2023)

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/MESSAGE-Spiritual-Balance-in-Australia-17-5-2023.pdf

7 – AUDIO: Frank Viola "The Message That Launched the Present Revolution" www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEDvyr-B1QE [2:35-3:00]

8 – VIDEO: Mike Parsons "Made in his Image" youtu.be/1dKAn5Fy-tA [5:36]

9 – www.amazon.com.au/Pagan-Christianity-Exploring-Church-Practices-ebook/dp/B00APOW7JI

10 – READ: "The Beginning of a New Spiritual Era" (22-6-2023)

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11 – READ: "Why Very Little has Happened in the Kingdom To-Date" (14-5-2023)

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