

We Think and Analyse According to Our Cultural Background

We think and analyse according to our cultural background. That's what we actually do, but we don't realize it. You see, our worldviews determine how we see things. Those worldviews are set in us right from the beginning of our lives, especially at home, which have a very strong influence on us. School, and life add to our worldview, but our political and ideological interests in later life, 'round it off'¹.

As sons, we need a Kingdom worldview,² nothing else. However, that said, it will have to be adjusted by our need to live in our society (culture), operate effectively in our democracy, contribute positively to our nation's prosperity, and to work for a living in some vocation. That adjustment is where we need to walk the fine line so we don't jeopardise our Kingdom standards and functionality.

Unfortunately, most believers³ live in mixture, having an assortment of ideas that make up their worldview. Observationally,⁴ their tendency is to be more worldly-minded than Kingdom-minded, with the Kingdom component near to non-existent. As a consequence they unknowingly default to operate from their cultural background, whether it's Christian or non-Christian.

Today, as all of us are fully embattled with the Political Correctness (PC) agenda – either pro or con – and this facet of our culture is forcibly thrust on us as conservatives, much to our displeasure. Unfortunately, it's seamed into our psyche through the media and workplace, and we're beginning to soften towards to, even if we don't realise it. As a consequence, the various areas of PC, as well as environmentalism and Climate Change, have become more dominant in our worldview. In other words, we see the world more through those 'eyes' than through the Christian religion or the Kingdom.

Here's an example of how our worldview is molded by our society.

How do you view property rights – that's both private property and public property? I bet you have the Western civilization's notion about it because you've grown up in, or lived in, our democracy for many years. You'll fight to protect what's yours, and I don't think I'm wrong in saying that. But where is your Kingdom attitude towards private and public property? Does it exist?

The following quote will help shed light on the cultural origins of our beliefs and our worldview. It's from a social science academic paper, one of many that's trying to change our society, like those historians who are rewriting our history.

“[T]he Puzzle: Social Science is study of human experience. CAN we generalize from the European experience to universal laws about mankind? Can the tragic European experience of brutal religious warfare between Protestants and Catholics be generalized to all humanity and all religions? Does it hold for the Amish, Buddhists, Confucians? What were the patterns of war and peace within the Islamic Civilization, The Chinese, African, and South American Empires? Without any study or discussion, can we assume that lessons from European experiences will be valid for these societies?”

Evolution of Property Rights: We have strong reasons to believe otherwise. Universal Laws are blind to diversity & evolution. As an extremely specific example, consider the evolution in notions of property, as it was shaped by historical circumstances in Europe. In 16th Century England, property was held to be a TRUST, subject to rights of public. The owner could not destroy or damage it, nor withhold rights of access or passage to others, when it served the public interest. However, frequent battles for power among landed nobility, often led to expropriation of properties of losers. This led to the emergence of the notion of property as inviolable right, not subject to authority of current ruling powers. This notion of absolute rights to private property is built into modern economic theory,

1 – i.e. complete it

2 – “Kingdom Worldview For The Nation” (4-10-2025)
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/kingdom-worldview-for-the-nation.pdf

3 – ‘believer’: My expression for those who believe in what was accomplished by the man Jesus. It includes Christians, plus those who have a relationship with the Trinity outside of the structured church.

4 – i.e. Watching other people. dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/observationally

without any recognition of its specificity to European historical context. To see this more clearly, note that other societies have, in accordance with their own historical and geographical contexts, evolved other conceptions of property. For example: The Cherokee Constitution of 1839 states: “The lands of the Cherokee Nation shall remain common property”.”⁵

Can you now see that you think according to your cultural upbringing and societal attitudes which have formed your worldview?

Can you see that you don't really have a composite Kingdom view on all things because you primarily want to live in the world, rather than the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth?

As a personal example of how I've operated in regard to personal property, I had an instance at a school I was working at where an African visitor overstepped the boundaries of private ownership. The visitor was a Christian school principal who had been assigned to my staff room while he was on sabbatical here. One day I noticed that some of the fruit on my fruit bowl were missing, and the following day I was present when the African took an apple to eat. I regarded this as stealing (from my Western cultural mindset), so I counselled him on what our culture expects of others when it comes to our private property. I did this lovingly, pointing out that another person in Australia could quite easily get angry with him taking what wasn't his property. He took my advice well, but explained that in his culture, everything is shared. He had been moulded by his culture, and operated in the same way in ours, when they conflicted.

On this occasion, I was gracious to him and told him to take fruit whenever he liked. In that way he wasn't 'stealing', because I'd given him permission. I tried my best to operate the way Father would want it to be, but I realised at the time that I was completely going against my cultural training of protecting my private property.

It will be hard for all us to shake off our culture and the worldview we've generated for ourselves. However, if we don't, we won't be able to be as effective for the Kingdom as we should be. This is why it's so important for us to take on Father's heart and mind so we can be sons who accurately represent him in every way as his imagers. The only way we can become like that is through deep intimate oneness with him, listening to him, and allowing him to reprogram us and reprogram is completely in Kingdom knowledge and ways.

★ **READ:** “The Trinity’s Perspective on Unity, Inclusion and Division” [LINK](#)

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