

WORLDVIEW: A MATTER OF THE HEART

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WHAT IS A WORLDVIEW?

Definition of WORLDVIEW by James W. Sire

A worldview is a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the heart, that can be expressed as a story or in a set of presuppositions (assumptions which may be true, partially true or entirely false) which we hold (consciously or subconsciously, consistently or inconsistently) about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides the foundation on which we live and move and have our being.

James Sire goes on to say... *"The essence of a worldview lies deep in the inner recesses of the human self. A worldview involves the mind, but it is first of all a commitment, a matter of the soul. It is a spiritual orientation more than it is a matter of mind alone."*

Proverbs 23:7

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

A matter of the heart: The word/concept of heart in scripture is HUGE.

The Biblical concept of heart includes the following notions:

1) Wisdom :

Proverbs 2:10

for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

2) Emotion :

Exodus 4:14;

Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

John 14:1

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

3) Desire and will :

1 Chronicles 29:18 [part of David's praise at the end of his life]

O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

4) Spirituality:

Acts 8:21 [Peter rebukes Simon the Sorcerer]

You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

5) Intellect:

Romans 1:21

21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

The heart is the central defining element of the human person.

Thus, our worldview is situated in the self – the central operating chamber of every human being.

It is from the heart that the totality of our thoughts and actions emanate.

PROVERBS 23:7

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

PROVERBS 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.