

**A RESPONSIBLE WORLD VIEW
PART 1: WHAT IS, IS ...**

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“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJ)

<p style="text-align: center;">WORLD VIEW DEFINED</p> <p>The Sum Total Of _____ About The World; The _____ That Directs My Daily _____ And _____.</p>
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THE CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW

“While Paul was ... Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.”

Acts 17:16-17 (NIV)

“A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, ‘What is this babbler trying to say?’ Others remarked, ‘He seems to be advocating foreign gods.’ They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.”

Acts 17:18 (NIV)

“Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, ‘May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we want to know what they mean.’ (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)”

Acts 17:19-21 (NIV)

1. _____: WHERE DID WE COME FROM?

“Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: ‘Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man He

made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. 'For in Him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' Acts 17:22-28 (NIV)

- **We are _____ and _____ by God.**

2. _____: WHY ARE THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO FIX THEM?

"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent." Acts 17:29-30 (NIV)

"... everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood." Romans 3:23-25 (NLT)

- **We are _____ and in need of _____.**

3. _____: WHERE ARE WE GOING?

"For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead.' When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, 'We want to hear you again on this subject.'" Acts 17:31-32 (NIV)

"... they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life." John 25:46 (NLT)

- **We will _____ somewhere.**