

A RESPONSIBLE WORLD VIEW
PART 4: LIVING IN A MORAL UNIVERSE

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"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJ)

WORLD VIEW DEFINED
The sum total of _____ about the world.
The _____ that directs my daily _____ and _____.

THE END: WHERE ARE WE GOING?

**1. CHRISTIANITY: WE WILL _____
SOMEWHERE.**

"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)

"... each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment ..."
Hebrews 9:27 (NLT)

**2. MATERIALISM: THERE IS _____
_____.**

**IN LIGHT OF OUR ORIGIN, OUR CURRENT REALITY, AND OUR END,
HOW SHOULD WE LIVE?**

**1. CHRISTIANITY: WE LIVE IN A _____
UNIVERSE.**

"For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver"

Isaiah 33:22 (NIV)

"There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy."
James 4:12 (NIV)

- _____ **determines how I should live.**

"... an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."
Matthew 22:35-40 (NIV)

- **Love** _____
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2. **MATERIALISM: WE LIVE IN AN _____ UNIVERSE.**

"When one gives up the Christian faith, one pulls the right to Christian morality out from under one's feet ... Christianity is a system, a whole view of things thought out together. By breaking one main concept out of it, the faith in God, one breaks the whole: nothing necessary remains ... Christian morality ... has truth only if God is the truth – it stands and falls with faith in God."
Friedrich Nietzsche, Twilight of the Idols

- _____ **determine how I should live.**

A. **Friedrich Nietzsche: Morality is about _____**

"What is good? Everything that heightens the feeling of power in man, the will to power, power itself. What is bad? Everything that is born of weakness. What is happiness? The feeling that power is growing, that resistance is overcome ... What is more harmful than any vice? Active pity for all the failures and all the weak: Christianity."
Friedrich Nietzsche, The Anti Christ

B. **Richard Dawkins: Morality is about _____ - _____ at the gene level.**

"The most obvious way in which genes ensure their own "selfish" survival relative to other genes is by programming individual organism to be selfish ... There are circumstances – not particularly rare – in which genes ensure their own selfish survival by influencing organisms to behave altruistically."
Richard Dawkins, The God Delusion, p. 247