

Who's Your Daddy?
John 8:37-47
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Definition of worldview: A worldview is the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life in the world

In John 8 the Jews were operating with a faulty worldview.

In John 8:42-47 (spiritually speaking) Jesus speaks of two fathers: God, the Father and the Devil.

The religion of Islam: The two central figures in Islam are Allah and Mohammed. Islam is also known as the Muslim faith. Allah is the supreme god or deity. Mohammed is an actual person that lived and died. In Islam, he is a prophet, messenger and leader. Mohammed received visions and revelations from Allah through the angel Gabriel. The transcribed version of these revelations is the Koran (Quran).

Islam is based upon five principle acts of faith that every Muslim must adhere to:

1. Faith in Allah: There is no god but Allah.
2. Ritual Prayer: Prayer five times a day facing Mecca, the Holy City of Saudi Arabia.
3. Alms Giving: Support the mosque and the poor.
4. Fasting: Throughout Ramadan (the 9th month of the Muslim calendar), the faithful fast from sunrise to sunset.
5. Pilgrimage: Every Muslim must travel to the Holy City of Mecca once in their lifetime.

Muslim messiah: Al-Mahdi

Two radical nation states:

1. The Islamic Republic of Iran
2. ISIS - The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria

Six important components of a Biblical worldview:

1. God is the Creator of the world and rules the universe. (Gen 1:1)
2. The Bible is God's Word for mankind and it's completely accurate including matters of life and it's origin. (2 Ti 3:16)
3. Because of God and His word, absolute moral truth exists. (Ps 102:25-27; Malachi 3:6)
4. Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God and He lived a sinless life, died for our sins, was buried and rose again from the grave three days later. (1 Cor 15:3-4; 1 Jo 4:9-10)
5. Satan is a real being (not symbolic) and seeks to defeat God's plan for man. (1 Peter 5:8)
6. Salvation is obtained solely by individual faith in Christ's work on the cross and cannot be earned. (Eph 2:8-9)

Three dangers facing a Biblical worldview:

1. Not viewing all of life through the Bible.
2. Viewing opposing worldviews as enemies rather than opportunities.
3. Not believing your worldview is absolute.