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A 3:15 Response: Fulfilling Jesus' Heart Part Two: "My WORLDVIEW"

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FaithSearch International exists to extend the Gospel with evidence to all peoples everywhere. In 1 Peter 3:15 the apostle expresses how to be an effective witness to people whose minds are shaped by secular thinking. In the last two issues of the *Paraclete* I began explaining the components of what I am calling "A 3:15 Response." In this issue I will expand on the second component.

My WORLDVIEW: "These are the ingredients which help me to think like Jesus."

We want to **think** like Jesus does, so we will **act** like Him. Our Christ-like life is not only a "lamp" to point people to God (Matthew 5:15-16). It is the substance of our "STORY" which we share with the lost (detailed in the last issue of the *Paraclete*).

Your worldview is a "lens" through which you understand reality. If you believe God exists, then creation, life after death, moral absolutes, prayer, worship, and divine revelation are a part of your reality. If you don't believe in God, then you accept none of these as true! This reveals the importance of one's worldview. The prevailing worldview in our legal system, public education, and government in the U.S. today is secular humanism—which denies the existence of God. No wonder we are experiencing problematic behavior: murder, sexual promiscuity, abortion, lying, drunkenness, factions, etc. **These are "deeds of the flesh" (Galatians 5:19-21) resulting from wrong thinking. Our beliefs matter!**

How can we shape our minds to think like Jesus so our lives bear the "fruit of the



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Spirit" instead (Galatians 5:22-25)? The apostle Paul tells us how: "Do your best to win full approval in God's sight, as a worker who is not ashamed of his work, **one who correctly teaches the message of God's truth**" (2 Timothy 2:15, TEV). The development of each person's "My WORLDVIEW" must be proactive, not passive. To think like Jesus means we must identify, study, and affirm seven ingredients of a Christian worldview:

- The Core Ingredient: 1) **GOD**
- Supernaturally Revealed Ingredients: 2) The **BIBLE**, 3) **JESUS CHRIST**, and 4) **CREATION**
- Derived Ingredients: About 5) **MAN**, the 6) **UNIVERSE**, and 7) **TIME** (history)

Are we animals evolved from ape-like ancestors? If we were **not** created uniquely in the image of God, then "Yes." **Did Jesus sin when He was on earth?** If He is **not** the incarnation of God, then "Yes." **Is there an eternal destiny for all people in either heaven or hell?** If the Bible and the revealed Word of God are **not** true, then "No."

Once again, your worldview is a "lens" through which you understand reality, **continued on page 2**



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Have you ever heard someone suggest that there is no harm in what is being taught in our schools?

According to David Gelernter, Professor of Computer Science at Yale University:

"Darwinism is no longer just a scientific theory but the basis of a worldview, and an emergency replacement religion for the many troubled souls who need one."

Source Essay: "Giving Up Darwin," *Claremont Review of Books*, May 1, 2019 (Vol. XIX, No. 2)

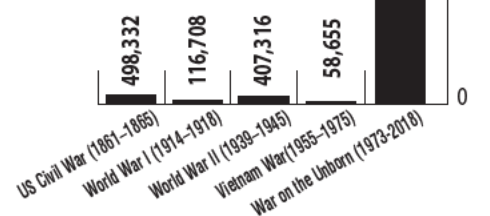
USA War Casualties in Millions

God's intention for the **over 60 million babies**, each one created in His image—yet who were killed by abortion—has been blocked by our sin!

"Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." —Psalm 139:16

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Source: LifeNews.com, Jan. 18, 2018.



IN THE NEWS 

Placental Stem Cells Are Better

There is good news for human babies in the womb! Cdx2 cells derived from the placenta



have been found

by scientists at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York to be superior to embryonic stem cells (ESC). ESCs are harvested from live, fertilized, pre-implantation embryos, which involves destruction of the embryo—and the end of a human life.


The Cdx2 cells were injected into rats that had experienced a heart attack. These cells migrated to the heart injury and formed new blood vessels and beating heart muscle cells. Embryonic cells can't do that because they lack special proteins which placenta stem cells do have. Cdx2 stem cells also avoid the body's natural rejection process by evading the immune system.



A human blastocyst, five days after fertilization. For ESCs, the inner cell mass of these 50-150 cells is isolated, resulting in the death of the embryo.

According to the original study's authors, "Therapeutic use of Cdx2 cells may represent a vital advance... compared with embryonic stem cells...."

God created us in such a way that there is no need to sacrifice unborn children to advance human health. Scientists

need to have patience and implement due diligence to discover God's creation wisdom which never requires disobedience to His Word regarding the sanctity of human life. 

Sources: World Magazine, June 29, 2019. Vol. "Placenta Solution," p. 81. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, June 11, 2019 116 (24) 11786-11795

FOR REFLECTION

There is only One who can give PEACE!

The United Nations recently announced that the global population of people displaced by conflict reached 70.8 million last year, up from 43 million just a decade ago.


Filippo Grandi, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, stated: "We have become almost unable to make peace."



According to U.N. figures, the population of people displaced by conflict grew by more than 60% over the past decade.

Jesus would say it even stronger: The world will never be able to give peace!

- "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." —John 14:27
- "These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage, I have overcome the world." —John 16:33

Only in Jesus can we find true peace. Have you trusted in Him to quiet your fear in this troubled world and give you new life for the world to come? 

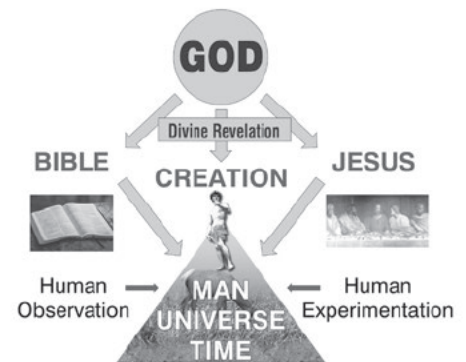
Source: World Magazine, July 20, 2019. Vol. 34, No. 13, p. 12

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and the Bible and the Holy Spirit sharpen your lens' focus! As Scripture says, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God" (1 Corinthians 2:12).

Refer to the diagram, "A Christian View of Knowledge." Our secular educational institutions can teach us something about humanity, the universe, and history by their observation and experimentation, but it is not possible to correctly understand these derived components of our worldview without knowing what the supernaturally revealed components say about them.



A CHRISTIAN VIEW of KNOWLEDGE

In order to fulfill Jesus' heart (Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8) every Christian's worldview needs to know what God's Word says about all these ingredients. I have posted on our Web site a worksheet that defines each ingredient, details elements of them, and lists many Scripture passages for support (www.faithsearch.org/worldview-essentials). I encourage you to print the sheets, look up the passages for yourself, and meditate on them.

In addition to sharing your experience with Jesus ("My STORY") you will then also be prepared to build your life testimony upon the ingredients which help you think like Jesus (1 Corinthians 2:16): "My WORLDVIEW." 

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