

## World Religions Part 1: Worldviews

- 1. What is a Worldview?
  - It is assumed
  - It is a "lens" through which we view the world
  - It is the basis of our values, decisions & behaviors
- 2. Major Worldviews
  - a. Polytheism = "many gods"
  - b. Theism: One True God
  - c. Deism
  - d. Atheism/Agnosticism
  - e. Pantheism = "All is God"
  - f. Syncretism
- 3. Evidence for Theism
  - a. Argument from Causation
  - b. Argument from Design
  - c. Argument from the Existence of the Mind





Study/Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is a Worldview? What questions does it answer?
- 2. Describe your own worldview by answering some of these questions.
- 3. What is Polytheism? What is Theism?

4. What in world history produced the rise in Deism? In what ways does this still affect us today?

- 5. What is Syncretism?
- 6. In what ways does our worldview affect our personal behavior?
- 7. How would you defend your belief in the existence of God?

