

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?

