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Confidence Corner

In this week's *Confidence Corner* we walk to examine what people mean when they talk about "worldviews." A person's belief or lack of belief in God/gods determines so much about the way they see the world. We call these different concepts worldviews. There are six worldviews that oppose Christianity that we want to provide a key element of thought for your further study. Individuals with each of these worldviews have different ways of looking at the problem and different motivations for solving it because of their diverse views of God.

Atheism is the view that there is no God. Deism is the view that God exists but doesn't perform miracles. Pantheism is the view that all is God. Panentheism is the view that God is developing along with the world. Finite Godism is the limiting view of God in which God exists but is limited and/or imperfect. Polytheism has been around since the dawn of time. It is the view that there are many gods.

There are many different "gods" competing for the hearts and minds of people today. The way we think about what God is like and His relationship to the world determines a lot about the way we see other things in our everyday lives. For example, people with different beliefs about God might approach the problems of world hunger or civil rights in different ways. A person who believes that everything is part of God, as Eastern pantheists do, will consider anything painful or evil to be unreal; so he might conduct seminars on meditation to make the victims realize that their problems are only illusions. Contrast Pantheism with Theism. One who has faith in the God of the Bible would show compassion to those in need and provide food, clothes, and shelter.

We may think that to believe in a God other than the God of the Bible is silly. But we often live as if we believe in other "gods." Money, health, power, sports, hobbies, etc., can all become gods to us. Do we think these other views of God are silly? I hope so! I also hope we see how silly it is to put our trust in any "god" other than the One True and Living God (Proverbs 3:5-6).

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Faith Is The Victory



Sunday's Sermon on Facebook Live

10:30am

A.M. — Why I Want To Be Faithful

1 Peter 4:1-6

SOME PEOPLE ARE FOOLS

The first day of this month is often referred to as April Fools Day. This year on Facebook I waited till the end of the day so that it might not be anticipated to be a joke to post that I had sold my van for somewhere around 10,000.00. I am still having people who only read the original post say "I thought you sold the van." Well, I did not, and my "joke" has had me have a lot of explaining to do.

We often think today that people are fools. Of course, we know that to seriously make such a charge is contrary to the teaching of Jesus (call no man "fool" Raca, etc). But sometimes we throw that word around flippantly to indicate someone is not using good judgment. I have seen this concept conveyed often during the pandemic. Some feel the leaders are fools and others think that if anyone leaves their house for any reason that such people are fools. In all reality, such judgments are all speculative and subjective. But did you know there is an objective standard they tells us when people are truly being fools?

I am confident most of you know that the objective standard to which I refer is Scripture. It is the revelation of the mind of our all-knowing and flawless God. In it, we read where God reveals that certain people are fools. Consider just a few examples.

Psalm 107:17 indicates that those who revolted against God were fools and suffered greatly because of their sins. Proverbs 1:7 contrast the wise who love God's instruction to the fools who despises correction and instruction from God. Proverbs 10:8 similarly records that "The wise in heart will receive commandments; But a prating fool shall fall" (ASV 1901).

But the most well know verse from Scripture regarding the "fool" is the concept found in Psalm 14:1 and Psalm 53:1. Both passage are identical. Both passages reveal objectively "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." This statement about a fool is no laughing matter. God is attempting to convey the importance of believing in Him as the One and only True God.

In the *Confidence Corner* this week we examined the fact that there are a number of different ways that people conceive the concept of God. Only one of those ways is correct. There is a statement that Ralph Gilmore made in Christian Evidences class at FHC that I will always remember. Our study was to confirm in our mind that "Christianity is the one true religion of the One True God. In deed, to fail to believe in God and understand Him fully is the epitome of foolishness—not because I say so...but because God says so.

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