

It's crazy how different these two worldviews are. Is it possible; is there even the remotest miniscule chance that the Bible is true? If so, then there are some serious consequences. But here is the bottom line: God is gracious, compassionate, and loving but at the same time He is holy, just, and the cosmic judge. He delays the Day of Judgment year after year so that more can come to knowledge of the truth and repent (turn away from the old way of living and do what God says is right). He longs for you to make the right decision so that He can pour out his love on you like a tidal wave of forgiveness, and acceptance. But the decision is up to you. The kingdom of God is coming, judgment day draws near, God will send Jesus the King to take over the world and set up his government on earth. He needs people to rule with him. Would you like to help him fix up this place? Would you like to live forever? Would you like to be forgiven--to have every stained and indecent thought and action completely blotted out? Please consider these words today. Repent, turn your life around, cry out to God, and obey Jesus as lord (master). It is imperative that you read the words of Jesus and do them (Matthew 5-7 is a great place to start). God wants you to be with Him forever, the decision is yours. He will not violate your free will.

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one way



What if you saw this sign while driving along? Which way would you go? It would be very confusing to think that both ways are right (especially if the lane is narrow and someone is coming from the other direction). Believing the Bible is true and that we can do whatever we want is like this sign—confusing and dangerous. If the Bible is right then that means that everyone who disagrees with it is wrong. Ouch! Then again, maybe the Bible is mistaken and truth is different for each person. Either way, each person has to figure out what he or she believes, but rest assured, one thing is certain: both can't be right. Take a look inside and see which side you are on, your very life may depend on it.

## Common Worldview

I'm a good person because I have done more good deeds than bad deeds

I have a soul/spirit/energy that lives on when my body dies

If there is a heaven most people go there

there is not just one way that all should follow

so long as your actions don't hurt others no one can say you're wrong

if there is a God he will forgive me because he sees my whole life not just the bad things I've done

The Bible has truth in it but it is not to be taken literally

The Bible has been altered over many centuries to such an extent that no one really knows what the original said

I'm a good person (I'm no saint but plenty of people are worse than me)

The different religions of the world emphasize different aspects of one universal higher power

Dogma & doctrine don't matter, what matters is love and tolerance. No one's beliefs are "right" to the exclusion of everyone else. To think this way is arrogant.

Jesus was an enlightened person who only taught to love God and love your neighbor as yourself

If there is a hell, only murderers, rapists, and child molesters will go there

Science can explain the origin of the universe as well as how we got here

## Biblical Worldview

The bad deeds one does are sins and overwhelmingly taint any innate goodness one may have (ROM 3.10-11)

Dead people are not living on in some disembodied soul; they are non-existent until the resurrection (ECC 9.5, 10)

No one is going to heaven, the goal is to be resurrected (brought back to life) in order to inherit the earth allotted by the Messiah at his return (MAT 5.5; 25.31)

God's forgiveness is given only on His terms—through the shed blood of the perfect man (Jesus) (JOHN 14.6)

All sins hurt God because they are rebellion against His right way of doing things (PS 51.4)

If God is just then He will not let those who have done wrong go without punishment, though He is willing to accept Jesus' suffering and death in your place if you admit your guilt and do what God says is right. (ROM 3.23)

The Bible is consistent throughout, archaeological validated, verified through predictive prophecy, and it contains scientific & medical insights far ahead of its time (2 TIM 3.16)

There are 5,000 New Testament Greek manuscripts extant and the Dead Sea Scrolls confirm that the Old Testament Hebrew manuscripts were reliably copied (1 PET 1.25)

that people are worse or better than you in no way alleviates your guilt (ROM 6.23) each will stand before God alone.

There is no God but the Father and all other "gods" are mere delusions that Satan uses to deceive (JN 17.3; 1COR 8.6)

It's not a matter of who is right or wrong, the issue is sin & judgment. There is only one way that God has provided to wash away the stain of sin—the sacrifice of his dear son

Jesus is the Messiah destined to take over the world's governments by force when he comes to establish the rule of God on earth. He preached that people should repent because the "kingdom of God is near." (2 THES 1.6-8; PS 2.6-8)

All need to repent because of the coming kingdom judgment and accept Christ's death as payment for them or be held accountable for every bad thought and action (MAT 7.13)

Science offers no explanation either for what started the universe or what started the first living organisms