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Outline

- A. INTRODUCTION
- B. A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW
 - 1. Components of a World View
 - a. Origin, Nature, and Destiny of the Cosmos: Basic Philosophical Questions
 - 1) **Ontology**: Question of Being or Existence
 - God created all that exists, including man
 - 2) **Epistemology**: Question of Knowledge
 - Man knows ultimately on the basis of God's self-disclosure in verbal, propositional form: the Bible
 - 3) **Axiology**: Question of Value
 - The God of the Bible is the ultimate value but man, created in His image, is of infinite, eternal value
 - 4) **Teleology**: Question of Destiny (Ends or Purposes)
 - God and His Kingdom, being in ultimate control, are determinative of direction in time
 - b. Origin, Nature, and Destiny of Man
 - c. **Institutional Structure** and Procedure Flowing from the Answers Given to the Primary Questions
 - 1) Civil Social
 - 2) Ecclesiastical
 - 3) Education
 - 4) Economics
 - 5) Legal
 - 6) Aesthetics
 - 7) International Politics
 - 2. A Biblical World View: Presuppositions
 - a. God and His Kingdom Are Spiritual
 - b. Man Is Prophet, Priest, and King under the Sovereign God
 - 1) All Men Have Direct Access to God on the Basis of the Finished Work of God in Christ
 - 2) Apart from the God of the Bible, Relativity Is Inescapable
 - 3) On This Side of the Fall There Is Abnormality, Not Normality
 - c. No Institutional Interposition between God and Man
 - 3. A Biblical World View: A Holy Commonwealth
 - a. God Is over All of Life, No Area Excepted
 - b. Ultimate Question for the Biblical Christian Is Reverence
 - 1) If We Abandon the God of the Bible as Absolute, We Will Substitute Something for God
 - 2) Given Universal Relativity the Ultimate Question Shifts to Relevance
 - c. Man Is Depraved and Must Depend upon the Work and Will of God for His Deliverance
 - d. The Kingdom of God Is Eternal

- 1) As Reconciled to God in Christ, Christians Become Reforming Powers in This Age: Salt and Light
 - e. Christians have an Accomplished Victory to Proclaim
 - 4. A Biblical World View: Institutional Structure and Procedure
 - a. Three-Fold Function of the Church
 - b. All Law Is Based on the Bible or Principles Derived from the Bible
 - c. Government Is a Gift from God for the Orderly Procedure of Man in a Fallen World
 - d. The Arts Address the Beauty of God and His Creation
 - e. The Biblical Christian Believes in and Practices Private Property and Freedom of Enterprise with Important Biblical Qualifications
 - 1) Work Is a Form of Worship
- C. BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
 - 1. Three-Fold Objective
 - a. Know the Biblical Christian World View
 - b. Know All Other World Views Fully and Fairly
 - c. Reinterpret Everything on the Basis of Biblical Presuppositions and the Biblical World View
 - 2. Puritans in America Produced a Rigorous Scholarship
 - 3. It Is a Vital Calling toward the Reformation and Perpetuation of Culture
- D. BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN THINKING
 - 1. The Necessity of **Presuppositions**
 - a. No Dichotomy Exists between Faith and Reason
 - 2. Choosing a Starting Point
 - a. Starting from Man, **Relativity** Is Inescapable
 - b. Biblical Christianity Is the Only System That Both Raises and Answers the Basic Questions in a Manner Which Can Be Lived
 - c. All Other Systems Are Necessarily Abstractions or Ideologies
 - 3. Escaping the Quagmire of Relativity
 - a. Christians Are Called to Be Witnesses, Not Polemicists
 - b. It Allows Us to Escape Absolutizing the Relative and Vice Versa
 - 4. Liberation for Leadership
 - a. Failure to Practice Biblical Christian Thinking Renders the Christian Vulnerable to Two Temptations
 - 1) Withdrawal from the World
 - 2) Hate Those Who Operate from a Presuppositional Base Antithetical to Biblical Christianity
- E. BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN REFORMATION
- F. BLESSINGS OF BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
 - 1. Liberating Students for Leadership
 - 2. A Charitable Community
 - 3. Superior Scholarship
- G. IMPEDIMENTS TO BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
 - 1. An Age of Fragmentation
 - 2. The Rootlessness of Relativity
- H. THE PRACTICE OF BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
 - 1. The Applicability of God to All of Life
 - 2. A Bibliocentric Curriculum
 - 3. Toward Biblical Christian Leadership

Review

ontology
teleology
relativity

epistemology
institutional structures

axiology
presuppositions