

The Importance of My Believing

- Why do many believers/Christians respond to the issues of life in an ‘unbelieving way’?

John 1:1-5. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 11:3. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Colossians 1:16-17. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Genesis 1:1-2. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:27. So God created mankind in his own image in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 5:2. He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them “Mankind” when they were created.

Mark 10:6-9. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ 7 ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife 8 and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

What do I Believe and Why?

1. Why is believing important?

a) What is the foundation of my believing?

- Many people say, “I believe in Jesus, but, their life-styles tell a different story” – Why?

2. How does our believing affect us?

a) Our believing will shape our ‘World View’

b) A ‘World View’ is how I view the world as determined by my believing & thinking, that in turn shapes my values and results in certain behaviour!

3. Believing by rote or revelation?

a) Rote believing

➤ *Definition:... The major practice in **rote memorization** is learning by repetition or routine, without full comprehension or attention to what is being memorized.*

- If my believing is based on memorizing what someone has told me (rote), it will not produce a ‘personal world view’.

b) Revelation believing

Romans 10:17. So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (NASB)

- **The Greek word is ‘Rhema’ = the truth inspired by the Holy Spirit**

Is the truth we believe based on God’s word and revealed to our hearts by the Holy Spirit?

4. A secular world view

a) What do we believe about the origin of life?

- The popular western secular view is rooted in the unproven theory of evolution.

An incorrect belief about the origin of life will affect every aspect of your life.

b) A secular world view will eliminate God from all aspects of our believing, thinking, values and behaviour!

Many of the great 'christian countries' are crumbling because of a secular world view – that embraces evolution at its heart.

Judges 21:25. In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

c) The results of a secular world view

Our western (Christian) culture is drifting in a dangerous direction!

5. A Christ centred world view!

a) In the beginning God!

John 1:1-2. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning

What do I believe?

b) God created the heavens and the earth

Genesis 1:1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- He created all things by the word of His power.

John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:3

Romans 1:20. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

The root belief of evolution rejects God – and will affect every part of our believing and world view!

- Become literate with a Biblical Worldview of creation.

<https://answersingenesis.org/geology/four-lessons-mount-st-helens-eruption/>

- **Suggestions:** www.answersingenesis.org - or - www.creation.com

All evidence of a great creator God

c) God created them male and female

Genesis 1:27.

- Our generation are trying to 're-define sexuality'

d) God ordained marriage as the basic unit of society

Mark 10:6-9.

- An ungodly secular society is trying to re-engineer us!

What do you and I believe?

e) He is Lord of the affairs of the universe and humanity!

Secular man is trying to usurp God!

Psalm 8; Psalm 47:6-8.

f) There is a day of accountability and victory coming

- Jesus Christ - Our Creator, Saviour and King of Kings is coming again – for all **who have made Him their Saviour!**
- Every person will be held accountable!

Our society, and many Christians, lacks a healthy fear of God!

- A day of great sorrow for all who have rejected Christ!
- A day of great rejoicing for the believer

Revelation 21:1, 5, 6, 7.

A Christ Centred Biblical World View will fill us with hope, confidence, assurance & faith in all of our responses to the issues of life and eternity!

A new Heaven and a New Earth – for all who believe!