

## **Introduction to Worldviews and Worldview Analysis**

Grace Fellowship Church Afternoon Course Series

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This course serves as a primer on the topic of worldviews. Your worldview--the set of assumptions you hold about the nature of reality and identity--shape your views of meaning, purpose, morality, suffering, and death. We all have one: the key is to identify it, characterize it, mold it to be consistent with Scripture, and help others to understand their own.

This course includes attendance at the Thinking? Toronto conference (co-sponsored by Grace Fellowship Church Don Mills). Conference registration and participation is highly recommended but not necessary. Conference attendance will afford a range of learning opportunities related to the course topic.

### **Course Objectives**

After participating in this course, Christians will be able to:

1. Describe the essential features of a worldview
2. Discuss the broad categories of worldviews and identify key challenges for acceptance of each worldview
3. Explain contemporary cultural moral conflicts in terms of worldview conflict
4. Present a Christian worldview framework for responding to the problem of suffering and evil

### **Course Schedule**

Week 1	April 23	What is a Worldview? (E. Goligher)
Week 2	April 30	The Worldview of Pantheism (A. Philip)
Week 3	May 6	Thinking? Conference ( <a href="http://www.thinkingto2017.com">www.thinkingto2017.com</a> )
	May 7	The Worldview of Atheism (D. Groothuis)
Week 4	May 21	The Cross-Centered Worldview (J. Freeman)
Week 5	May 28	Worldview and Suffering (E. Goligher)

### **Course Readings**

1. *What's Your Worldview?* by James Anderson (highly recommend reading)
2. *The Universe Next Door* by James Sire (recommended reading)
3. *Making Sense of God* by Tim Keller (suggested reading)
4. *Christian Apologetics* by Douglas Groothuis (suggested reference)