

Romans Series

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# The Epistle to the ROMANS

Worldview Shift  
Romans 12:2–4



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**“age, eternity; here the *zeitgeist*—the spirit or thinking of the age”**

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**dat fem sing**  
**renewal through**  
**rebuilding; renovation;**  
**transformative overhaul**

**νοῦς *nous***  
**gen masc sing**  
**mind, thought attitude,**  
**thinking, manner of**  
**thinking**

**James 3:13, “Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.**

**James 3:14, “But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.**

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## **Two Worldviews**

**Satanic/Demonic  
Human viewpoint**

**Divine  
Biblical**

# The Worldview Mixmaster

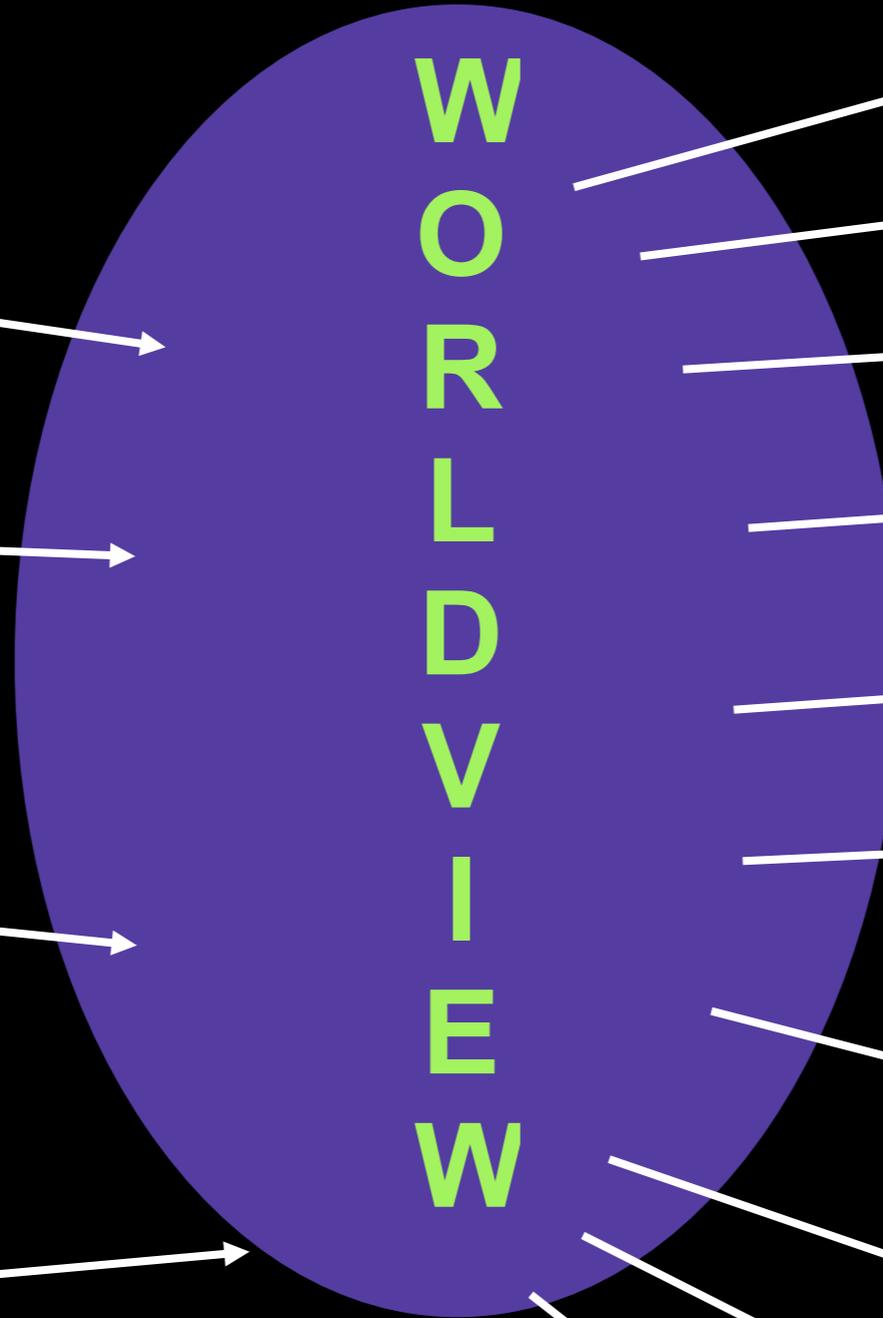
## 4 Areas of Assumptions

Ultimate reality

Human race

Knowledge

Ethics



Origins

Religion

Man

Nature, creation

Science, math

Society  
(marriage,  
family, politics)

Suffering and  
solutions

Law

Art, Music, theater

Economics, business

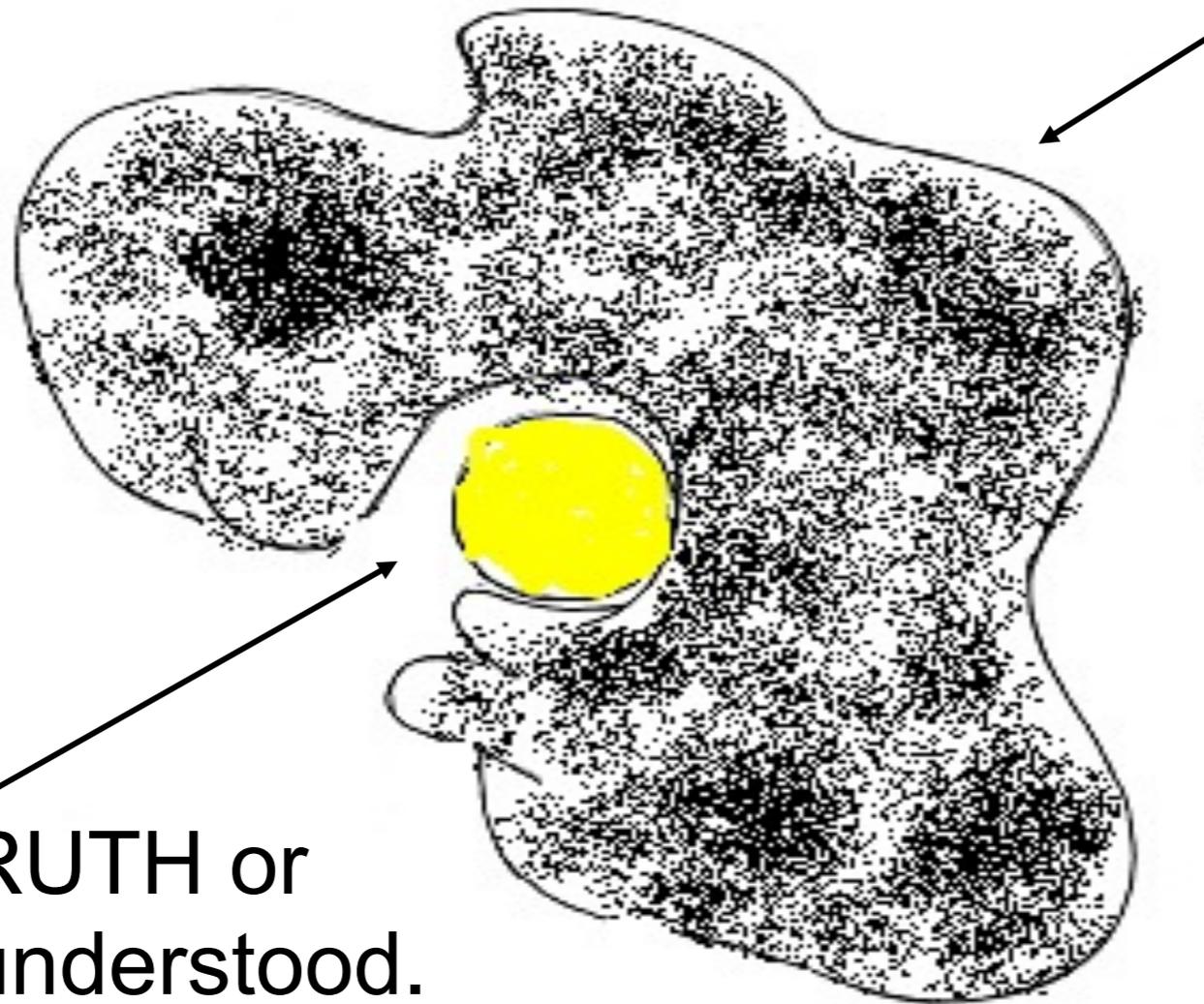
# FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN EVERY WORLDVIEW

- 1. What IS Ultimate Reality?**
- 2. What is the *nature* of external reality?**
- 3. What is mankind?**
- 4. What happens when a person dies?**

# FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN EVERY WORLDVIEW

- 5. Why can we know, how do we know, and can we know anything with certainty?**
- 6. How do we know right from wrong?**
- 7. What is the meaning of history?**

# Human Viewpoint Neutralizes the Word of God



A biblical TRUTH or doctrine is understood.

Unbelief reinterprets and absorbs the doctrine within its own categories, isolating and neutralizing it.

**“Pagan worldview absorbs and recasts doctrine”**