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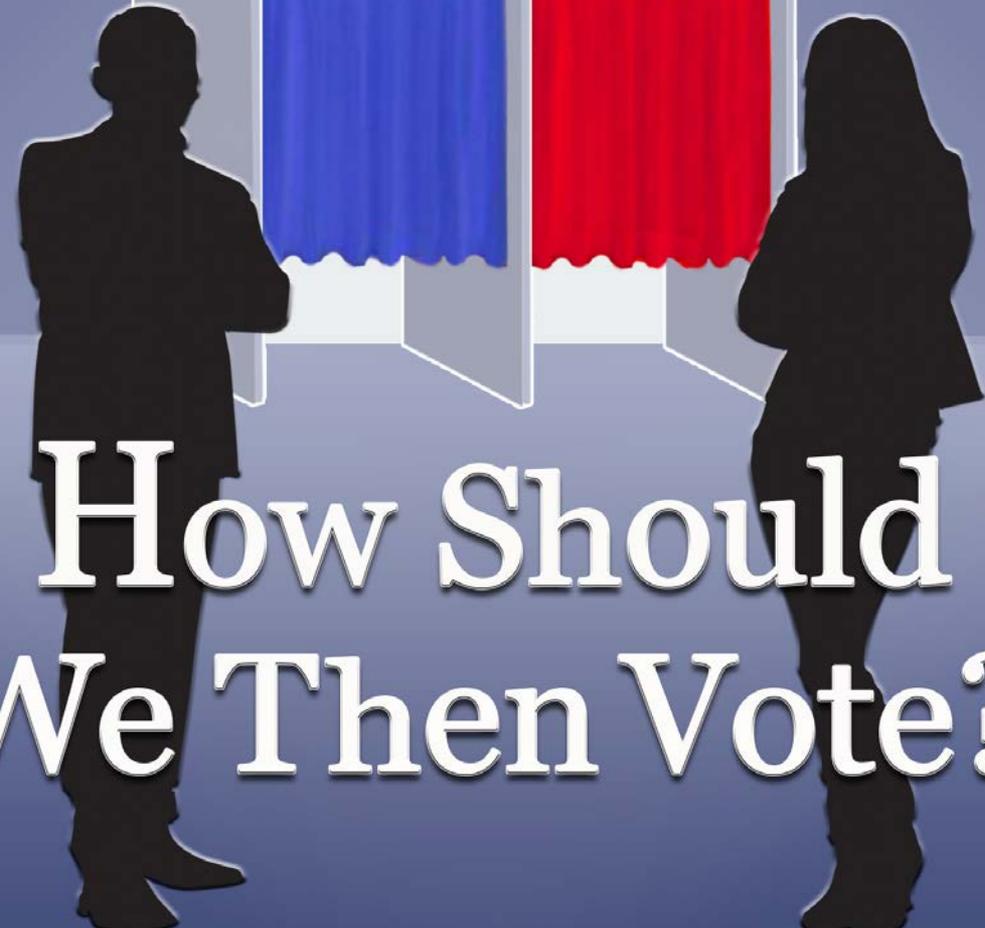
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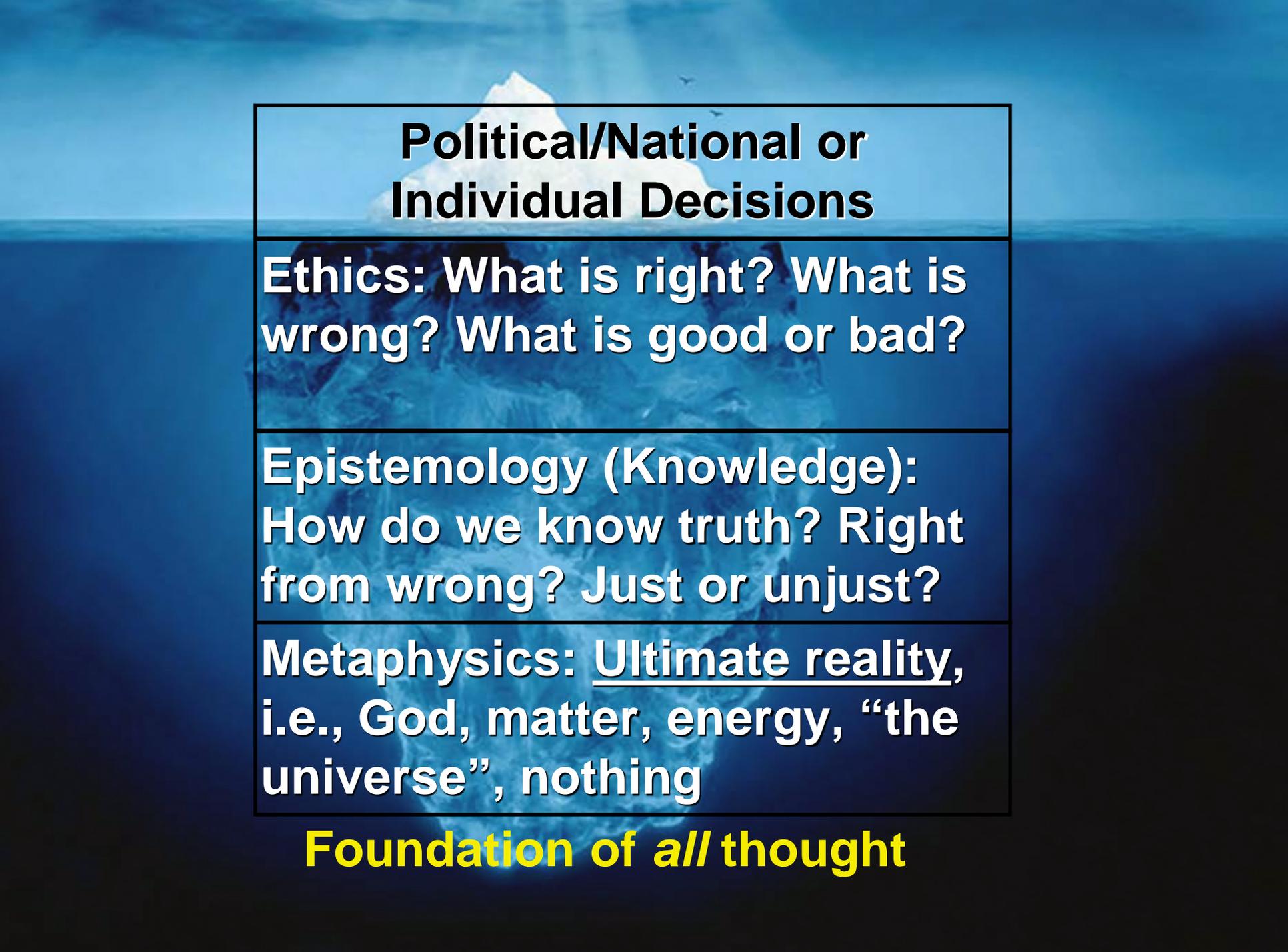
The Problem of Humanity

Psa. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

**יְדָאָה (š^edāqâ) justice,
righteousness.**

**Conformity to an ethical or
moral standard**

What is a Worldview?

An iceberg floating in the ocean, with only the tip visible above the water. The background is a blue sky and sea. The text is overlaid on the image, with the top section above the water and the bottom section below the water.

Political/National or Individual Decisions

Ethics: What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad?

Epistemology (Knowledge): How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?

Metaphysics: Ultimate reality, i.e., God, matter, energy, “the universe”, nothing

Foundation of *all* thought

A Judeo-Christian Worldview

- 1. God is the Creator of all things and created human beings in His image and likeness, giving them value and purpose.**
- 2. The Bible is God's revelation to man and is completely accurate in all that it reveals to man, teaching them how to live wisely in God's creation marred by sin.**
- 3. God created the human race in His image, both male and female.**

A Judeo-Christian Worldview

- 4. Sin has corrupted the human race and God's creation.**
- 5. God has given principles and laws for the right conduct of the human race in this corrupted universe, because, as their Creator only He can do this.**
- 6. God continues to oversee and direct His creation toward His perfect end.**

The Image of God

Personal

Self-consciousness

Exercising will and determination

Intellectual, the ability to know, to think, to know

Perfect righteousness and justice

The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas; <u>Faith</u> in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; <u>Faith</u> in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition; <u>Faith</u> in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	<u>Faith</u> in the objective revelation of God	<i>Dependent</i> use of logic and reason

Psa. 36:9, “In Your light, we see light.”

Gen. 2:9, “And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

The Problem with the Human Race

Gen. 3:1, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’ ”

Gen. 3:4, “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’ ”

What is Sin?

synne: wrongdoing, a misdeed

***chatta' t* תַּחַטָּה** “to miss a target, make a mistake, miss the mark”

***pesha'* עֲשָׂוִי** transgression, rebellion, disobedience

Jer. 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?”

**Psa. 14:1, “The fool has said in his heart,
‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they
have done abominable works, there is none
who does good.”**

Psa. 14:3, “They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.”

**Psa. 53:3, “Every one of them has turned
aside; They have together become corrupt;
There is none who does good, No, not one.”**

Rom. 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

Gen. 5:1, “This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

Gen. 5:2, “He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

Gen. 5:3, “And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.”

Gen. 6:5, “Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen. 6:6, “And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.”

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

Judg. 17:6, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

1 Samuel 8

1 Sam. 8:20, “that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

1 Sam. 8:10, “So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king.

1 Sam. 8:11, “And he said, ‘This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots.

1 Sam. 8:12, “ ‘He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.’ ”

Prov. 14:34,

**“Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a reproach to any people.”**

Prov. 11:10, “When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.

Prov. 11:11, “By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

Prov. 11:12, “He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his peace.”

Mic. 6:8, “He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly [*mishpat*], to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”