

Worldview Comparison Chart

	Naturalism	Animism	Far Eastern Thought	Theism	Relational Revelation
What is the nature of ultimate reality? (Ultimate Reality)	The only thing that exists is matter which is evolving and eternal.	The universe contains both material and immaterial parts. Spirits exist in a separate place from physical beings, but they interact with each other in a symbiotic relationship.	Impersonal, Pantheistic, Monistic.	There is an infinite and transcendent God who is Creator and Sustainer.	There is a personal, infinite, transcendent God who is Creator and Sustainer.
What is the nature of material reality? (Material Reality)	Matter is eternal and what exists is the result of the eternal operation of natural laws.		Impersonal, Illusory, Seeking oneness.	The material world was created intentionally by God.	The material world was created intentionally by God.
What is a human being? (Humanity)	Complex biological machines.	Material creatures who inhabit the physical world who have a spiritual core.	Personality and individuality are illusions. A life force seeking oneness.	A special creation of God whose essence is spirit.	A special creation of God created for the purpose of interacting with him.
What happens to a person at death? (Death)	The individual life form ceases to exist.	The individual's spirit enters the spiritual dimension.	The life force recycles (reincarnates) into another form.	The transferring of life to heaven or hell.	The transferring of life to heaven or hell.
Why is it possible to know anything at all? (Knowledge)	A chance happening because of a high level of evolution.	Assumed to exist and known by observation.	Knowledge is an illusion. Nothing exists as it appears.	God created humans with the ability to know.	God created man with the ability to know. Truth is revealed in the Bible.
How do we know what is right and wrong? (Morality)	Decided by individuals or social groups.	Based on experience.	The cosmos is perfect at every moment. Good and evil are an illusion.	The nature of right and wrong have been revealed by God.	The nature of right and wrong have been revealed by God - particularly in Christ.
What is the meaning of human history? (History)	A linear progression of events without special meaning.	A linear progression of events without special meaning.	Time is an illusion. Time moves in cycles.	A linear succession of events that began with God's creation and is moving toward fulfilling his purposes.	A linear succession of events that began with God's creation and is moving toward fulfilling his purposes.