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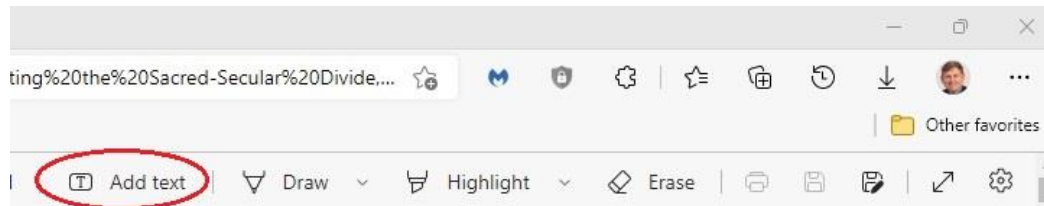
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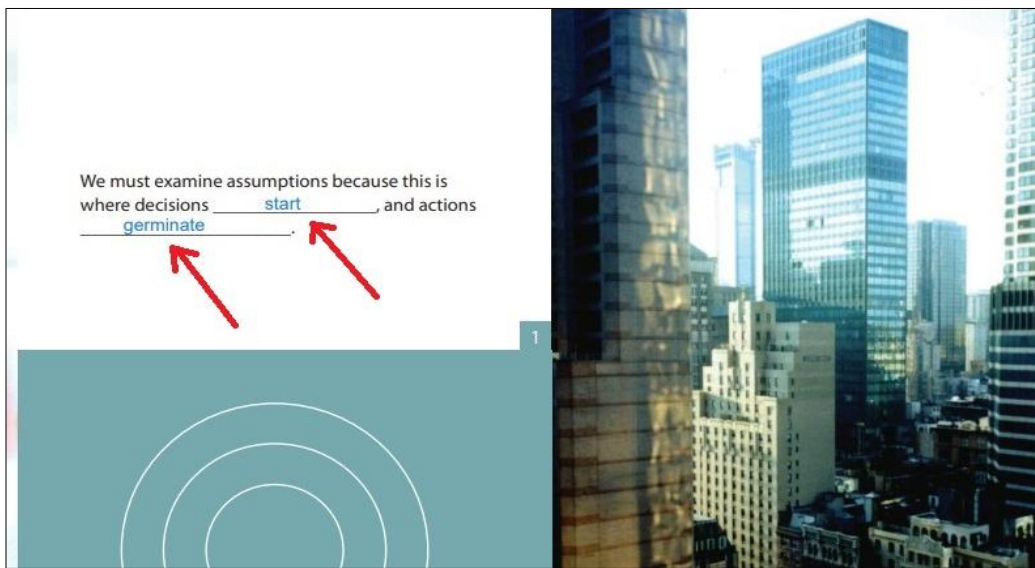
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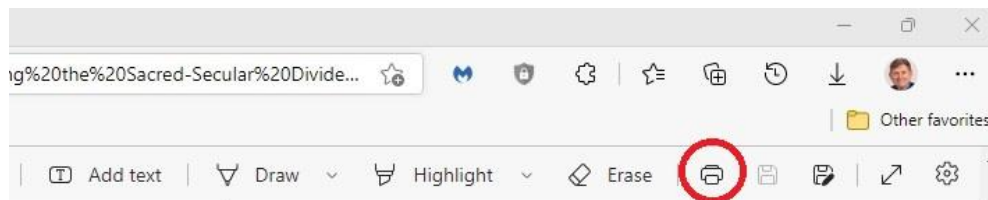
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ELIMINATING THE SACRED/SECULAR DIVIDE

REAL PEOPLE — REAL FAITH — REAL WORLD



PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ELIMINATING THE SACRED/SECULAR DIVIDE

how a biblical worldview invigorates the workplace,
renews the community and transforms culture

REAL PEOPLE

REAL FAITH

REAL WORLD



“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

God the Father’s words spoken of Jesus,
after seventeen years as a carpenter, Matt. 3:17

“The pious tradesman will know that his shop as well as his chapel is holy ground.”

George Swinnock (English Puritan Pastor, 1627-1673)

“What is needed is a comprehensive biblical foundation for the Christian’s life in the world as well as the church, a theology for homemakers, nurses and doctors, plumbers, stockbrokers, politicians and farmers. As Gibbs and Morton said, ‘Recovering this...would be like discovering a new continent or finding a new element.’”

Paul Stevens, *The Other Six Days*

“There is truly no division between sacred and secular except what we have created. And that is why the division of the legitimate roles and functions of human life into the sacred and secular does incalculable damage to our individual lives and to the cause of Christ. Holy people must ... take up holy orders in farming, industry, law, education, banking, and journalism with the same zeal previously given to evangelism or to pastor and missionary work.”

Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of Discipline*

“We are living in the Business Age. Many Christian and secular historians would agree that the historic role of nation-states is rapidly passing from the scene and is being replaced by the corporation. Companies, and not countries, will have the greatest impact in our world in the future. Shouldn’t the Christian business community see this as a great opportunity? Shouldn’t we seek to capitalize on the doors that are open before us? Shouldn’t we view this as the ultimate chance for business to play a role in societal transformation and in the spread of the gospel?”

Michael Baer, *Business As Mission*

“God is marshaling His people in the workplace as never before in history. God is up to something. The next spiritual awakening could take place in the workplace.”

Henry Blackaby

“To be sure, it’s important for Christian scholars to conduct research and hold academic symposia, but the real leverage for cultural change comes from transforming the habits and dispositions of ordinary people.”

Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey, *How Now Shall We Live?*

“Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city [Babylon] to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Jeremiah 29:7

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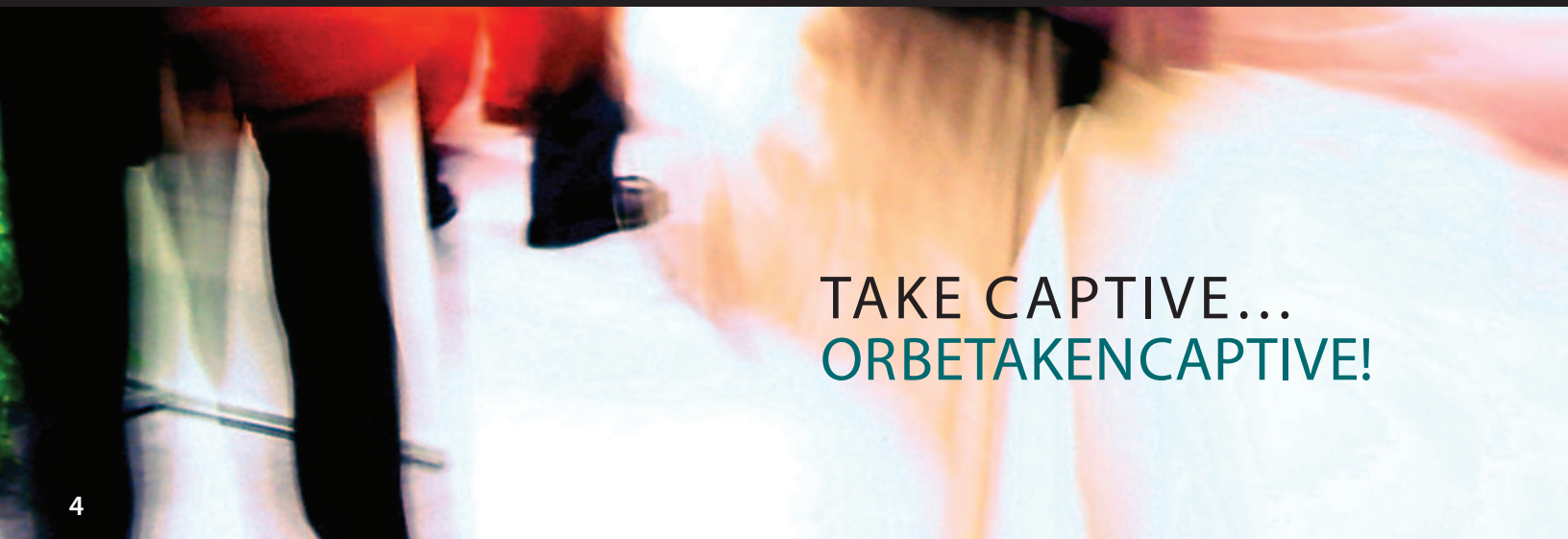
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LEVEL 101 Session 1: Why Worldview Matters



TAKE CAPTIVE...
ORBETAKENCAPTIVE!

We must examine assumptions because this is where decisions _____, and actions _____.

1



WORLDVIEW

"A comprehensive framework of beliefs that helps us to interpret what we see and experience and also gives us direction in the choices that we make as we live out our days."

-Richard Wright



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Colossians 2:8

"See to it that no one takes you _____ through philosophy and empty deception according to the traditions of men..."

II Corinthians 10:5

"...taking every thought _____ to the obedience of Christ."

3

1. Who or what is the ultimate _____ or highest power, and what is nature and role of this force or entity?

2. What makes up all the stuff of the _____, how did it get here, and is there more to it than meets the eye?

3. Who are _____, what gives them value, what happens when they die, and how do they know what is true?

4. How do people determine _____?

5. Is there a reason and _____ for all that exists?

We interpret smaller parts in light of the _____.



A worldview is a “big picture of reality,” shaped by conscious beliefs or subconscious assumptions about:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Session 2: How Worldview Shapes Culture

Biblical beliefs that shape John Beckett’s workplace culture:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____



GPAW COURSE OBJECTIVES

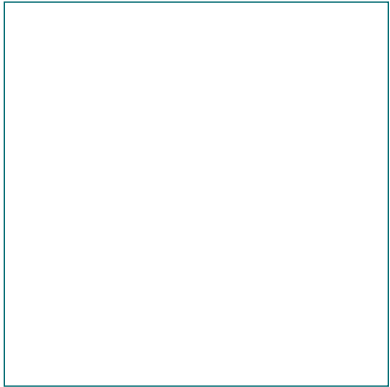
- To bring _____ into focus
- To determine _____ stemming from those worldview premises
- To consider _____ that flow from those values

GOALS

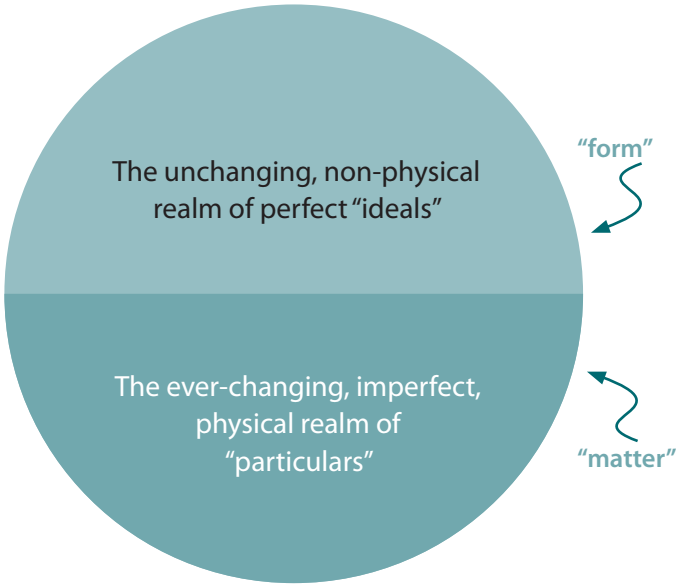
- To _____ the workplace
- To _____ the community
- To _____ culture

Four Parts of the Biblical Worldview Narrative:

- 1. CREATION
- 2. FALL
- 3. REDEMPTION
- 4. RESTORATION



Session 3 : The Most Convincing Lie



PLATO'S WORLD

Plato viewed the temporal world of matter as _____ to the eternal world of forms. The material world consisted only of temporary and imperfect shadows of the perfect ideals which lie above and beyond.

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Which of these Platonic ideas are in harmony with Scripture?

1. Some things are temporal and pass away, while other things are eternal and never decay.
2. It is vain to live your life for the pursuit of material things.
3. Temporal things do not have real significance.
4. Only eternal things have true value.
5. The eternal world is a place to which we escape.
6. The body is the prison house of the soul.

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BIG PICTURE PIECE #9:

We live in a _____ world, which is not the way it was originally made to be, but we do not live in a _____ world.

(Gen. 3; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:1-3; Acts 17:24-28; John 3:16)

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“God, who made the world and everything in it...gives to all life, breath, and all things...In Him we live and move and have our being...”
Acts. 17:24-28

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BIG PICTURE PIECE #10:

The earth and everything in it remains God’s own possession, and therefore it has great _____.

(Psalm 24:1; 103:19; Acts 17:24-28)

Session 4: The Myth of the Secular World

Interaction with the physical world in the form of work is a good and honorable thing, especially when done "heartily as unto the Lord." In this regard, it can be _____.

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BIG PICTURE PIECE #11:

The _____ Commission given by God to humans is to govern over all the earth.

(Gen. 1:26-28; Psalm 8)

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The mixture of Platonism with Christianity eventually led to a religious _____ in which all of life was divided into higher and lower realms.

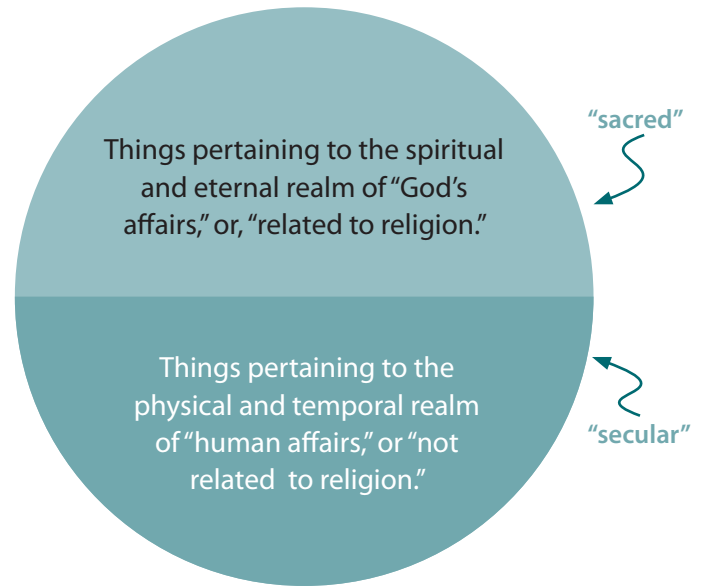
Today we call things in the upper realm "sacred," and things in the lower realm "secular."



THE HEBREW WORD FOR "WORK" AND "WORSHIP" IS THE SAME WORD: **AVODAH**



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During the days of the early church, Platonic thinking was widespread and popular. There is a human tendency to incorporate popular ideas of the surrounding culture into the teaching of the church. It is as true today as it was then. This pull toward harmonizing Christian thought with popular culture may be compelling indeed, especially if one does not want to appear "out of date" in the eyes of the unbelieving world. It may also be motivated by a desire to make the Christian message as attractive as possible to unbelievers. But no matter how well-meaning the motive, such practice can dilute the Christian message, and leave a false impression for generations to come. This was certainly the case with Platonism.

A dictionary defines the word *secular* as "not related to religion," while the word *religion* is defined in the same dictionary as "a system of beliefs centering on a supernatural being."

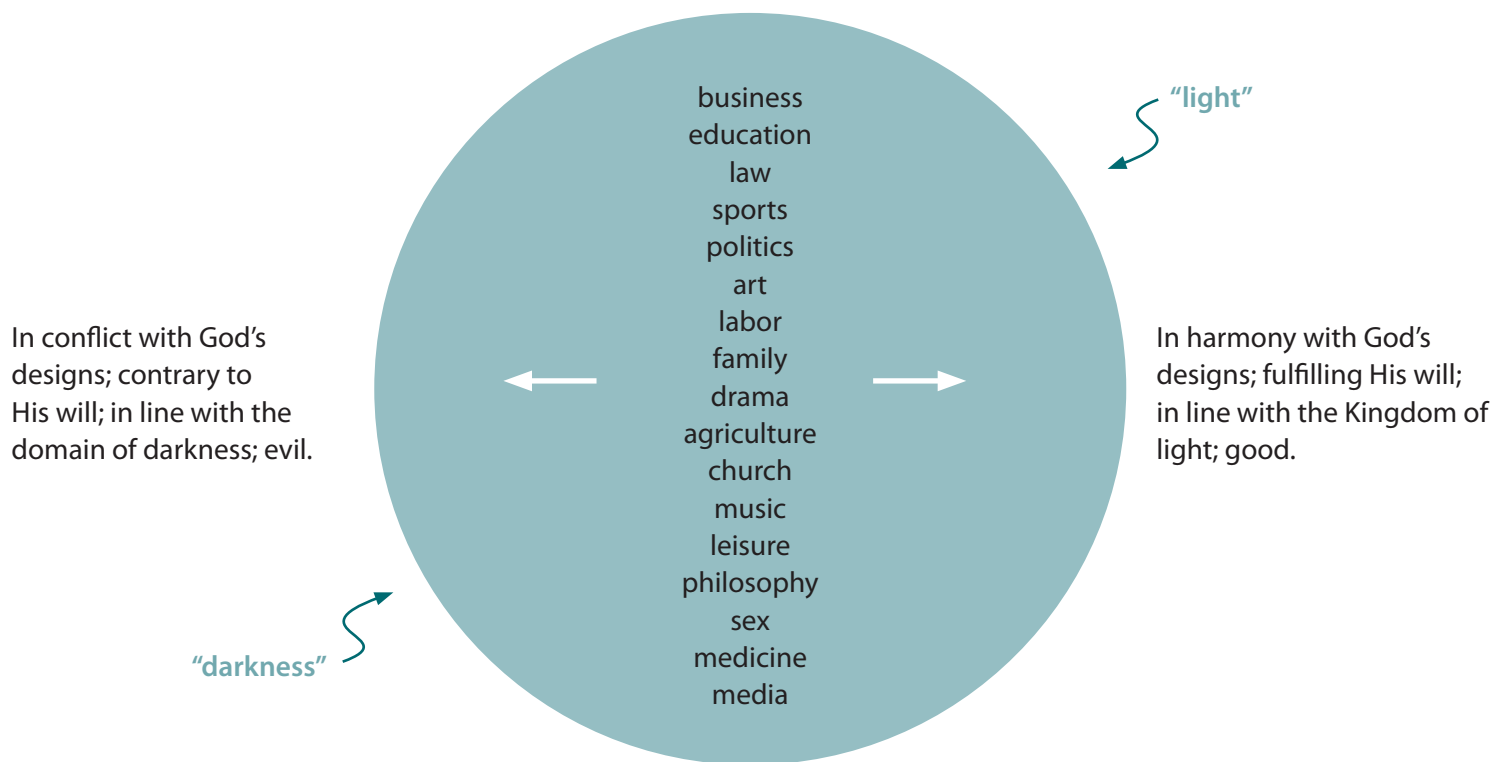
But let's think again about this.

Is there any part of life not related to the Supernatural Being? Are there really any aspects of creation outside the realm of God's affairs? Does any sphere of life exist independently of God, on its own, somehow separated from His ownership, interest and involvement? Isn't Jesus Lord of *all*?

Where exactly IS the "secular" world, anyway?

Session 5: Viewing Work Through a Different Lens

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BIG PICTURE PIECE #12:

God purposes to do His will on earth as it is in heaven, and by His grace, He will work through redeemed people to bring His _____ to every sphere of life.

(Matthew 5, 6, 28; John 15)





Gen. 2:8-9

The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is _____ and good for food.

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Session 6: Have You Ever Seen a “Secular” Color?

Ex. 28:1-3, 31-32

“Now [Moses] take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him...that he may minister to Me as priest...And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and _____.”

“So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron’s garments...You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue...And upon its hem you shall make pomegranates of _____, purple, and scarlet...”

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Ex. 31:2-4

“See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri...And I have _____, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, _____, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze...”

Session 7: God's Co-Worker



George Washington Carver was born in about 1865, the son of slaves. His father was killed in a log hauling accident a few weeks after Carver was born. While still an infant, he was kidnapped, along with his mother and his sister, by thieves wanting to make some money by selling them to another slave owner. Moses Carver, their current owner, sent someone after them with a good racehorse to buy them back. The thieves took the horse and left George lying on the ground, sick with whooping cough. His mother and sister were never heard from again.¹

Carver's relationship with the Lord began early in life. He wrote: *"I was just a mere boy when converted, hardly ten years old. There isn't much of a story to it. God just came into my heart one afternoon while I was alone in the loft of our big barn while I was shelling corn to carry to the mill to be ground to meal."* (Federer, 75)

At age 26, Carver wrote to friends in Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Milholland: *"Oh how I wish the people would wake up from their lethargy and come out soul and body for Christ."* He continued, *"Let us pray that the Lord will completely guide us in all things, and that we may gladly be led by Him."* (Federer, 23)

Carver was exceptionally curious, and had a passion for learning—especially about plants. He became the first African American to study at Iowa State College, where he earned a degree in agriculture. After graduating, he became the first African American faculty member at that same college.

At the age of 31, Carver was invited by Booker T. Washington to come to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. In Washington's invitation to Carver, he wrote: *"Our students are poor, often starving... We teach them to read and write, but words cannot feed stomachs. They need to learn how to plant and harvest crops... I cannot offer you money, position or fame... These things I now ask you to give up. I offer you in their place work—hard work—the challenge of bringing people from degradation, poverty and waste to full manhood."* (Federer, 14) Carver's response was: *"I... shall be glad to cooperate with you in doing all I can through Christ who strengtheneth me to better the condition of our people."* (Federer, 15)

Carver did just that, creating 300 uses of the peanut and 118 uses of the sweet potato. In the process, he turned around the economy of the South. Among his many creations were: printer's ink, instant coffee, chili sauce, mayonnaise, molasses, meat tenderizer, shaving cream, wood stain, adhesives, axle grease, bleach, linoleum, and fuel briquettes. In 1920, at the age of 55, in a speech given to a YMCA group, Carver said: *"... the Great Creator taught me to take the peanut apart and put it together again. And out of the process came forth all these products!"* (Federer, 36)

¹ References in this section are from *George Washington Carver: His Life & Faith in His Own Words*, by William J. Federer, published by Amerisearch, Inc, St. Louis, MO, 2002, and *Fruits of Creation*, by John S. Ferrell, published by Macalester Park, Shakopee, MN, 1995.

In 1921, when speaking before the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee in Washington D.C., he was asked: "Dr. Carver, how did you learn all of these things?" Carver answered: "From an old book." "What book?" asked the Chairman. Carver replied, "The Bible." The Chairman inquired, "Does the Bible tell about peanuts?" "No, Sir," Dr. Carver replied, "But it tells about the God who made the peanut. I asked Him to show me what to do with the peanut, and He did." (Federer, 36)

Carver named his laboratory at Tuskegee "God's Little Workshop." In a speech given at the age of 59, he said: "God is going to reveal to us things He never revealed before if we put our hands in His. No books ever go into my laboratory. The thing I am to do and the way of doing it are revealed to me. The method is revealed to me the moment I am inspired to create something new. Without God to draw aside the curtain I would be helpless." (Federer, 53) Carver locked the door to his lab when he was creating things. He claimed: "Only alone can I draw close enough to God to discover His secrets." (Federer, 53)

At age 60 he wrote to Rev. Lyman Ward: "Pray for me please that everything said and done will be to His glory. I am not interested in science or anything else that leaves God out of it." (Federer, 56)

Also at age 60, he wrote to Robert Johnson: "Living for others is really the Christ life after all. Oh, the satisfaction, happiness and joy one gets out of it. . . I know that my redeemer lives. Thank God I love humanity; complexion doesn't interest me one single bit." (Federer, 57)

At age 63, Carver said: "Man, who needed a purpose, a mission, to keep him alive, had one. He could be. . . God's co-worker. . . My purpose alone must be God's purpose. . . As I worked on projects which fulfilled a real human need, forces were working through me which amazed me. I would often go to sleep with an apparently insoluble problem. When I woke the answer was there." In a letter he wrote: "After I leave this world, I do not believe I am through." (Federer, 67-68)

At age 75, he wrote to Rev. Haygood: ". . . if we do not take Christ seriously in our every day life, all is a failure because it is an every day affair." (Federer, 84)

He once remarked: "The secret of my success? It is simple. It is found in the Bible, 'In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.'" (Federer, 86)

More than twenty years after Carver's death, Clarence Mason, director of the Carver Research Foundation at Tuskegee, said of Carver: ". . . I have the most profound respect and admiration for Dr. Carver because he turned away from the field in which he was most skilled and best trained [botany], to work in an area which he felt he could do the most good for the people in his community [chemistry]." (Ferrell, 48)

Carver said of his relationship with the Lord: ". . . all my life I have risen regularly at four o'clock and have gone into the woods and talked with God. There he gives me my orders for the day." (Ferrell, 58) He also said: "How I thank God every day that I can walk and talk with Him." (Federer, 61)

We can all thank God he did.

The DADI Question

“With respect to _____,
what can I DADI (Discover, Apply, Develop, and Implement)
in connection with the biblical view of God, or Creation, or
Humanity, or Moral Order, or Purpose?”

Get to know what the Bible says about God, Creation, Humanity, Moral Order and Purpose—and think about how it relates to your work. Focus on *one* specific idea that you really believe is true, with respect to the biblical worldview and your work.

Pray. Ask the Lord for insight and ideas. Dream a bit. Catch a vision.

Pay the price necessary to turn your vision into reality.

Put one foot in front of another—as God leads and grants you His grace.

DISCOVER

(What biblical revelation about God, or Creation, or Humanity, or Moral Order or Purpose relates to my work?)



APPLY

(In what way could this revelation be a part of my work?)



DEVELOP

(What training, discipline, or preparation must take place to bring this about?)



IMPLEMENT

(What specific actions steps will I take?)

One wonders how Dr. Carver might have answered *The DADI Question*. Based on what is known about the man and his worldview, the following *DADI Question* answers are close to what Dr. Carver may have written. They are speculative, of course, to provide an example of how *The DADI Question* works.

“With respect to my work as an innovator of new products from plants, what can I DADI (Discover, Apply, Develop and Implement) in connection with the biblical view of GOD?”

DISCOVER

(What biblical revelation about God relates to my work?)



APPLY

(In what way could this revelation be a part of my work?)



DEVELOP

(What training, discipline, or preparation must take place to bring this about?)



IMPLEMENT

(What specific actions steps will I take?)

I believe God communicates with human beings about specific things, and He can give me understanding and wisdom about creating new things from plants—if I’m listening.

I could ask God why He made the peanut, and He could show me how to create new products from this plant.

I must make prayer a part of my daily life, as well as a regular part of my work with plants in the lab. I must take time to listen to the Lord of all plants.

I will rise at 4:00 am so I can talk with God and receive my orders for the day. I will ask the Great Creator why He made the peanut. I will lock the door of my lab so I can hear His secrets.

“With respect to my work as an innovator of new products from plants, what can I DADI (Discover, Apply, Develop and Implement) in connection with the biblical view of CREATION?”

I believe after plants were created, humans were commissioned to rule over them as co-workers with God.

I could rule over the peanut, the sweet potato and the soybean, by co-creating new products with God from these plants.

I must change my primary focus from botany to chemistry in order to rule well over peanuts, sweet potatoes and soybeans in the lab.

I will spend time with God in His Little Workshop, using my knowledge of botany and chemistry, taking apart plants and putting them together again as He shows me how to create new things.

DISCOVER

(What biblical revelation about Creation relates to my work?)



APPLY

(In what way could this revelation be a part of my work?)



DEVELOP

(What training, discipline, or preparation must take place to bring this about?)



IMPLEMENT

(What specific actions steps will I take?)

“With respect to my work as an innovator of new products from plants, what can I DADI (Discover, Apply, Develop and Implement) in connection with the biblical view of HUMANITY?”

DISCOVER

(What biblical revelation about Humanity relates to my work?)



APPLY

(In what way could this revelation be a part of my work?)



DEVELOP

(What training, discipline, or preparation must take place to bring this about?)



IMPLEMENT

(What specific actions steps will I take?)

I believe humans are “the highest embodiment of God’s handiwork, and are to be loved most.”

I could demonstrate my love for farmers by teaching them about effective crop rotation and I could create products from these crops to build new markets for them.

I must develop a practical way of educating farmers about crop rotation. I must create new products for industrial uses from peanuts, sweet potatoes and soybeans.

I will create a “School on Wheels” to teach farmers. I will create industrial uses for the peanut, sweet potato and soybean, and help develop new markets for farmers.

“With respect to my work as an innovator of new products from plants, what can I DADI (Discover, Apply, Develop and Implement) in connection with the biblical view of MORAL ORDER?”

I believe humans have a moral responsibility to manage God’s creation in ways that are resourceful and beneficial, without waste or abuse.

I could find uses for the renewable resource of the peanut, sweet potato and the soybean that benefit people and industry, yet be kind to the land at the same time.

I must do all I can to encourage applied research in crop rotation, creating new products from plants, and encouraging the use of such crops in industry.

I will establish a center for the development of renewable plant resources for industry. I will develop relationships with leaders in industry, such as Henry Ford, to encourage use of such resources.

DISCOVER

(What biblical revelation about Moral Order relates to my work?)



APPLY

(In what way could this revelation be a part of my work?)



DEVELOP

(What training, discipline, or preparation must take place to bring this about?)



IMPLEMENT

(What specific actions steps will I take?)

“With respect to my work as an innovator of new products from plants, what can I DADI (Discover, Apply, Develop and Implement) in connection with the biblical view of PURPOSE?”

DISCOVER

(What biblical revelation about Purpose relates to my work?)



APPLY

(In what way could this revelation be a part of my work?)



DEVELOP

(What training, discipline, or preparation must take place to bring this about?)



IMPLEMENT

(What specific actions steps will I take?)

I believe that living for others is really what the Christ Life is all about.

I could use my skills as a botanist and a chemist to produce beneficial products that will serve farmers, and better their lives.

I must work hard to combine my knowledge of botany and chemistry with my trust in God to create industrial products from plants that will truly help farmers find new markets.

I will create new products from plants, and establish a Center for Research at Tuskegee Institute that will continue long after I am gone.

Session 8: Personalizing the DADI Question

Below is an example of how *The DADI Question* could be framed in the area of PURPOSE, based on the worldview and work of Gary Starkweather, inventor of the laser printer.

I believe God creates all humans in His image, and therefore there is something special about each one of us that we ought to try and cultivate, and ask God, "What is this unique quality that I ought to really make work for You?"

DISCOVER

I could put the gifts God has given me to work by taking ideas and turning them into tangible realities in the field of computer technology and optics.

APPLY

I must be very knowledgeable about the field of optics and the latest in computer technology. I must keep studying. If my faith is really what I say it is, then I ought to excel in fields where those who do not have my faith are playing.

DEVELOP

I will devote myself to co-working with God in creating new products that will benefit the human race in the 21st Century. I will compete in the open market.

IMPLEMENT

PERSONALIZING THE DADI QUESTION

1. Fill in the blank of *The DADI Question* below with your specific work.

With respect to my work as a _____, what can I DADI (Discover, Apply, Develop, Implement) in connection with the biblical view of God, or Creation, or Humanity, or Moral Order, or Purpose?

2. From the list of biblical premises given below, select ONE that rings a particular bell with you in relation to your work. Write this premise in the DISCOVERY section of the grid on the next page, after the words *I believe*. If none of the biblical premises given below really ring a bell with you, select one from the list of 50 biblical worldview premises given on pp. 43-47.
3. In the APPLY area of the grid on the next page, dream a bit. Think about how the biblical premise you have identified in the DISCOVERY section could specifically APPLY to your work. Ask God to help you think outside the box. Catch a vision. Be specific. Avoid broad generalizations.
4. In the DEVELOP area, write what you will need to develop in order to bring what you have written in the APPLY section to reality. What discipline is necessary? What training is required?
5. In the IMPLEMENT area, write specific action steps you will take as the Lord leads, and grants you His grace.

A biblical premise about GOD that relates to the workplace:

God actively moves in our daily lives to give us opportunities to care for people.

A biblical premise about CREATION that relates to the workplace:

All of the material realm is God's own possession, and is held together by the word of His power.

A biblical premise about HUMANITY that relates to the workplace:

All people are made in the image of God and are created with gifts and abilities that He desires to be exercised.

A biblical premise about MORAL ORDER that relates to the workplace:

We have a responsibility to manage God's creation in ways that are resourceful and beneficial, without waste or abuse.

A biblical premise about PURPOSE that relates to the workplace:

My role in the work world is to take what I believe as a Christian and translate that into practical day-to-day expressions of what I believe.

I believe

DISCOVER

I could

APPLY

I must

DEVELOP

I will

IMPLEMENT

Don't feel like you have to go through *The DADI Question* process with all five worldview components at once. Consider just one of the five components and work on this area for a few months, or even longer, and then consider another area to work on after you've made some significant progress. Don't lay more on yourself than you can handle at once. It takes time to build new habit patterns. It also takes the grace of God. Remember Philippians 2:13: *It is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.*

Share your DADI plan with a close friend. As you walk out your plan, let your friend know how you are doing along the way.

Session 9: "But Doesn't the Bible Say...?"

Set your mind on...

_____:
tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering,
bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, love,
peace, and thankfulness

not on...

_____:
fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, covetousness,
anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your
mouth, and lies

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Four meanings of the word "world" (Greek: *kosmos*) in the New Testament:

- A. *Populated regions* (Rom. 1:8)
- B. *The human race* (John 3:16)
- C. *The created realm* (Rom. 1:20)
- D. *A system of thought and behavior that is contrary to the will and ways of God* (Col. 2:8, I John 2:15-17, John 8:23, John 17:14-18, Eph. 2:1-3)



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Luke 4:5-8

Then the devil, taking [Jesus] up on a high mountain, showed Him all the _____ (Greek: *oikoumene* "earth," "world") in a moment of time.

And the devil said to Him, "All this _____ I will give You and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

THE ATII QUESTION:

With respect to _____
(an issue, or piece of art/music, opinion, event, etc.)
what is being ATII'd* about:

- God?**
- Creation?**
- Humanity?**
- Moral Order?**
- Purpose?**

*Assumed, Taught, Ignored, or Implied

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	GOD	CREATION	HUMANITY	MORAL ORDER	PURPOSE
assumed					
taught					
ignored					
implied					



Session 11: Four Wheels of Work



OCCUPATION

COMMUNITY
(local and global)



HOME

CHURCH



Session 12: Business As Mission



LEVEL 201 Session 13: The Big Picture

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BIG PICTURE PIECE #1:

The entire universe was spoken into existence by the

_____ willing choice.

(Gen. 1; John 1)

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BIG PICTURE PIECE #2:

God caused all things to first appear, and He continuously _____ all things throughout the present.

(Gen. 1; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:1-3; Acts 17:24-28; I Cor. 8:6)

BIG PICTURE PIECE #3:

The Creator-Sustainer is a _____.

(Gen. 1, 2, 3, 18; John 1; Col. 1:16-17)

Session 14: Made in the Image of God



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BIG PICTURE PIECE #4:

Man and woman were specially created in the likeness and image of God, thus setting us apart from animals, and giving us a basis for _____ value and _____ worth.

(Gen. 1: 26-27, 9:6)

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Being made in the likeness and image of God is the determining factor of human identity. This factor sets people as far apart from the ape as from the _____ or a _____.

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DEPREE'S QUESTIONS

What are a few of the things that you expect most and need most from me?

If you were "in my shoes," what is one key area or matter you would focus on?

What significant areas are there in the company where you feel you can make a contribution but feel you cannot get a hearing?

In the past year, what, from the perspective of integrity, most affected you personally, professionally, and organizationally?

THINK AGAIN...

When it comes to moral order, God never gave us choices!



Session 15: What Drives Modern Thought?

We have the _____
to break God's moral laws,
but we do not have the
_____ to break
them.

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We are "free" to disobey God's moral code in the same way we are "free" to jump off the edge of a cliff.

But if we have no choice but to fall to the ground, perhaps we must think again about our idea of "freedom."

Yes, we are free to jump, but we are not free to choose the _____.

BIG PICTURE PIECE #5:

God has set in place _____,
_____ moral laws for our
good, and when we disregard them, we hurt our-
selves and others.

(Ex. 20; Deut. 28; Psalm 119; Matt. 5-7, Rom. 6)

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Four Characteristics of Modern Thought:

1. _____ is the ultimate authority and guiding light.
2. There is a strong faith in human self-sufficiency, and trust in intellect.
3. Objective truths are believed to exist (that is, truths that are true for everybody), but they are to be discovered through independent reason and _____.
4. There is confidence in _____ to potentially solve all problems known to humanity (optimism is high).

Session 16: The 20th Century Turn



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QUANTUM MECHANICS:

- Newton's mechanical cause-and-effect laws are perceived as not functioning precisely at the sub-atomic level. Scientific "facts" are no longer "absolute" or "universal."
- The sub-atomic world is perceived as operating by rules that are inconsistent. " _____ " is no longer certain.
- Some (not all) physicists see sub-atomic matter as acting in different ways depending on how the _____ examines it.

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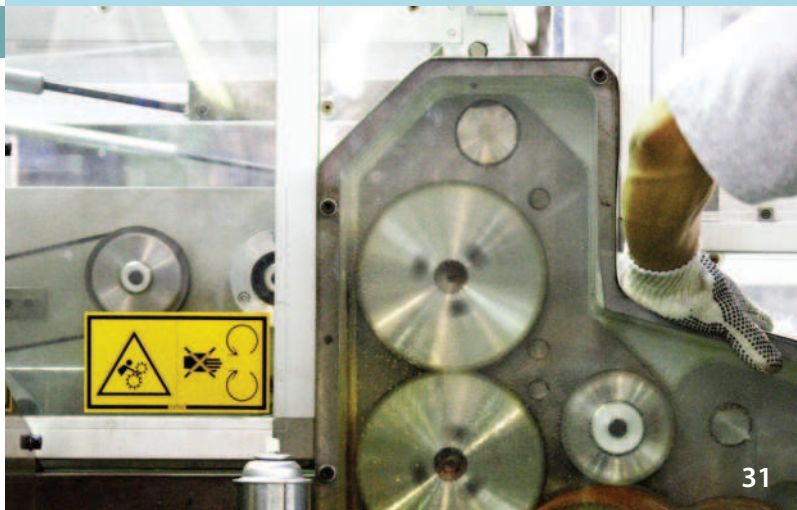
In the 1960s, wide-spread reaction to Modernity takes place:

- Modern optimism turns into postmodern _____
 - A belief in progress turns into a sense of _____
 - The "mechanical" universe is perceived as impersonal, purposeless and _____
- ...and people begin to embrace postmodern thought.

Three Characteristics of Postmodern Thought:

1. _____ is not the ultimate light and final authority: personal opinion, intuition and "gut instinct" can be just as valid.
2. There is no such thing as "universal," "absolute," and "certain" truth. Truth is a _____, determined by different social groups, and it varies from group to group. (All "truths" are valid.)
3. There is no _____ center of meaning and values for everyone. (Truth is truth "for you.")

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Session 17: The Upside of Postmodern Times

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Moral Relativism:

Morality which is relative to the collective consensus of a social group, or to an individual's desire. In either case, there is no regard for _____

_____.

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BIG PICTURE PIECE #6:

Since the Fall, human beings have experienced an internal problem with _____ —a natural “bent” to go our own way rather than God’s way, and to be a law unto ourselves.

(Gen. 3; Prov. 16; Rom. 6-8; Gal.5)

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The Upside of Postmodern Times:

1. Overconfidence in human reason is being corrected.
2. _____ is increasingly acceptable and welcome.
3. The importance of _____ is being rediscovered.





Session 18: Spiritual Influence at Work

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What does it mean to be an authentic “LOP” (Lover Of People) in the workplace?

Here are the signs:

- We are patient with our co-workers.
- We genuinely care about their well-being, and express it through action.
- We affirm their abilities and celebrate their successes.
- We do not try to impress them with our own successes.
- We are civil and polite with them.
- We do not take advantage of them.
- We are not irritable with them.
- We forgive and forget their offenses.
- We encourage their honesty, and discourage dishonest ideas.
- We help them lift heavy work loads.
- We believe in them.
- We hope for their best.
- We stick with them through tough times.
- We are there for them when they need us.

(See I Cor. 13: 4-8)

Col. 3:23

“Whatever you do, do your _____ heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men...”

W.W.I.D.

“What Would I Do if this customer, co-worker, or client was Jesus?”

What Would I Do if the car I am repairing was Jesus’ car?

What Would I Do if the fund account I am managing was Jesus’ account?

What Would I Do if the meal I am preparing was for Jesus to eat?

Session 19: Responding Rightly When Things Go Wrongly

“At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.”

US Supreme Court
Planned Parenthood v. Casey, 1992
Joint Opinion by O’Connor, Kennedy, and Souter

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BIG PICTURE PIECE #7:

At the cross, Christ took upon Himself the sins of the human race in order to bridge the _____ gap between us and God, and to provide a way of redemption through personal faith in His finished work.

(John 1:10-13, 3:14-17; Romans 5:8, 6:23, 10:9-10)

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OR...

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At the heart of liberty is the acceptance of God’s right to define our concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.

BECAUSE WE HAVE AN INTERNAL PROBLEM, WE MUST APPROPRIATE AN INTERNAL SOLUTION.

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“Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled either by a power within them, or by a power without them; either by the Word of God, or by the strong arm of man, either by the Bible or by the bayonet.”

Robert Winthrop, 1852

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BIG PICTURE PIECE #8:

Genuine freedom is the internal self-control that comes from _____, through the enablement of the Holy Spirit, regardless of the circumstances.

(Gal. 5:13-25; Rom. 6-8)

A mark of liberty:

The ability to respond

_____ when things go

_____.

Session 20: Hearing a Different Drummer

Jack vanHartesvelt is a hotel investment manager. As you listen to him recounting the changes he made in his approach to negotiations, consider how the biblical worldview shaped his values and influenced his behavior. Below is *The DADI Question* applied to the process Jack went through in relating his work of buying and selling hotels to the biblical view of Moral Order:

“With respect to my work in real estate negotiations, what can I DADI (Discover, Apply, Develop and Implement) in connection with the biblical view of MORAL ORDER?”

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I believe Matthew 7:12 applies to my work: *“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”*

I could treat those I’m negotiating with in the same way I would like them to treat me, by working as hard for their interests as for my own.

I must let the company lawyers know that I’m not going to play the game like I used to. I must be up front with the board and gain clearance for changing my way of negotiating.

I will deal with people on the other side of the table in a manner that is as fair and just for them as it is for me.

DISCOVER

(What biblical revelation about Moral Order relates to my work?)



APPLY

(In what way could this revelation be a part of my work?)



DEVELOP

(What training, discipline, or preparation must take place to bring this about?)



IMPLEMENT

(What specific actions steps will I take?)

Session 21: “But I’m Just a Hairdresser!”



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“Our work is a participation in God’s creation...Ruling, subduing, multiplying, causing plants to grow, making things—these are what God does, and yet God gives them as tasks to human beings...God has chosen to work through human beings, who, in their different capacities and according to their different talents, serve each other.”

Gene Edward Veith, in *God at Work*



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“On the sixth day, God created human beings—and ordered them to pick up where He left off!”

Chuck Colson

“God created a world that functions on order, and requires labor for its tending. He created you and me to be a part of that order, to do that labor. Even when our acts at work don’t seem to have eternal significance, their very rendering fulfills His original commission to humans to tend His creation.”

Randy Kilgore, in *Marketplace Moments*



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“What is needed is a comprehensive biblical foundation for the Christian’s life in the world as well as the church, a theology for homemakers, nurses and doctors, plumbers, stockbrokers, politicians and farmers. As Gibbs and Morton said, ‘Recovering this... would be like discovering a new continent or finding a new element.’”

Paul Stevens, in *The Other Six Days*

Session 22: What in the World is the Kingdom of God?

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

...has come, and is yet to come in its fullness.

...is as broad as creation is wide. (In a *geographic* sense, nothing lies outside of God's Kingdom—outside His jurisdiction.)

...encompasses all of heaven and all of earth at once—presently.

...is larger than the Church, and not to be limited to it.

...extends over all other earthly institutions (both social and civil).

...has "tares" (sons of the wicked one) in it that will someday be removed.

..."comes" (or, is "actualized") when human beings act in harmony with God's will.

...can "come" (be "actualized") in the form of making a kayak for grandchildren, cutting hair, inventing the laser printer, and selling real estate—as well as preaching sermons and feeding the hungry.

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I Chronicles 29:11

...all that is _____ and _____ is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over _____.

Psalm 103:19

The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules _____.

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Acts 19:36

He ___ Lord of all.
(*present tense*)



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Matthew 13:41

"...and [the angels of God] will gather _____ all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness..."



The Biblical Worldview provides a _____ for all things, so the pieces of life can be rightly understood in light of God’s bigger picture.

HOW, THEN, SHALL WE THINK?

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Session 23: The Biblical Worldview Finder

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The Basic Problem:

“The basic problem of the Christians...is that they have seen things in bits and pieces instead of _____.”

Francis A. Schaeffer, A Christian Manifesto

KEEP THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND

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The Basic Solution:

Think in a way that _____ between the pieces of life and God’s larger frame of reference.

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A “piece of life” can be any idea, event, problem, thing, person, concept or activity we can think about or experience. It can be a job, a friend, a feeling, a book or film, an event, an experiment, or a sunflower!

Session 24: Vital Friends and Parting Thoughts



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Ecc. 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their _____. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up... Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

In Tom Rath's book, *Vital Friends*¹, eight kinds of "vital friends" are identified.

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Next to the various types of vital friends given below, write the names of people in your own life who fill these roles (*you may repeat the same names more than once*):

1. BUILDER: motivates you to accomplish things
2. CHAMPION: sings your praises
3. COLLABORATOR: has similar interests
4. COMPANION: is always there for you
5. CONNECTOR: introduces you to others
6. ENERGIZER: gives you a boost
7. MIND OPENER: challenges you to think outside the box
8. NAVIGATOR: provides guidance

¹ *Vital Friends: The People You Can't Afford to Live Without*, Gallop Press, New York, 2006.

“MY PERSONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS”

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1. Put yourself and 6 (max) others around the table above that are currently influencing you the most, in a positive way. They may be living or dead. They may be people you have not personally met, such as an author or a media personality. They are the voices you turn to, listen to and learn the most from.
2. List one or two words by each name to describe the reason that person is on your Personal Board of Directors.
3. Write a note to one of your board members (a living one!), letting this person know that he/she is on your board, and why.

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BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW PREMISES RELATING TO GOD AND WORK:

God is present everywhere in my workplace. [*Ps. 139:8 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.*]

God knows all my thoughts and my co-workers thoughts, and is fully aware of the details of each individual life connected with my work. [*Luke 12:6-7 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*]

God desires a personal relationship with me and with all of my co-workers and customers. [*I Tim. 2:4 God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*]

God communicates with me on the job, and He will give me wisdom when I ask. [*II Tim. 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works; John 16:13 ...when He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth...*]

God is all-powerful, and there is no problem I face at work that is too difficult for Him. [*Jer. 32:17 Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.*]

God is righteous and cares about justice being done throughout every aspect of my work. [*Ps. 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice...*]

God is merciful and forgives. [*I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*]

God has given people great diversity of gifts and abilities which He desires to be freely exercised for the benefit of all involved in my workplace. [*James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...; Eph. 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them...*]

God answers prayer on the job as well as off. [*Luke 11:9-11 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*]

God works through redeemed people to accomplish His purposes in the workplace. [*Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*]

These premises (and those given later under Creation, Humanity, Moral Order, Purpose) have been adapted from biblical truth statements compiled by The Biblical Worldview Institute, an organization training teachers to integrate the biblical worldview into curriculum design and lesson plans. See www.biblicalworldviewinstitute.org.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW PREMISES RELATING TO CREATION AND WORK:

My entire workplace and everything in it was spoken into existence by the Creator's willing choice. [*John. 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*]

All material things in my workplace are continually sustained by God. [*Col. 1:17 All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (hold together).*]

God's created things in my workplace include both physical and spiritual realities. [*Col. 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.*]

God's created things in my workplace include both temporal and eternal realities. [*II Cor. 4:18 For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. Col. 1:16-17 All things were created through Him and for Him.*]

All aspects of God's creation in my workplace speak of His power and authority over all. [*Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead...*]

My workplace is affected by corruption due to humanity's sin. [*Rom. 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.*]

My workplace and everything in it has not been forsaken by God, in spite of the Fall. [*Gen. 3:21 (after the Fall) ... for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them; John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*]

My workplace and everything in it remains God's own possession, and therefore everything in my workplace has great significance. [*Ps. 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and all it contains.*]

My workplace is a realm that God intends for humans to responsibly steward and govern. [*Ps. 8:4-8 You have made [mankind] to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.*]

Spiritual forces exist that oppose God and His work in my workplace. [*Eph. 6:11-12 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*]

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW PREMISES RELATING TO HUMANITY AND WORK:

My co-workers and customers are all created in the likeness and image of God, and possess intrinsic value and inherent worth on this basis. [*Gen. 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."; See also Gen. 9:6.*]

Every co-worker is a spiritual as well as a physical being, having both physical and spiritual needs. [*Gen. 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being; Deut. 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*]

I and all my co-workers and customers have been born with a basic nature that tends to go its own way rather than God's way. [*Isa. 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way...; Rom. 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*]

Human pain, suffering, sorrow, and alienation from God are the results of sin's effects, and none of my co-workers or customers are exempt from these realities. [*Rom. 5:12 ...by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men...*]

My customers and co-workers can be restored to a right relationship with God through trust in the finished work of Christ. [*John 3:14-15 ...as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*]

Since I am a believer in Christ, I have the Holy Spirit dwelling within me and He empowers me to live a God-honoring life in the workplace. [*1 John. 4:4 He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*]

As a Christ-follower, I am to be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within me to any co-worker or customer who asks. [*1 Pet. 3:15 ...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you...*]

I can model what it means to be a dedicated follower of Christ by observing His commands in the context of my daily work. [*Matt. 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...; Col. 3:23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men...*]

I, and my co-workers, have been endowed by God with special gifts and abilities for ruling over the material world, and when these talents are put to good use in the workplace, the result is increased joyful service in the age to come. [*Gen. 1:26-28 "Let us make man in our image... and let them rule... over all the earth." Matt. 25:21 "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."*]

All my co-workers and customers will experience physical death followed by eternal fellowship with God or eternal separation from Him. [*Matt. 25:32-34; 41 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another... Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"... Then He will also say to those on the left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels..."*]

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW PREMISES RELATING TO MORAL ORDER AND WORK:

The two foremost workplace responsibilities I have are to love the Lord with all my heart, mind and strength, and to love my co-workers and customers as myself. [*Matt. 22:36-40 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*]

I am responsible to God and ultimately accountable to God for all my workplace actions. [*Heb. 9:27 ... it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...*]

Ultimately, all legitimate moral order is determined by God, not by my boss, the Board of Directors, or my customers. [*Ex. 20:1-3 And God spoke all these words, saying: “... You shall have no other gods before Me...”*]

The Bible is God’s divinely inspired gift, and His authoritative rule of faith and conduct for the workplace. [*Tim. 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*]

The non-optional and non-negotiable moral order of God applies to every aspect of work. [*Deut. 10:12 What does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength.*]

Genuine freedom is the internal self-control that comes from self-government under God, through the enablement of the Holy Spirit—regardless of my circumstances at work. [*Gal. 5:1-23 ... do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage... you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace... I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...*]

To obey God in all things related to my work-life is the most intelligent thing I can do. [*Ps. 119:97-99 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers...*]

Since the Fall, human beings (including myself and every co-worker and customer I come in contact with) have experienced an internal problem with sin – a natural “bent” to go our own way rather than God’s way, and to be a law unto ourselves. [*Isa. 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way...*]

Although I have the God-given ability to break His moral laws on the job, I do not have the right to break them. [*Matt. 4:10 You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.*]

Violation of God’s moral order at work results in pain—for the violator and for others. [*Rom. 5:12 ... by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men... See also Ex. 20, Deut. 28, Psalm 119, Matt. 5-7 and Romans 6.*]

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW PREMISES RELATING TO PURPOSE AND WORK:

The First Commission God gave to mankind was to rule over all the earth—and that space includes my workplace. [*Gen. 1:26-28 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them rule... over all the earth...”*]

God desires His will to be done in my workplace as it is in heaven. [*Luke 11:2 So Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven...Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...”*]

My function as a believer in Christ is to “salt” and “light” the workplace. [*Matt. 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*]

The real purpose of all the things I work with is found in Christ’s purpose for all things. [*Rev. 4:11 ...Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.*]

There is a purpose for myself as well as for each co-worker and customer I know. [*1 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is...not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Eph. 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*]

The Bible helps me to understand God’s plan and purpose at my workplace. [*1 Tim. 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*]

God gives me daily opportunities in the workplace to serve others in the name of Christ. [*Matt.5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*]

God’s purpose for civil government relates to my workplace. [*Rom. 13:1-4 For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God...For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil...For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister...]*

Christ’s Great Commission to “make disciples” can be done in the context of the workplace. [*Matt. 28:18-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...]*

By God’s grace, He will work through redeemed people to bring His light to every sphere of work. [*Matt. 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*]

Slide 1: start... germinate

Slide 2: captive; captive

Five Questions That Shape All Worldviews:

1. authority 2. universe 3. human beings 4. right and wrong 5. purpose

Slide 3: larger whole

Slide 4: 1. God 2. Creation 3. Humanity 4. Moral Order 5. Purpose

Biblical beliefs that shape John Beckett's workplace culture:

1. "My main mission in life is to know the will of God and do it." 2. "I see my role in the work-world to take what I believe as a Christian and translate that into practical day-to-day expressions of what I believe." 3. "Every individual is created in the image and likeness of God." 4. Family comes before work.

Slide 5: biblical worldview premises; values; workplace behaviors; invigorate; renew; transform

Slide 7: inferior

Slide 9: fallen...forsaken

Slide 11: significance

Slide 12: worship

Slide 13: First

Slide 14: dualism

Slide 17: light

Slide 18: pleasant to the sight

Slide 19: for beauty...blue

Slide 20: filled him with the Spirit of God...to design artistic works

Slide 21: things above...things on the earth

Slide 23: kingdoms of the world...authority

Slide 26: Designer-Creator's

Slide 27: sustains

Slide 28: personal being

Slide 29: intrinsic...inherent

Slide 30: ant...plant

Slide 32: consequences

Slide 33: ability...right

Slide 34: non-optional, non-negotiable

Slide 35: 1. Reason based solely on observation and measurement 3. scientific rationalism
4. science and reason

Slide 36: scientific certainty; observer

Slide 37: cynicism; regress; meaningless

Slide 38: Reason; "construct;" standard or unified

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Slide 40: sin

Slide 39: 2. Spirituality; 3. Relationships

Slide 43: work

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Slide 47: self-government under God

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Slide 55: in heaven...in earth...all

Slide 56: over all

Slide 57: is

Slide 58: out of His Kingdom

Slide 60: frame of reference

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