Science, Philosophy, and the Cross Colossians 2:6-15

See the World Through Christ!

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Memory Verse "Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ." Colossians 2:16-17 ^{ESV}

Study Questions

Why is it that simply mentioning words like abortion, gender dysphoria, and climate change 'get's your hackles up'?

Can you identify some key elements of the materialist (naturalist) worldview? The Post-Modern worldview? The Christian-Theist worldview? James W Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, 2009, is a resource.

"A **worldview** is a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the heart, that can be expressed as a story or in a set of presuppositions (assumptions which may be true, partially true or entirely false) which we hold (consciously or unconsciously, consistently or inconsistently) about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides the foundation on which we live and move and have our being." James Sire (Naming the Elephant, 122)

Why is preaching about cultural trends important? Why is it important to bring these trends to the light of the Cross?

"If I profess, with the loudest voice and the clearest exposition, every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christianity. Where the battle rages the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battle-field besides is mere flight and disgrace to him if he flinches at that one point." Martin Luther (?)

Read 1 Corinthians 2:2. If we accept Paul's use of hyperbole here, what is he getting at? How does Teddy Roosevelt quote relate, "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."

Is Sedgwick correct?

"From first to last it [theory of evolution] is a dish of rank materialism cleverly cooked up And why is this done? For no other reason, I am sure, except to make us independent of a Creator." Adam Sedgwick

Read Col 2:13-15. How does the Cross relate to every human endeavor?