

Sunday School

Worldview: Building Blocks

Definitions

Weltanschauung: The German word for “Worldview” coined by Kant - primarily what can be perceived by the senses

Deus Dixit: God speaks

Classical Metaphysics: Metaphysics exist outside of the individual

Modern Metaphysics: Metaphysics exist inside the mind

Names to Remember

Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920) - Founder of the Free University and Anti-Revolutionary Party, Prime Minister of the Netherlands 1901-1905. Primary Christian writing about worldview in the 1800's, believed Calvinism offered a complete worldview

The Components of a Christian Metaphysic

1. God created all things through Christ (Gen. 1; John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16)
2. God is holding all things together, invisible and visible, in Christ (Col. 1:16-18)
3. The future will be like the past, God will preserve the Earth until the end (Gen. 8:21-22)

Summary

The concept of worldview has been around since the beginning, but it wasn't coined and brought into the light of philosophy until Kant coined the phrase Weltanschauung. Abraham Kuyper was one of the first Christians to build out this concept from a Christian position. In the Christian metaphysic, we have a foundation for origins of the universe, the inductive principle, and the specific quality of man's creation. There is a purposed universe in the Christian worldview.