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Witnessing from a Worldview Perspective

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A Personal Worldview Engagement



Questions Worldviews Must Answer

Origin: *Where do we come from?*

Identity: *Who are we?*

Meaning: *Why are we here?*

Morality: *How ought we act?*

Destination: *Where are we going?*

Worldview Defined

A vision of life . . . a framework or set of fundamental beliefs through which we view the world and our calling and future in it.

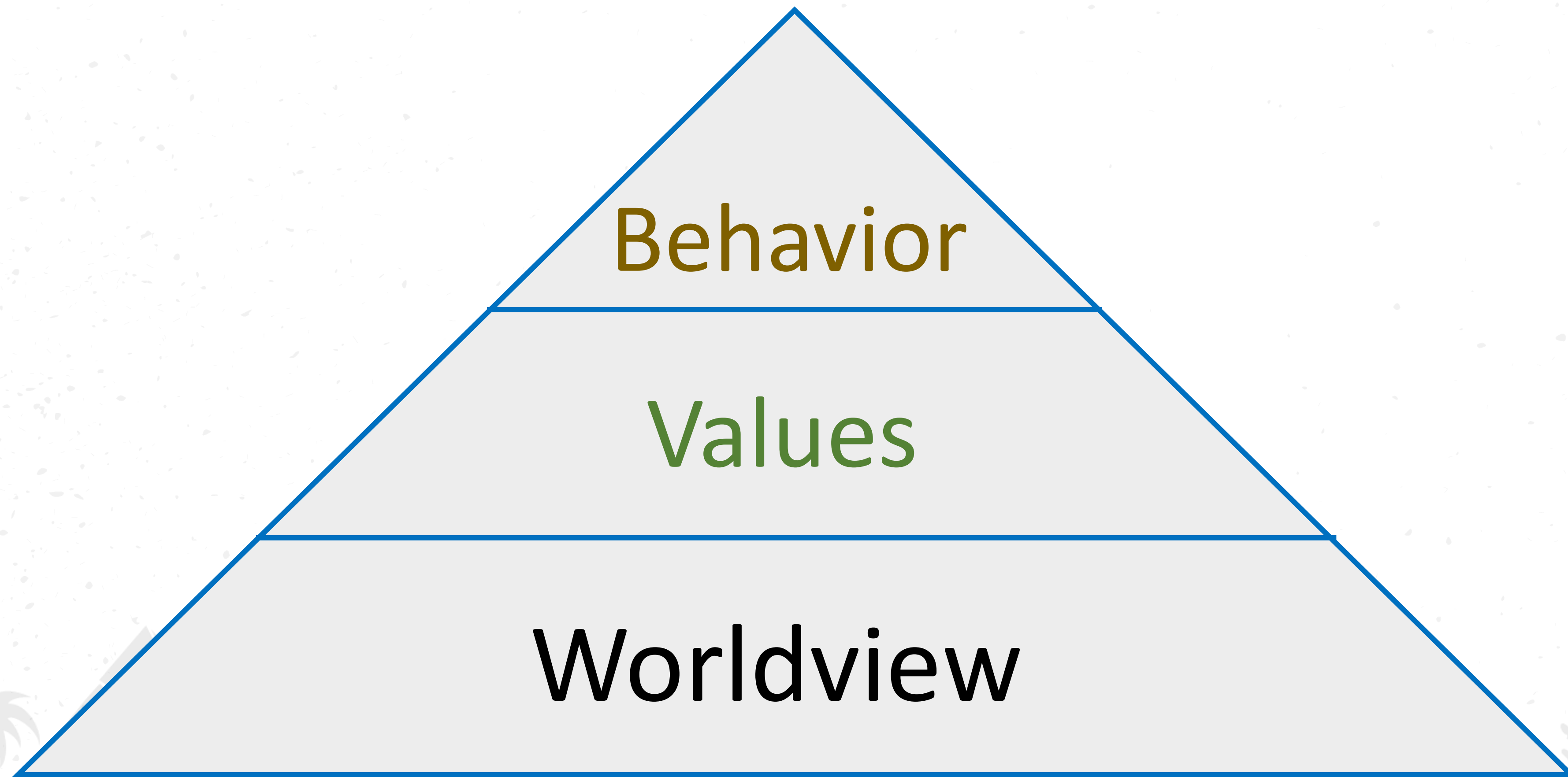
James Olthus

Stained Glass: Worldviews and Social Sciences

Why Worldviews Matter



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*While worldviews can be dissected intellectually,
they also reflect and address
the orientation of one's innermost being – that is, the heart.*

Doug Groothuis

*Christian Apologetics: A Comprehensive
Case for Biblical Faith*

Biblical Worldview



Biblical Worldview: Origin

Where do we come from?

*We are created beings,
wonderfully made in the image of God*

Genesis 1:27

Psalm 139:14

Biblical Worldview: Identity

Who are we?

Made in the image of God, we are creatures of supreme worth and dignity.

But we are also fallen creatures.

“With the coming of Jesus as the perfect image of God, Christians are re-created and become conformed to Christ as an expression of his image, with righteousness, holiness, and knowledge.”

Gen 3

John 1:12; 3:16-18

Rom 3:10-12; 5:12; 8:29

2 Cor 5:17

Gal 4:5

Eph 4:24

Col 1:15; 3:10

Biblical Worldview: Meaning

Why are we here?

“Seek first his kingdom and righteousness . . .” (Matthew 6:33)

“Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.” (Westminster Shorter Catechism)

We are also here to share the Good News and to be good and faithful stewards of his creation.

Gen 1:26, 28

Isa 43:7

Matt 6:33; 28:19

John 15:8

Eph 4:25

2 Cor 4:15-18; 5:17-20

Biblical Worldview: Morality

How ought we live?

Morality is based on God's nature [?] his holiness, righteousness, perfect justice, and mercy, love, etc.; morality is transcendent and absolute.

Since God first loved us, we should love him and others and do all that pleases him.

"The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will."

(Westminster Shorter Catechism)

Eccles 12:13-14

Rom 5:8

1 John 4:19-21

Matt 22:35-40

Mark 12:28-34

Luke 10:27

Biblical Worldview: Destination

Where are we going?

God's infinite justice demands that he punish our sins, but because of his infinite love he has taken the punishment upon himself.

Believers: those who put their faith in Christ by faith alone are destined for eternal salvation with him in his heavenly kingdom.

Non-believers: those who do not put their faith in Christ are destined for eternal separation from God.

John 3:16, 18

Rom 3:26

2 Cor 5:21

Isa 53:4, 10, 12

Rev 21:1-8; 22:1-5

Biblical Worldview: “Grand Narrative”



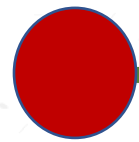
Biblical Worldview: “Grand Narrative”

*Christianity . . . offers a story
which is the story of the whole world.
It is public truth.*

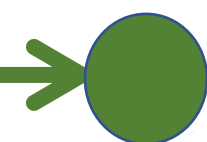
N.T. Wright
Anglican Bishop

Evangelism Process: A Framework for Witnessing

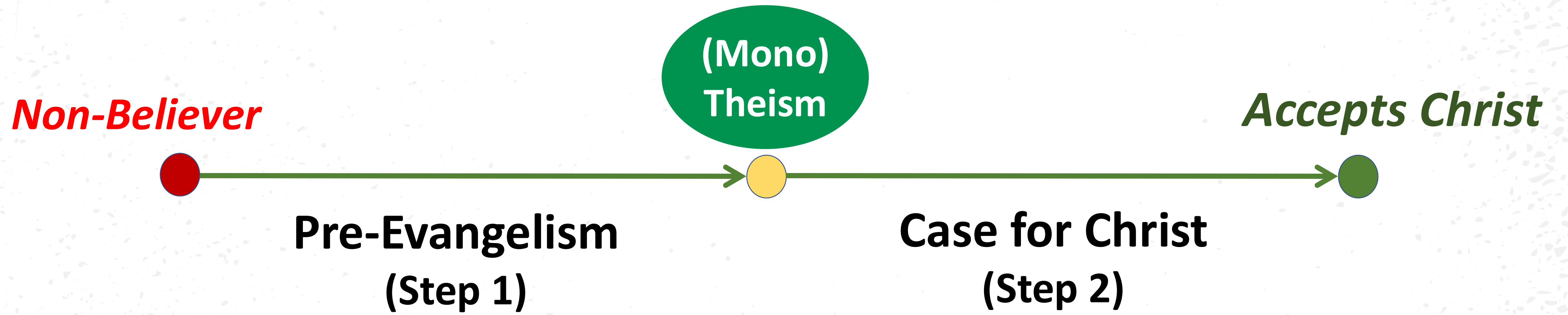
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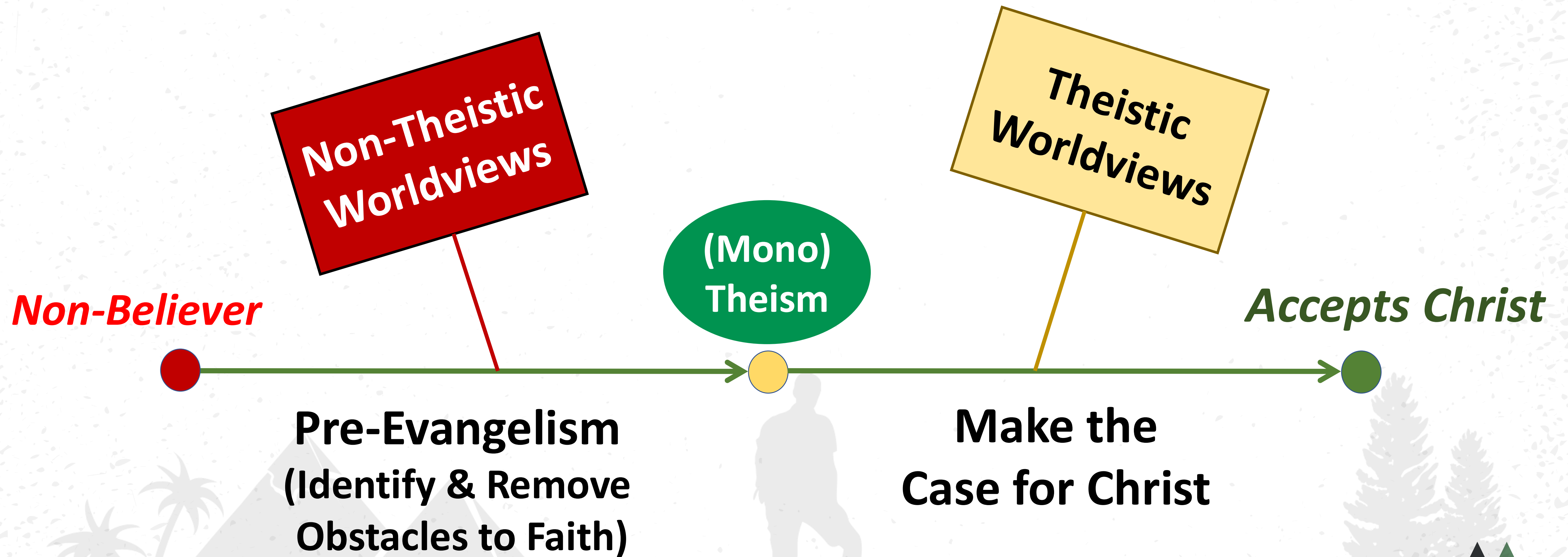
Accepts Christ



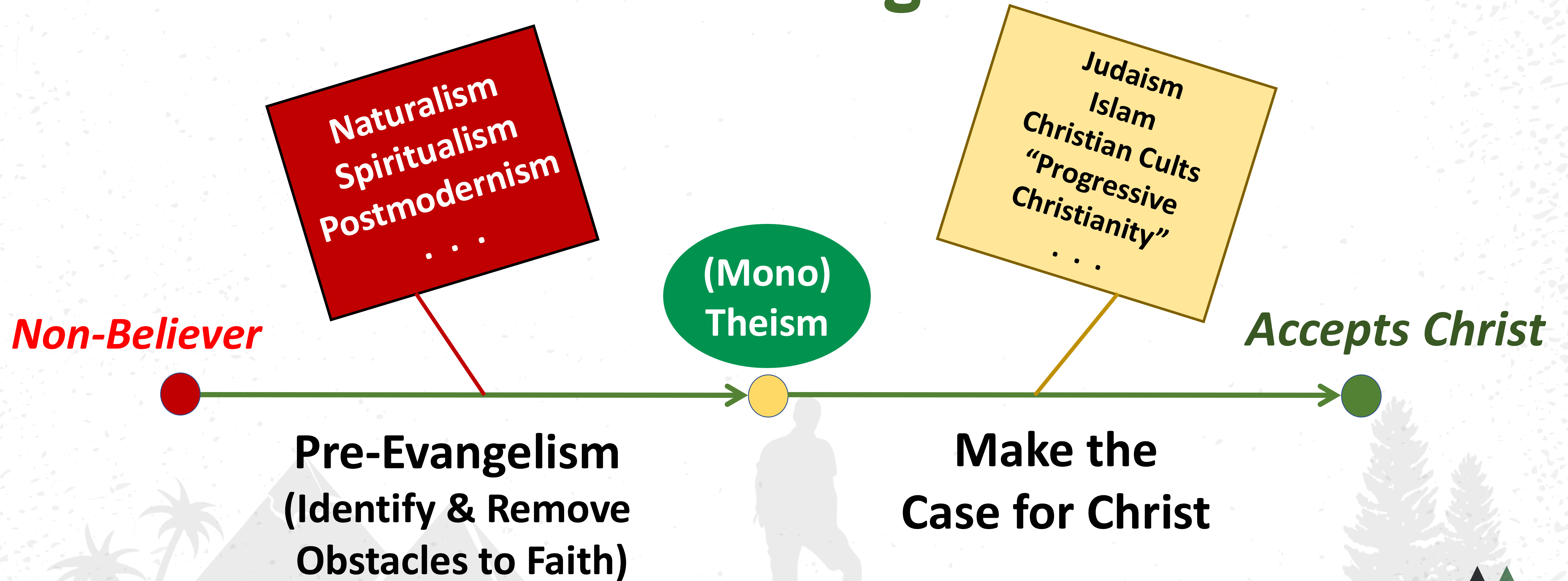
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Q & A



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Naturalism Defined

Philosophical belief that everything arises from natural properties and causes ☐ nature is the whole show

- *Supernaturalism is excluded*
- *Spiritual explanations are discounted*
- *There is no mind or soul*
- *Miracles are rejected*
- *A Naturalist is either an atheist or agnostic (assumes no God)*