

True Story: A Picture of Reality

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Question: People love stories. What's your favourite?

Stories are how we make sense of our lives and world. The dominant story we live under is our "worldview."

4 basic parts of a worldview:

1. A beginning that sets the stage
2. An explanation of the problem
3. The resolution: how the problem gets fixed
4. An ending

All worldviews are not equal. So THE question is:

Which worldview does the best job telling the truth about our lives and the world?

Question: What is the most unique worldview that you have heard coming out of a conversation you have had?

The mantra of our culture: don't confuse religion with reality. Often today we hear talk about "My truth" as opposed to the ordinary definition of truth, which is "that which corresponds to reality."

Question: What are some of the "my truths" you have heard people say?

The Christian story starts in Genesis 1:1 in the Bible.

"Christianity ... is a comprehensive account of the structure of reality, a rational and real-world account of the history of the universe, a verifiable storyline of the unfolding of the cosmos." Nancy Pearcey

The leading theory with "the beginning of the story" is the Big Bang Theory. Two problems with this theory:

1. Where did the matter come from?
2. Who or what caused the explosion?

"Now we see how the astronomical evidence leads to a biblical view of the origin of the world."

Dr. Robert Jastrow PhD

Michael Behe, in his search for answers for parts of the evolutionary biochemistry story that didn't make sense, has led him to become one of the leading advocates of Intelligent Design.

Christianity is a picture of reality.

Read John 1:1-4,14; 14:6

"Truth" used in these verses mean: conformity to reality or actuality.

Question: What are some implications of viewing these verses with this definition of truth?

Reality has a way of getting our attention.

You can believe whatever you want to believe but that doesn't make it true.

Read Colossians 2:8

Question: From this verse, what are the three sources of philosophies? What is your source?