

Biblical Worldview: The Foundation of Transformation

**Session One of Two:
Basics about Worldview**

Transformation in History

- First: personal transformation with vision of the Lordship of Christ over all of society
- Then persecution, sometimes for centuries
- Followed sometimes by transformation
- ± 60% of all martyrs died in 20th century.

Let us count the cost before we continue...

YES, LORD JESUS

- I want Your will; nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. By Your grace, I will:
 - Stay where You put me
 - Go where You send me
 - Do what You command me
 - Sacrifice what You gave me
 - Suffer what You require of me
 - Die when You want, in the way You choose for me
- Love God and neighbour with all I am + have

**If you had to compare yourself
to a tree,
what kind of tree would you be?**









Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, and does not stand in the way of sinners, and does not sit in the seat of scorers. But his delight is only in the Torah of JHWH, and he meditates in His Torah day and night.

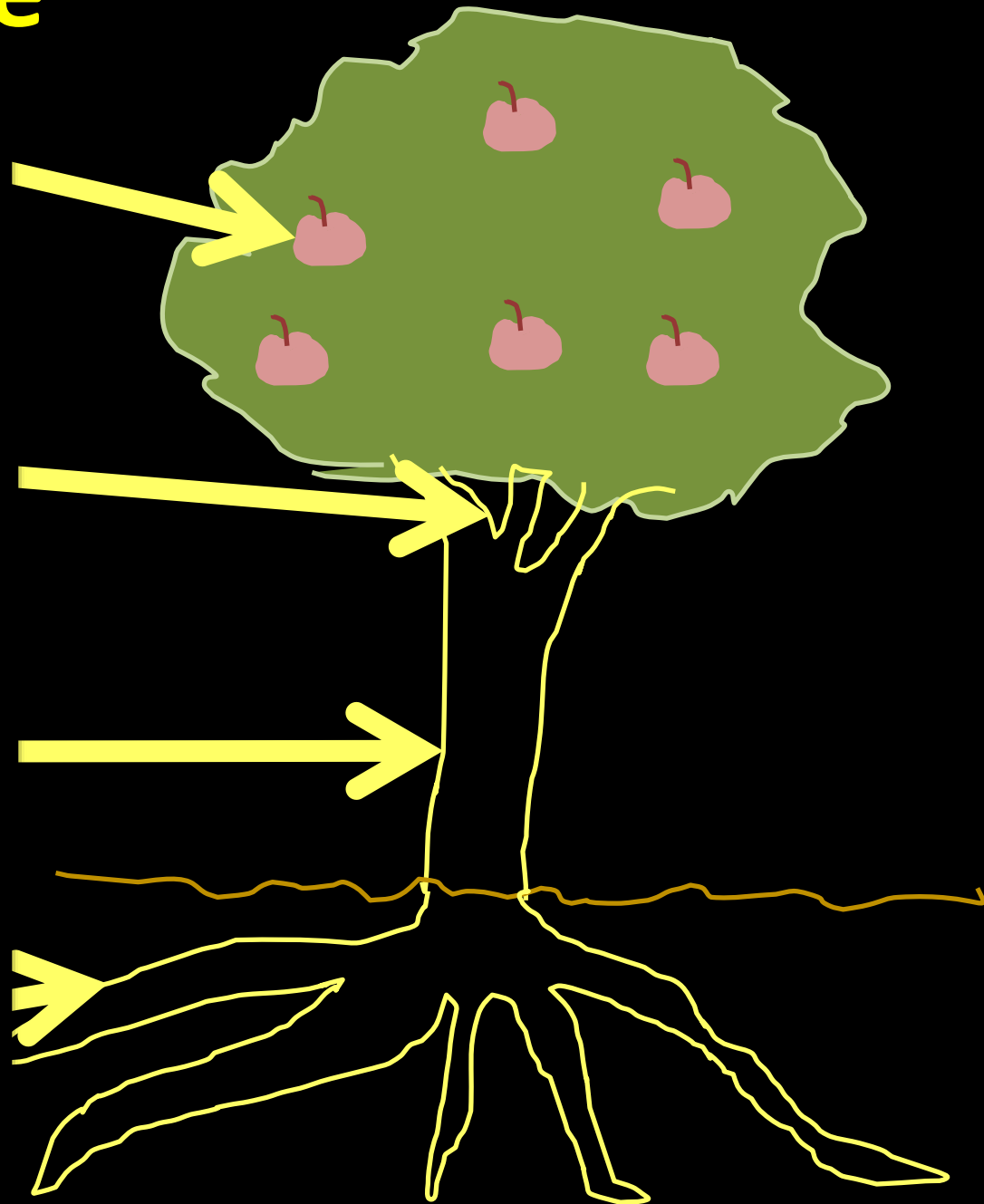
And **he shall be like a tree** planted by the rivulets of waters, which will give its fruit in its seasons, and its leaf will not wither, and all which he does will prosper. Not so are the wicked, but they are only as chaff which the wind drives about. Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the tzadikim.

For JHWH knows the way of the tzadikim, and the way of the wicked shall perish.

Torah is for the tzadikim

- Torah: God's wisdom (vision + guidelines) for a society that is ultimately answerable to Him
- Tzadikim: those who apply God's wisdom and as a result are holy and righteous people who act accordingly
- Transformation through Torah!
- Jesus Christ is Torah

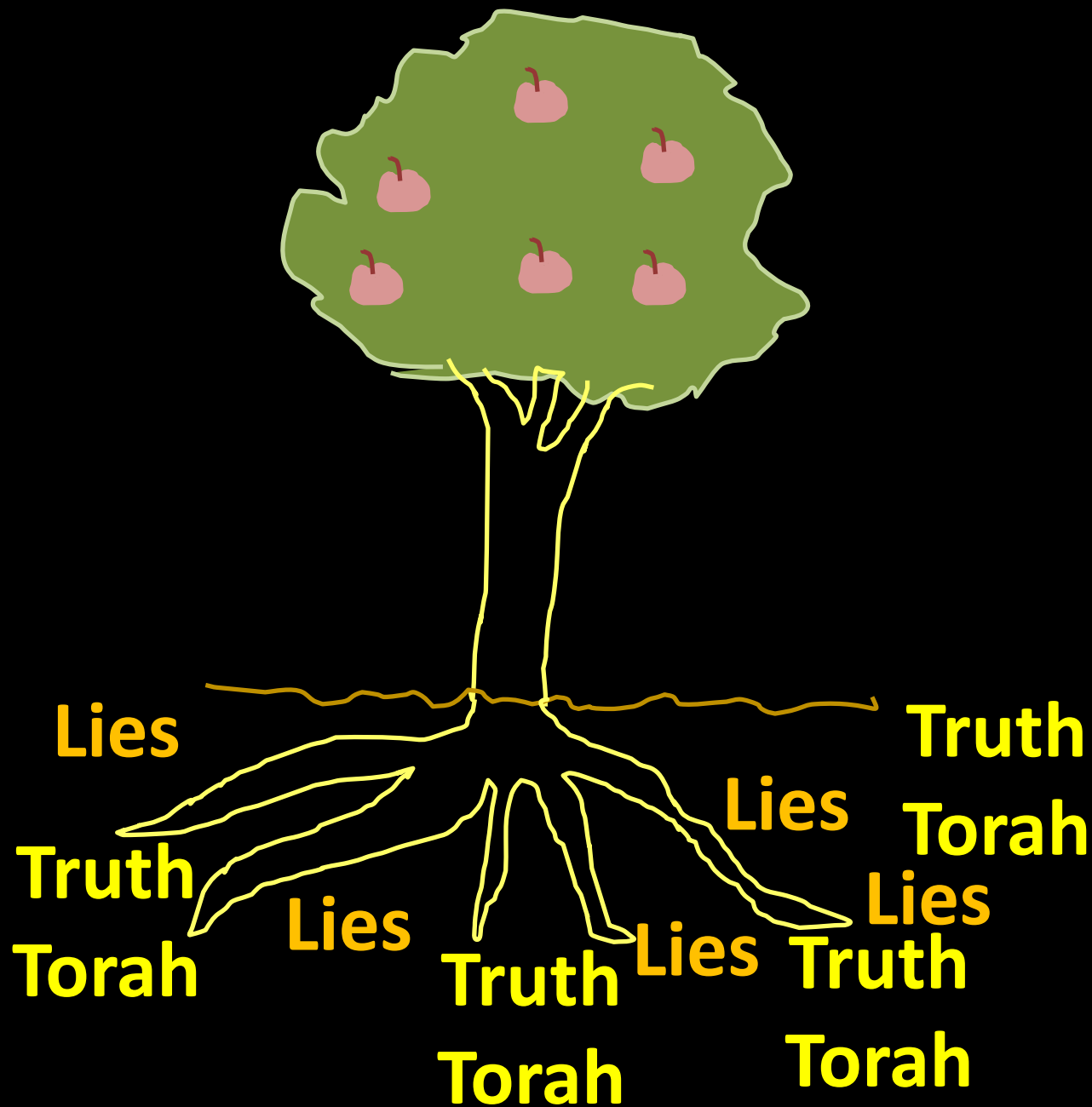
Worldview Tree



WORLDVIEW BELIEFS LIVE IN HEARTS

- **Watch your heart above all things**, for from it flows the springs of life, Prov. 4: 23
- For **with the heart one believes** unto righteousness and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation, Rom. 10: 10

Torah is a heart matter



Feeding
the Tree
of Beliefs

EACH OF US IS A WORLDVIEW TREE

- Our own worldview
 - What have others to put into your tree?
 - What food/care are you giving your tree?
- The worldview tree of our disciples
 - Our concentric circles of influence
 - Intentional or incidental influence
 - Cross-generational or not

SOCIETY IS A WORLDVIEW FOREST

- Reflects majority of society/community
- Reflects counter-trends as well
- Changes in worldview forests are slow but can be accelerated by storms
- Transformation inside – out in right direction possible through God's truth

Jesus Christ is The Truth...

WORLDVIEW – BRIEF DEFINITIONS

1. A sacred canopy under which one can live (Berger)
2. A map of reality that is used as a map for living (Geertz)
3. Foundational framework about reality used to order life (Hiebert)

Sought: Torah-based Framework

WORLDVIEW AND BEHAVIOUR

- Worldview is what you **really** believe
- What you **do** reveals what you really believe
- The larger the gap between professed beliefs and actual beliefs, the more serious the case of hypocrisy

WHAT DOES A WORLDVIEW DO?

1. Answers Ultimate Questions: Belief sets
2. Provides security for Emotional Crises
3. Gives Validation of Cultural Norms
4. Integrates Culture into a Sensible Whole
5. Navigates Through Responses to Change
6. Reassures that Everything is OK

Worldviews are profound

WORLDVIEW BELIEF SET SETS: PART ONE

1. Who is God?

2. Who are we?

3. What is real?

4. What is true?

5. What's right/wrong?

6. Where are we?

7. Why are we here?

➤ Theology

➤ Anthropology

➤ Ontology

➤ Epistemology

➤ Axiology/Ethics

➤ Cosmology

➤ Teleology

Part Two in next session

W/V Q1: WHO IS GOD?

1. Is there a God?
2. Is Jesus Christ God?

Overview of possible answers

Is there a God?

Theological Beliefs Flow Chart

Did Jesus Christ claim to be God?

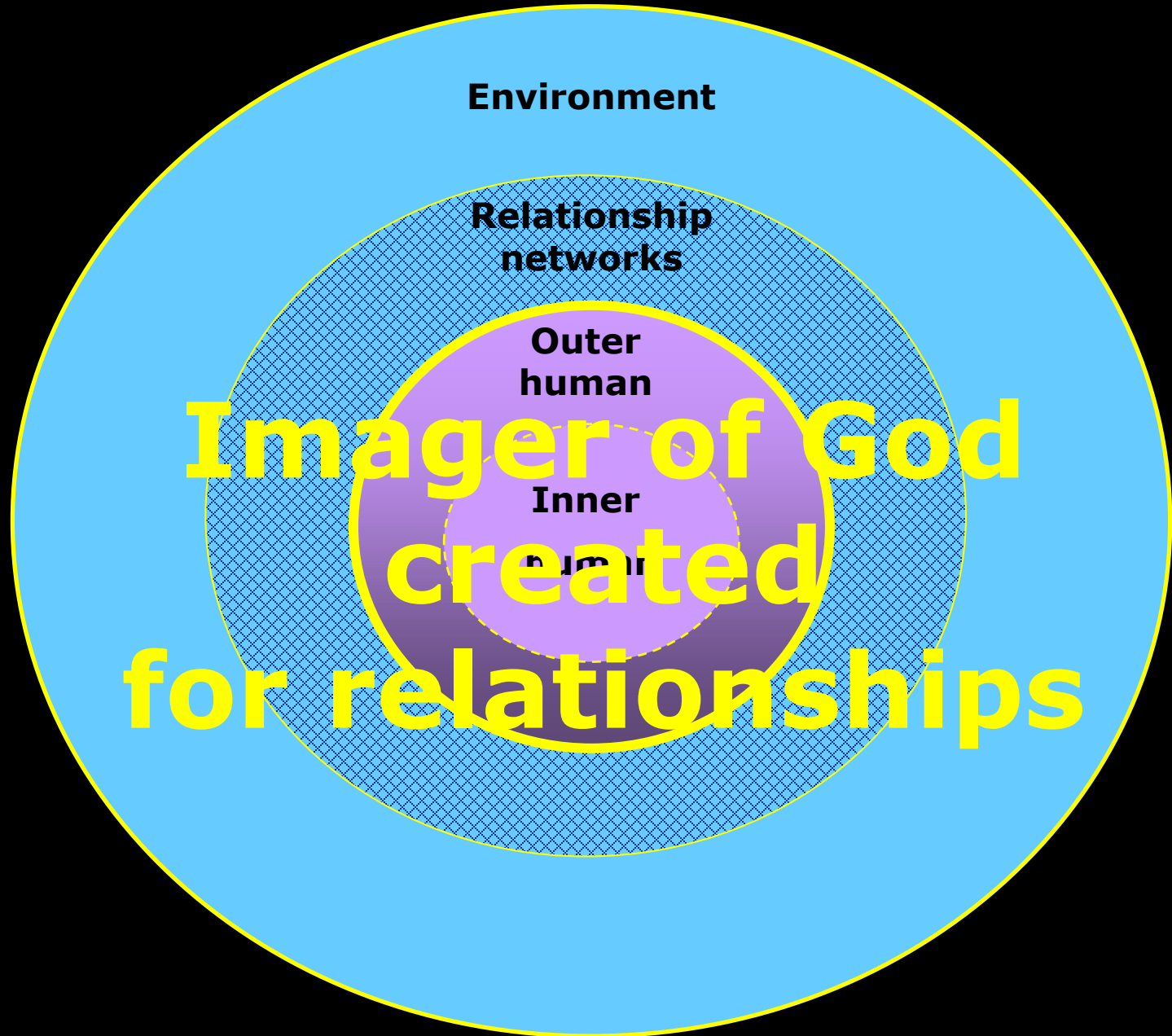
Christological Beliefs Flow Chart

W/V Q2: WHO ARE WE?

A. Genesis 1+2: What is a human being?

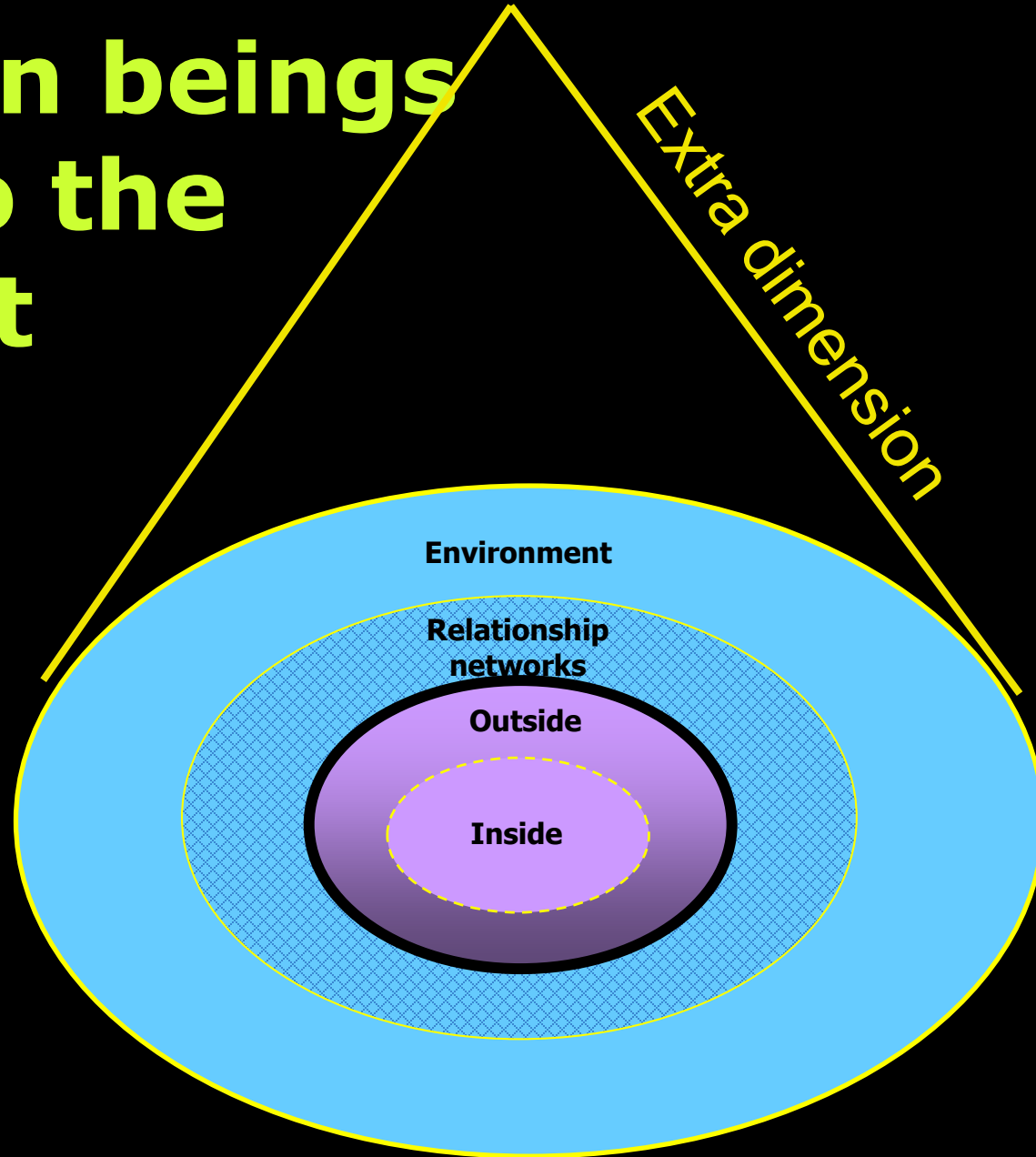
B. Gen 1: What are our deepest needs?

W/V Q2A: WHAT IS A HUMAN?



Transcendent

**Whole human beings
in relation to the
transcendent**



W/V Q2B: OUR DEEPEST NEEDS?

Derived from: Image / Likeness

1. Community (Indwelling)
2. Holiness (Radiance)
3. Justice (Protection)
4. Security (Ownership)
5. Worship (Rulership)
6. Meaning (Ambassadorship)
7. Truth (Revelation)

OUR DEEPEST NEEDS COMPARED

1. Community

2. Holiness

3. Justice

4. Security

5. Worship

6. Meaning

7. Truth

Sléanpá (pure pleasure)

Íaltheá (wealth // prosperity)

Íolha goad (life (w/ut sub) life)

Amóksbaí (savior (self))

Secular hinduism

W/V Q3: ASPECTS OF HUMAN LIFE?

1. Physical v.7 [Physical]
 2. Non-physical v.7 [Spiritual, Psychological]
 3. Cultivation v.15 [Financial / Economical]
 4. Preservation v.15 [Esthetical, Educational]
 5. Relational v.16, 18, 24 [Social / Cultural]
 6. Moral v.17 [Ethical, Judicial]
 7. Naming v.20 [Scientific/Technological, Environmental]
- = Eleven aspects of the real world

Derived from Genesis chapter two

ASPECTS OF HUMAN LIFE & REALITY

POVERTY

1. Spiritual / Faith
2. Ethical
3. Esthetic/Creative
4. Judicial / Legal
5. Social
6. Psychological
7. Physical
8. Economical
9. Educational
10. Technological
11. Environmental

ASPECTS OF HUMAN LIFE & REALITY

Prostitution

1. Spiritual / Faith
2. Ethical
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ASPECTS OF HUMAN LIFE & REALITY



W/V Q4: WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

- All of us have distorted worldviews
- Our worldviews are distorted because of our own cultures/societies/professions
- Only one way out of distortion:

REPENTANCE

No cheap grace but life-long process of repentance
(individual and corporate)

Our Secular – Sacred Distortion

- Secular Part: Secular Workplace
- Sacred Part: Christianity mixed with distortion
 - Africa: African Animism
 - Asia: Asian Animism
 - Europe: Pluralism / Post-modernism
 - Latin America: LAM Animism
 - Middle East: ME Animism

**The problem with the Church is you sir,
and I...**

God / Sacred / Spiritual / Moral

Clean / Superior

Sundays

World / Secular / Physical / Natural

Dirty / Inferior

Weekdays

Fundamentalist Secularist Split



Our Sacred-Secular Split

God / Sacred / Spiritual / Moral

Clean / Superior

Sundays

World / Secular / Physical / Natural

Dirty / Inferior

Weekdays

Fundamentalist Secularist Split

World / Secular / Physical / Natural

Public / Superior

Weekdays

God / Sacred / Spiritual / Moral

OK if Private

Sundays

The Unavoidable Worldview Clash

Worship God
through Christ



Heart
beliefs



Christian worldview
(pre-theoretical)



Life- and
world view



Christian Philosophy
(theoretical)



Philosophy
of life

Based on wisdom (vision + guidelines) of Christ, Col 2:3

**Philosophy, vain deceit and human traditions
based on the stoicheia of the cosmos, Col 2: 8**

PSALM 37: 31, 34, 39

- The Torah of his God *is* in his heart; his paths will not waver.
- Wait on Jehovah and keep His way; and He shall exalt you to inherit the earth...
- But the salvation of the tzadikim is of JHWH...

Promises for Pondering...

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**Session Two of Two
Worldview and Healthcare**

1 CORINTHIANS 3: 9 – 13

For we are God's co-workers, a farm of God, *and* you are God's building. According to God's grace given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, but another builds on *it*. But **let each one be careful how he builds**. For no one is able to lay *any* other foundation beside the *One* having been laid, who is Jesus Christ. And if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, straw, the work of each will be revealed; for the Day will make *it* known, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire will prove the work of each, what sort it is.

Quality matters!

It is all about Him...

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Jesus Christ

Male nurses in Maltese Order

When they spoke to their patients,
they addressed them as 'Lord'.

Why?

If you have done it to one of these,
the least of My brothers,
you have done it to Me, Matthew 25: 40

WORLDVIEW BELIEF SETS: PART ONE

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Who is God? | ➤ Theology |
| 2. Who are we? | ➤ Anthropology |
| 3. What is real? | ➤ Ontology |
| 4. What is true? | ➤ Epistemology |
| 5. What's right/wrong? | ➤ Axiology/Ethics |
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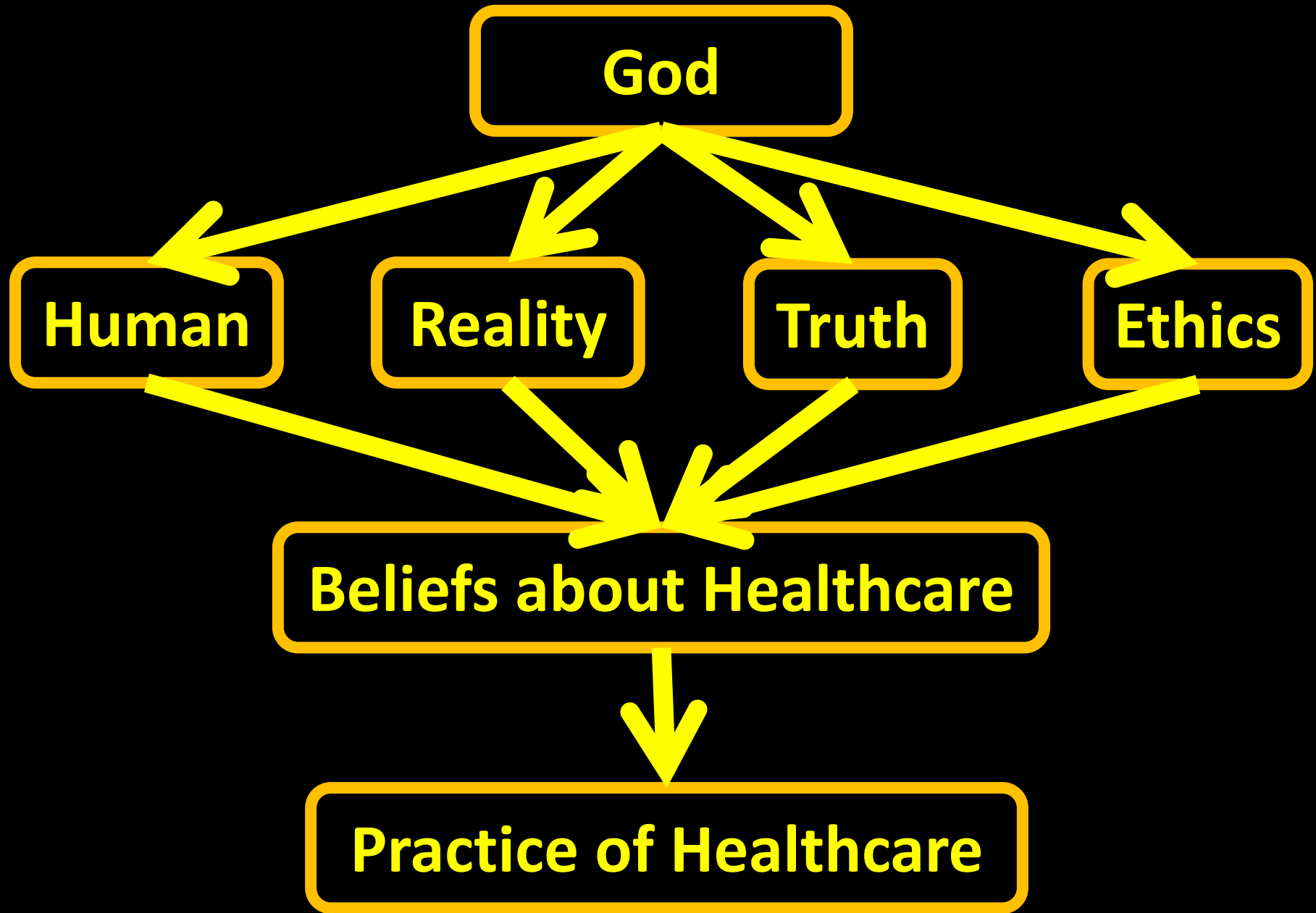
WORLDVIEW BELIEF SETS: PART TWO

8. How do we come to terms with death?
9. How do we make sense of suffering?
10. How can we possibly believe in justice?
11. What really causes disease?
12. How can we make a whole person diagnosis?
13. How can we give whole person treatment?
14. What is a Christian approach to healthcare?

Ultimate Questions

Adapted from Nine Questions Everyone Must Face by John Patrick

Worldview and healthcare



VISION FOR / BELIEFS ABOUT HEALTHCARE

- Mat 22:37-39 **Holos → Holistic**
- 1Thes.5:23 **Holoteleis → Holotelistic**
- Whole Person Healthcare / Biblical Christian Healthcare / Total Patient Care
- **Shalom Healthcare**

SHALOM HEALTHCARE IN PRACTICE

- Shalom Diagnosis
- Shalom Treatment

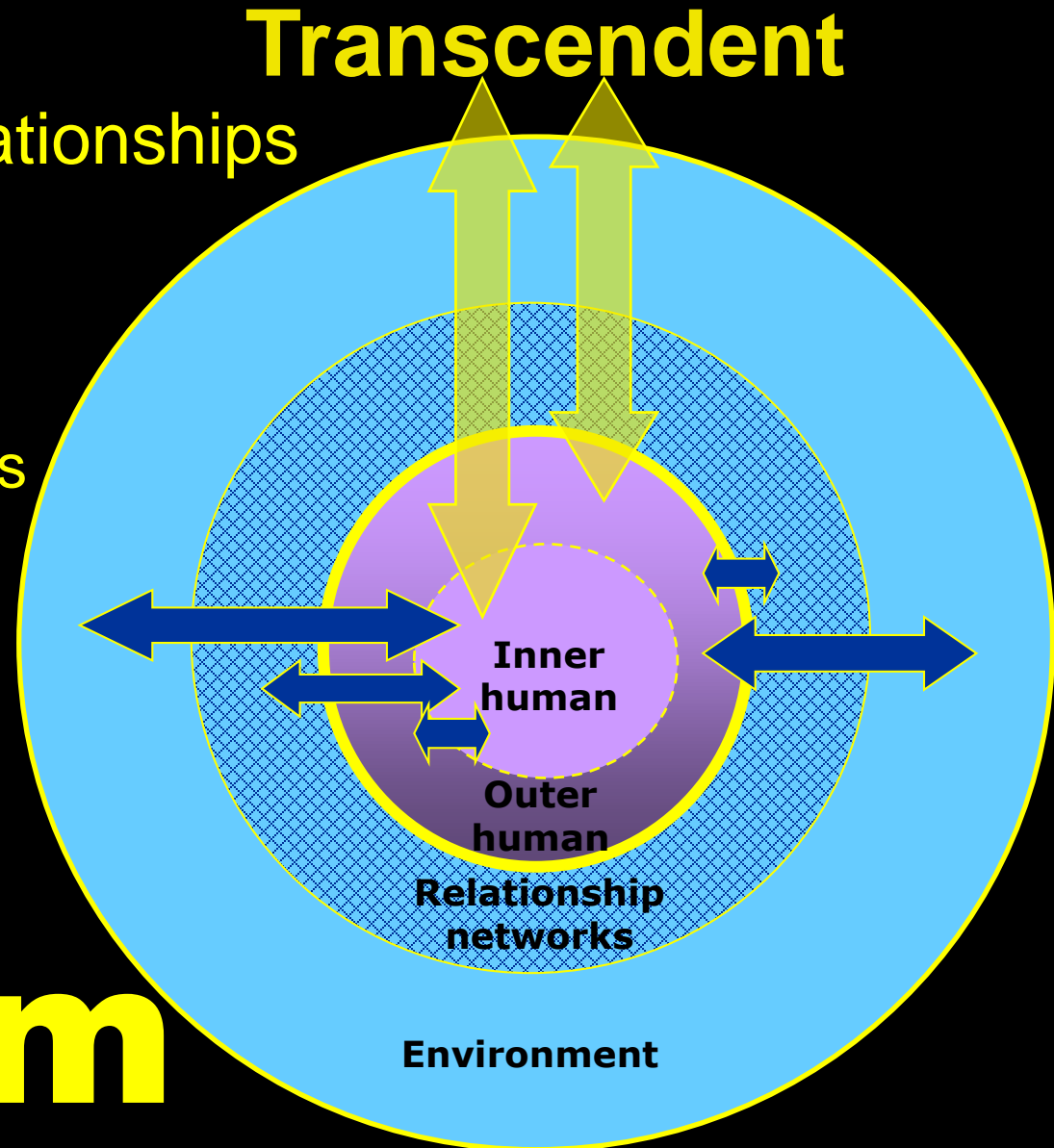
Health defined

- Health is optimal relationships in and between:

- Inner human
- Outer human
- Relationship networks
- Environment
- Transcendent

- One word summary:

Shalom



SHALOM HEALTHCARE

ASPECTS



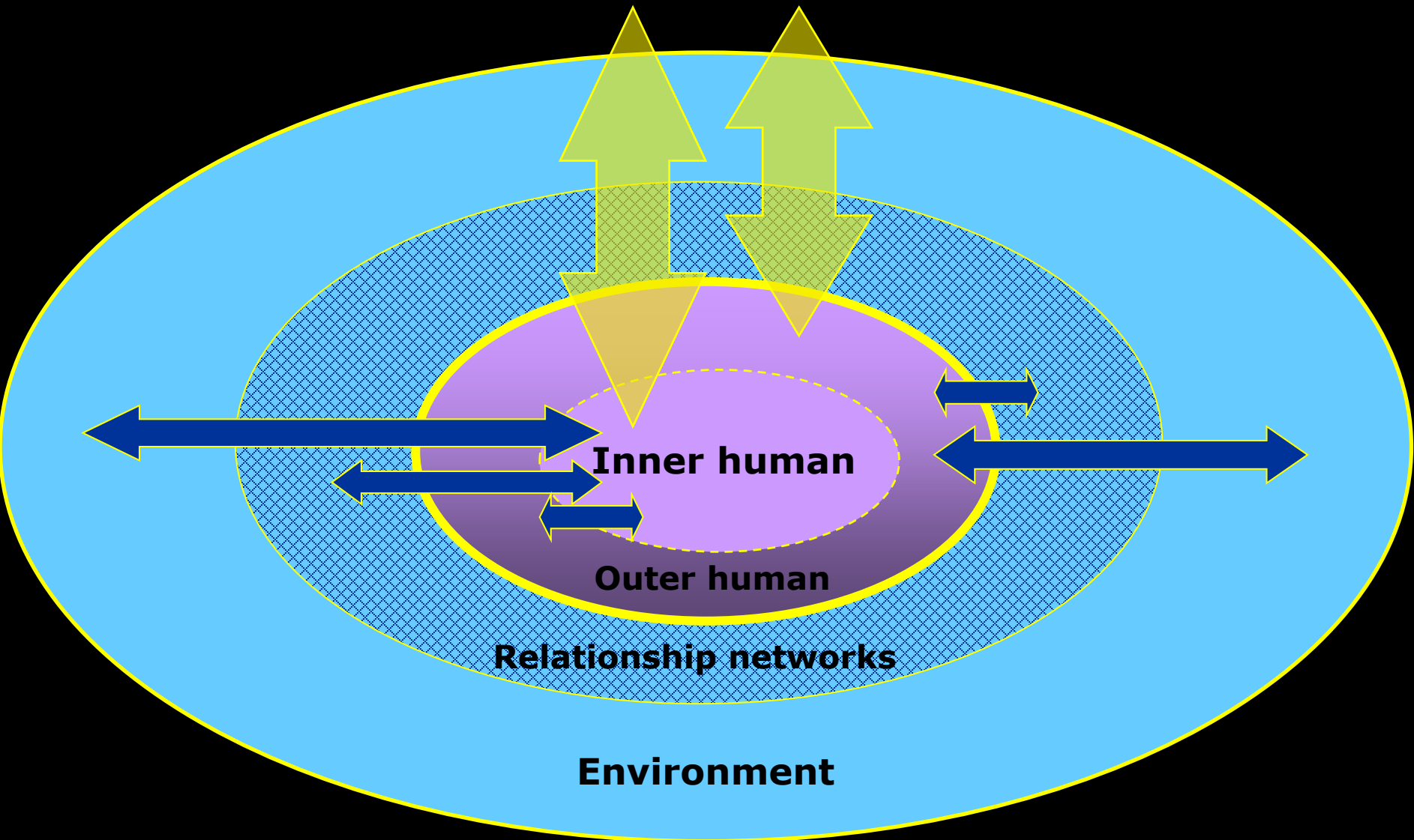
A diagram consisting of 11 white arrows pointing from a list of aspects on the right towards the word 'ASPECTS' on the left. The arrows originate from the right side of each list item and converge towards the left side of the word 'ASPECTS'.

1. Spiritual / Faith
2. Ethical
3. Esthetic/Creative
4. Judicial / Legal
5. Social
6. Psychological
7. Physical
8. Economical
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**Shalom
Healthcare
How?**

1. Make Shalom Diagnosis

Transcendent



Shalom Diagnosis

1. Inner human OK?
2. Outer human OK?
3. Inner human \leftrightarrow Outer human OK?
4. Whole human \leftrightarrow Relationship networks OK?
5. Whole human \leftrightarrow Environment OK?
6. Whole human \leftrightarrow Transcendent OK?

2. Give Shalom Therapy

Goal : optimal relationships (maximum attainable in a broken world)

- Inner human
- Outer human
- Inner human \leftrightarrow Outer human
- Whole human \leftrightarrow Relationship networks
- Whole human \leftrightarrow Environment
- Whole human \leftrightarrow Transcendent

Optimal Shalom – the aim of holotelistic healthcare								
Relationship with:	Broken Shalom Situations			Restore Shalom Processes			Shalom Facilitation Team	
Transcendent								
Relationship networks	—	—	—	+	—	—		
Inner human	—	—	—	+	—	—		
Outer human	—	—	—	+	—	—		
Environment	—	—	—	+	—	—		

Case Study of Shalom Model at Kachhwa Christian Hospital India

Adapted by
Dr Chris Steyn and Dr Emmanuel Oriel
from a model developed by
Dr Raju Abraham

TWO FOLD VISION

FULFILLING

the GREAT COMMISSION

PRACTICING

the GREAT COMMANDMENT

MINISTRY FOCUS

THE GOSPEL

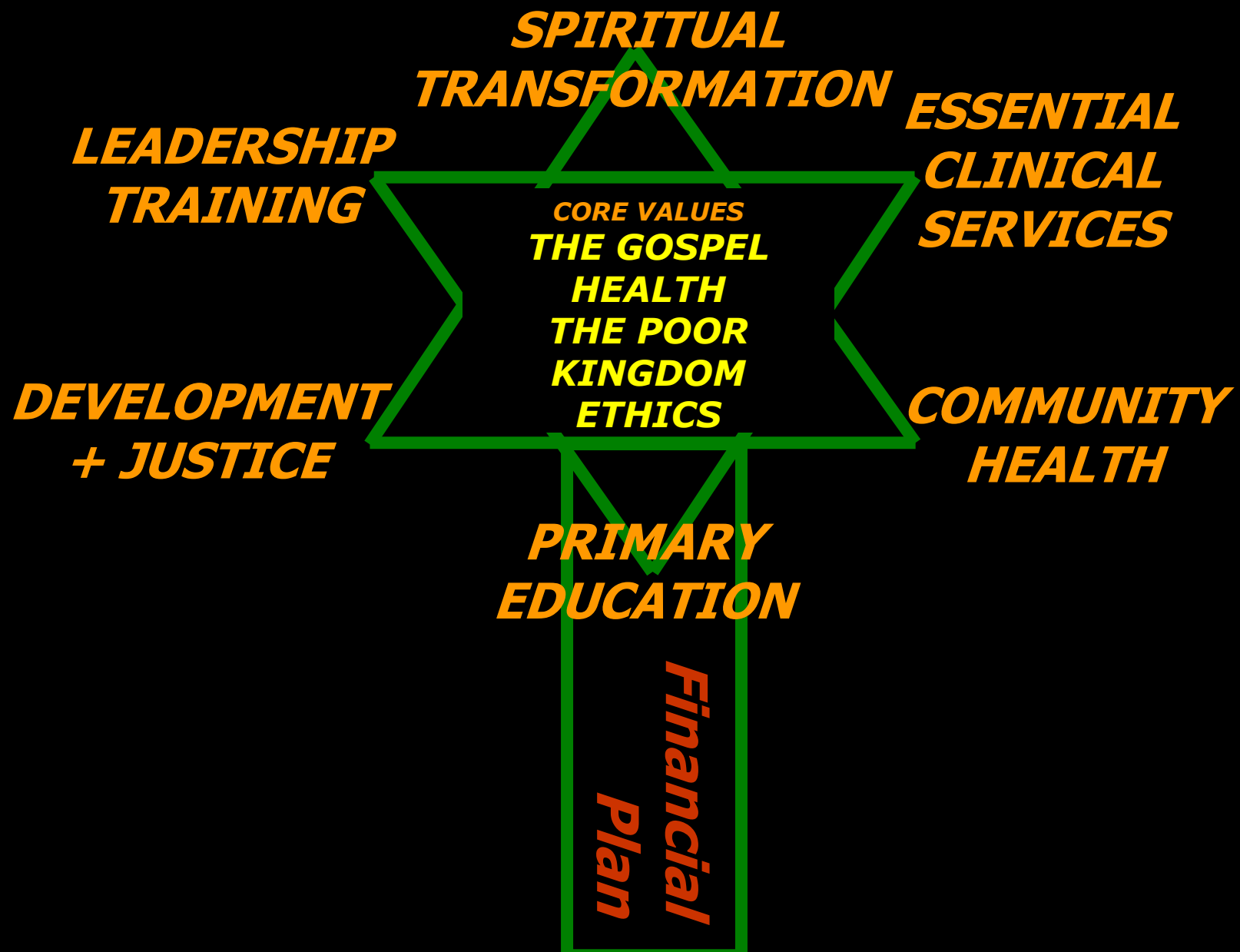
HEALTH

THE POOR

KINGDOM ETHICS

SEVENFOLD HEALING

1. PHYSICAL
2. SPIRITUAL
3. PSYCHOLOGICAL
4. RELATIONSHIP NETWORKS
5. COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION
6. EDUCATIONAL AND LEGAL EMPOWERMENT
7. HEALING OF THE LAND



Mission Hospital Service Priorities

- The Poor
- Women & Children
- Training
- Leadership development
- Partnering with churches
- Appropriate networking

2 CORINTHIANS 10: 4 – 5

For the weapons of our warfare *are* not
fleshly, but powerful to God to the
demolition of strongholds, the
demolishing of arguments and every high
thing lifting up *itself* against the
knowledge of God, and bringing into
captivity every thought into the obedience
of Christ

Battle of Beliefs!

What needs to be done?

**Only
a radical
contemporary
Torah-based transformation
can restore the connection between
fundamental beliefs and healthcare**

A NATIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Levels →	Macro (national / global)	Meso (institutional)	Micro (interpersonal)
Elements ↓			
Policy			
Technology			
Structure			
Finance			
People			

STRATEGY FOR TRANSFORMATION

1. Study healthcare from a Kingdom perspective
 1. Macro / meso / micro
 2. Spiritual history
 3. Strengths / weaknesses / opportunities / threats
2. Put your findings in writing and pray through it
3. Q: What changes does God want to bring through me / us / our networking partners?
4. Obey the Lord's guidance

**Communities
Cities / Rural**

**Sick/Suffering
Children/Adults**

**Healthcare
workers**

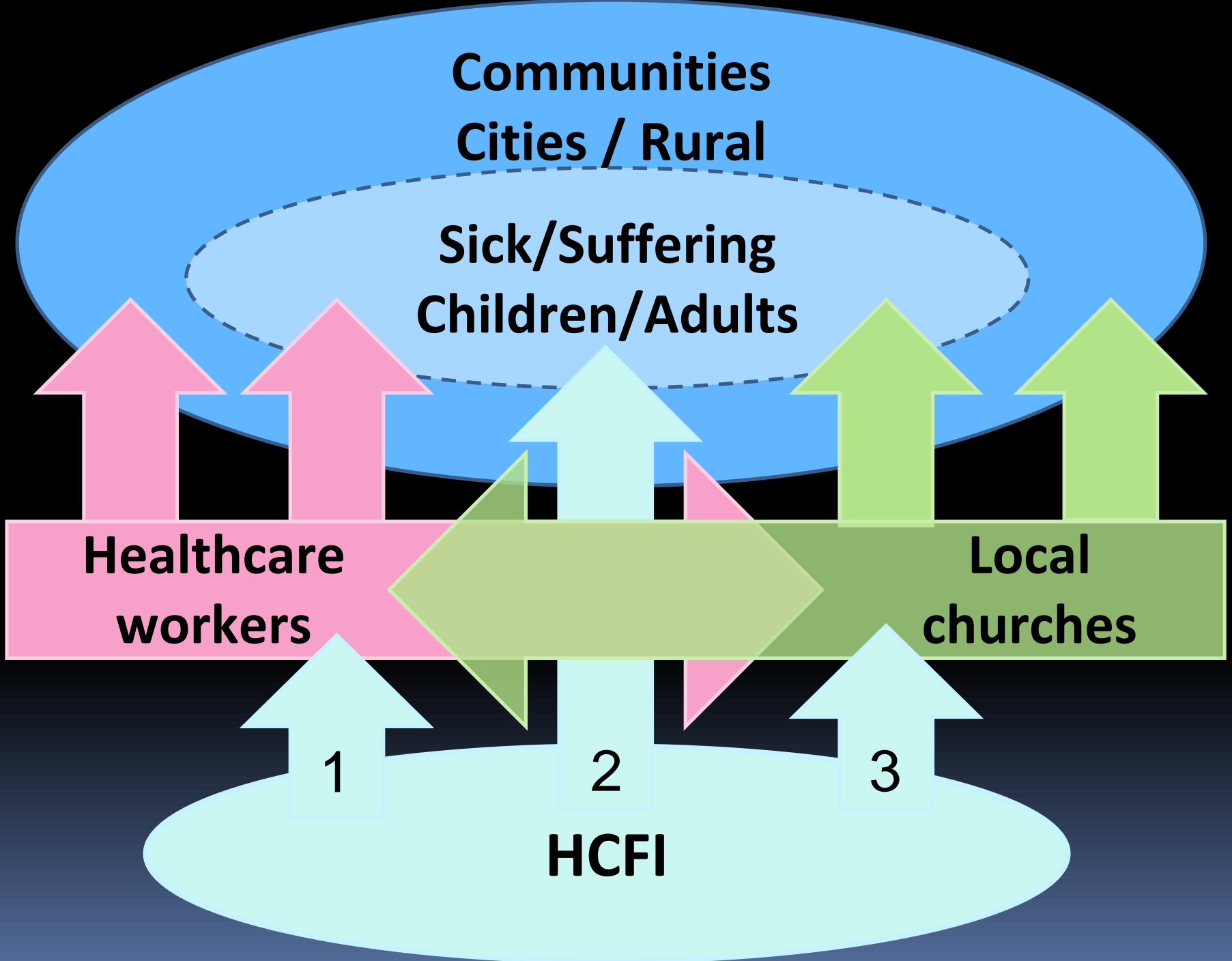
**Local
churches**

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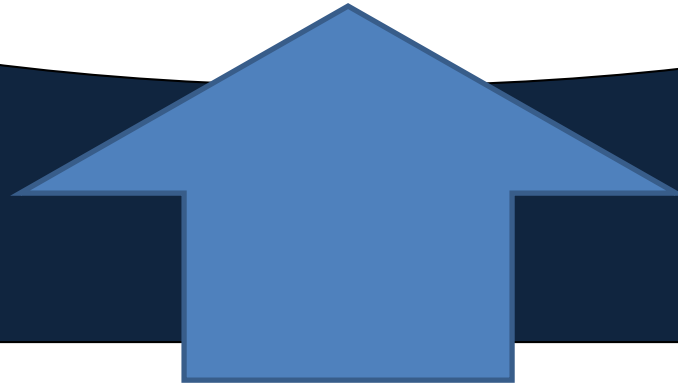
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Mission Statement

To inspire and equip
all Christians serving in healthcare
to manifest Jesus Christ
in daily life and work.



Strategic Aims

1. Inspire & Equip 1.000.000 witnesses
2. Inspire & Equip 100.000 communities
3. Do 1000 medical outreaches

What can we do personally at micro level?

Four channels of transformation

1. Work as witness: Good Christians at work
2. Work as worship: Workplace ministry
3. Torah as guide: Apply principles in workplace
4. Torah as vision: Models of the Kingdom in the health field / community



WORLDVIEW RESOURCES

- Transforming Worldviews by Paul G Hiebert
- Understanding the Times by David A Noebel
- How should we then live? By Francis A Schaeffer
- Discipling Nations by Darrow L Miller
- Life Work by Darrow L Miller
- The Universe Next Door by James W Sire
- God, Justice, and Society by Jonathan Burnside
- The Legacy of William Carey – a Model for Transformation by Vishal and Ruth Mangalwadi
- How Christianity Changed the World by Alvin J Schmidt
- The Book That Made Your World by Vishal Mangalwadi
- When Healthcare Hurts by Greg Seager
- Shaping a Christian Worldview, ed. DS Dockery & GA Thornbury
- Through New Eyes by James B. Jordan

WORLDVIEW RESOURCES

- The Gospel of the Kingdom by Eng Hoe Lim
- Kingdom Communities by J Jeffrey Palmer
- Truth and Community Transformation by Food for the Hungry International
- Walking with the Poor by Bryant L Myers
- Justice, Mercy and Humility – Integral Mission and the Poor edited by Tim Chester
- Beyond the Sacred-Secular Divide by Scott Allen
- The R Option by Michael Schluter
- Turning Point by H Schlossberg and M Olasky
- Worlds Apart by NL Geisler and WD Watkins
- Idols for Destruction by Herbert Schlossberg
- Christianity with Power by Charles Kraft
- The Christian in Today's Culture by Charles Colson
- Worldview: The History of a Concept by David Naugle

INTERNET RESOURCES

- <https://bible.org/seriespage/rationality-christian-worldview>

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT HEALTHCARE ARE TRUE?

- Position: I am the PROFESSOR
- Experience: I have done this for thirty years
- Recommendation: Experts agree with me
- Qualifications: I have more degrees than you
- Research: I have done double-blind trials
- Faith: My holy books says so
- Casuistry: My aunt used it and it is fantastic

OUR DISTORTED WORLDVIEW

- Abortion is OK if you use it as a family planning method or if it is legal in your country
- After prayer, I had peace to practice euthanasia on the patient
- It is OK to take medicines from the hospital because they do not pay me enough here
- It is unethical to share the Good News about Jesus Christ with sick people and definitely wrong to introduce Him to terminally ill persons

What is the distortion in each of the above?

Our distorted worldview

- It is OK to treat patients disrespectfully if they:
 - Are stupid / poor / ugly / stinking / dishonest
 - Do stupid things
 - Belong to another faith / tribe / caste / class
 - Are female / children
 - Are unconscious / psychotic / demented

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What distortion do we find in the above?

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING WORLDVIEWS

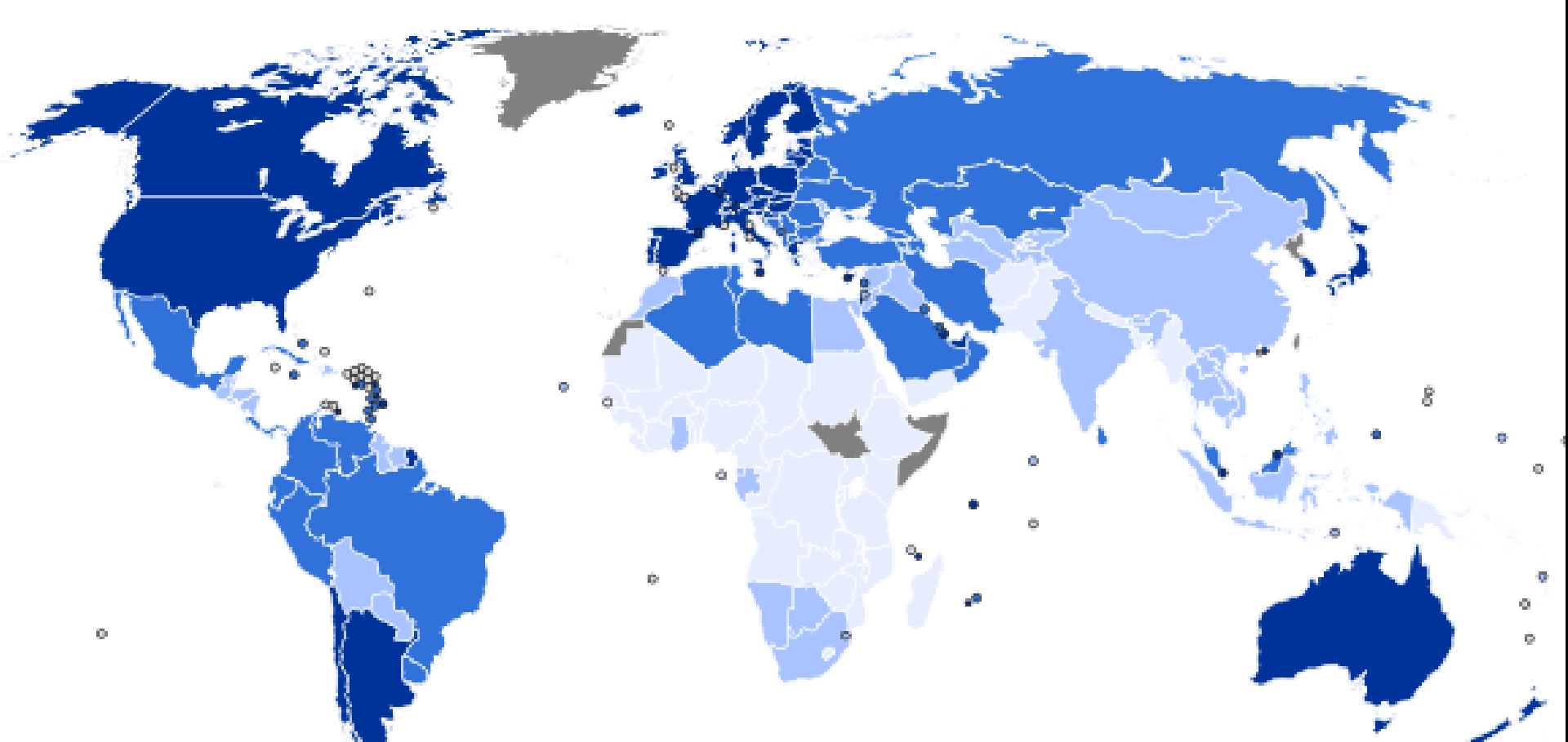
1. Explains what it ought to explain (ultimate questions & concerns)
2. Internal logical consistency (does not contradict itself)
3. Factual adequacy (not built upon falsehoods)
4. Existential viability (can be believed)
5. Intellectual / cultural fruitfulness (promotes thought / creativity)
6. Fundamentally stable (does not morph / change at a whim)
7. Tends to have simpler explanations rather than unnecessarily complex ones

Source: Douglas Groothuis: *Christian Apologetics: A Comprehensive Case for Biblical Faith*

WORLDVIEW REALLY MATTERS

- **Human Development Index 2013**
- **Corruption Perception Index 2012**

Worldview affects everyday life!



Human Development Index 2013:

Best development = 1,00

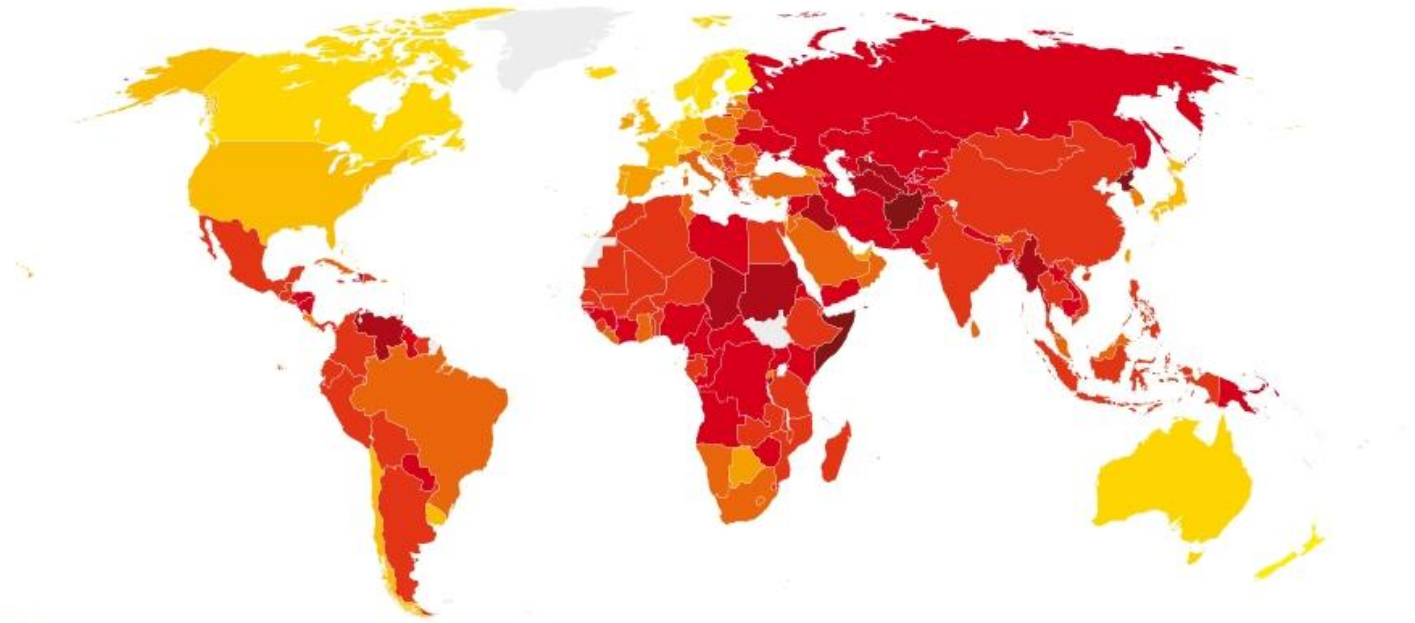
37 'Islamic' states – average = 0,62

22 Western Europe states – average = 0,88



CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2012

The perceived levels of public sector corruption in 176 countries/territories around the world.



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Corruption Perceptions Index 2013:
Least Corrupt = 100; Most Corrupt = 0
37 'Islamic' states – average = 34
22 Western Europe states – average = 73

Torah/Wisdom of Christ

versus

stoicheia of the cosmos

(philosophy, empty deceit, human traditions)

Stoicheia:

elements; basic parts / components

Examples:	Stoicheia of the cosmos	Wisdom of Christ
Salvation	Save yourself	God saves you
Human nature	Good	Lost
Image bearer	Of self	Of God
Deepest Need	Self-realization	Love God and neighbour
Love	Seek happiness, prosperity, virtue, enlightenment	Sacrificial choice and action for highest good for other

Is there a universe?

Cosmological Beliefs Flowchart