

# WORLD VIEWS

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(Session I)

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## I. The World Marketplace

- A. A (false) Dilemma – Separate or Assimilate
- B. The Third Way – Transformation – Rom. 12:2
- C. “The World” – Not Physical, but Real
- D. Christianity as a Counterculture Movement
- E. Christianity in a Worldview Marketplace
- F. Death by Half-Truth/The Problem of Reductionism

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## II. Individualism as a Case Study

### A. The Story of Individualism

1. Not referring to a healthy and biblical belief in the dignity and sacredness of each individual.
2. Utilitarian individualism focuses on personal achievement and material success.
3. Expressive individualism focuses on liberation and fulfillment.
4. The story is the way of understanding life should be centered in oneself.

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**B. The Convictions of Individualism**

- 1. I am the primary reality in the universe.
- 2. My end justifies the means.
- 3. I am my own moral conscience.
- 4. Freedom and fulfillment are my right.
- 5. Performance defines our value.

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**C. Positives of Individualism**

- 1. It recognizes my responsibility for my life.
- 2. It recognizes the extent of our freedom.
- 3. It affirms my need to make a difference.
- 4. It recognizes the strength of chosen beliefs

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**D. Reductions of Individualism**

- 1. The flawed metaphysics of individualism
- 2. The flawed view of human nature
- 3. The flawed view of freedom and achievement

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**E. Subversions of the Christian Faith**

1. My personal beliefs are private.
2. Individualism is my lens to see the Christian faith.
3. God helps me achieve my potential.
4. God helps me be happy.

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