away, replaced with a new worldview."-Albert Mohler

## B. In \_\_\_\_\_ Cultures

**Quote:** "When men choose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing. They then become capable of believing in anything."—G. K. Chesterton

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools," (Romans 1:22)

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7)

"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature. 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;" (Romans 1:24–28)

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20)

### CONCLUSION

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" (Hebrews 9:27)

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36)

# Avoiding Confusion

Interpret Cultural Issues through a Biblical Worldview

# LESSON TWO: THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things." (Romans 1:18–23)

# INTRODUCTION

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." (1 John 4:16)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;" (Romans 1:18)

**Quote:** "The decline of Christian identity is particularly pronounced among younger Americans, and fully one-third of those ages thirty-five and younger report no religious affiliation."—**Albert Mohler** 

# 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation

A. Innate \_\_\_\_\_

"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them." (Romans 1:19)

"Because that, when they knew God..." (Romans 1:21)

# B. Unique

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." (Genesis 1:26)

"And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof." (Genesis 2:19)

#### MORAL INTELLECT

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:21)

"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things that are contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;" (Romans 2:14–15)

### MORAL PURPOSE

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things." (Romans 1:22–23)

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:13–14)

# 2.

# **Revelation**

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# A. Revelation of

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." (Hebrews 11:3)

#### B. Revelation of \_

#### CREATION HAD ORDER.

"Let all things be done decently and in order." (1 Corinthians 14:40)

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. 90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." (Psalm 119:89–90)

#### CREATION SHOWS A DESIGNER.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard." (Psalm 19:1–3)

# 3.

# Revelation

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:21)

# A. In \_\_\_\_\_ Cultures

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5)

"Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. 9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah." (Isaiah 1:4, 9)

**Quote:** "Secularists see belief in God as a great obstacle to human progress. For the most part the real challenge is not secularism, but secularization—a process that happens in society largely without argument or notice. The binding authority of Christian theism—the biblically grounded understanding of God and the world—just fades