

# WORLDVIEW WITNESSING

## CROSS-CULTURAL communication in a POSTMODERN world

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### INTRODUCTION

2 Timothy 2:24-26: Set the captives free!

2 Corinthians 10:3-5: Demolish strongholds!

#### #1 – UNDERSTAND other WORLDVIEWS

Example: Paul in Athens (Acts 17)

v. 16:

v. 17:

v. 22:

v. 23–28:

#### # 2– Explore ASSUMPTIONS and IMPLICATIONS



#### # 3– Ask Discerning QUESTIONS

- What do you mean by \_\_\_\_\_?
- How have you come to that CONCLUSION?
- Have you CONSIDERED . . . ?
  - Offer a critique
  - Offer an alternative

WHEN THEY SAY. . .	YOU ASK. . .
"All religions lead to the same god."	"What god are you referring to?"
"That may be true for you but not for me."	"Is that true for me as well as for you?"
"There is no truth."	"Is that true?"
"You cannot know truth for sure."	"Are you sure?"
"You should not force your morality on others."	"Are you forcing your moral view on me?"
"Everyone is biased."	"Does that statement come from your personal bias? Then how do you know it applies to me?"
"That's just <i>your</i> interpretation."	"Is that just your interpretation of my statements? Do you mean that <i>your</i> interpretation should be preferred over mine? Why?"
"Reason does not apply to ultimate reality, i.e., God."	"Is that a reasonable statement about ultimate reality? If reason does not apply to ultimate reality, than you could not make that statement."
"We make our own reality."	"Do you look both ways before crossing a street? Why?"
"You can't trust your senses."	"Should I trust what I hear you say?"
"God is evolving, progressing."	"How can we know God is getting more perfect or better unless we know what is perfect? That unchanging perfect standard by which we measure progress toward the good is, by definition, God."
"We are all god."	"Are you absolute being? Did you always realize you were God? If, not, than can God change? If not, then you are not God."

For additional practical suggestions for responding to the mental befuddlement of your peers, read the following books by Norman Geisler: *When Skeptics Ask*, *Unshakable Foundations*, or *Apologetics in the New Age*, or Paul Copan's works: *True For You, But Not For Me*, or *That's Just Your Interpretation*. For practical ideas for using questions in discussions, see Randy Newman's book, *Questioning Evangelism*.