



Postmodernism: Six Billion Stories

Listen! Animism and jigger fleas. The crippling effects of jigger fleas on Bayaka children is not a medical problem—it is a worldview problem.

- **The Process for Making Sense of the World: My worldview** (the “glasses” through which I make sense of the world) colors my **interpretation** of the **data** that comes to me and thus controls the **actions** I take and thus impacts the **outcomes** I experience in life.
- **Question:** Do you ever wonder what problems you have because of your worldview?

Three worldviews:

- Postmodern anti-realism.
- Enlightenment naturalism.
- Theistic supernaturalism.

Postmodern Anti-realism explained:

- We are suspicious of and resistant to “meta-narratives.”
- All of our “personal narratives” are true in the context of our community.
- Our “local narratives” are true because they define reality of our given community.
- We reject “absolute” and “universal” truths because they are both wrong and dangerous.
- “Truth” is both personal and fluid.

Postmodernism critiqued:

- To say, “The truth is that there is no truth,” is self-contradicting and self-annulling.
- To say, “Our meta-narrative tells us that meta-narratives are evil,” is...
- To say, “We are tolerant toward all views except those that are intolerant,” is...
- To say, “We know that we cannot know,” is...

The plot-line of God’s story—the meta-narrative of Divinity:

- Creation: God is the Designer who made both Canis Majoris and laminin.
- Humanity: People are God’s masterpiece.
- Fall: We chose to rebel against God.
- Redemption: the very Good News that Jesus paid for our sin and we are forgiven!
- Culmination: the story is going to a meaningful and joyful destination for believers.

- This story is known by revelation:
- This story is supported by evidence:
- This story is embraced by faith:

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Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ and pursuing God through obedience, reflective living, and community.

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Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** Please read and study Acts 17:22-34 and answer the question: "What does this paragraph teach us about God?"
- **Monday:** Please read and study Acts 17:22-34 and answer the question: "What does this paragraph teach us about mankind?"
- **Tuesday:** Please read and study Acts 17:22-34 and answer the question: "What does this paragraph teach us about the various responses to the meta-narrative of God?"
- **Wednesday:** Why can God's meta-narrative only be known by revelation?
- **Thursday:** How is God's meta-narrative supported by evidence?
- **Friday:** Why must God's meta-narrative be embraced by faith?
- **Saturday:** How should our "community" of believers help us live into the "meta-narrative" of "theistic supernaturalism?" (Translation: How should our believing friends help us to better love God and love others?)

Bonus Question at no additional charge: Has your "small story" been grafted into God's incredible story through faith in Christ? If not, is there anything keeping you from putting your total trust in Christ right now?