

**The Christian Worldview  
Compared With  
Other Worldviews**

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**Naturalism, Part 1 [Sire, pp. 59 – 68]**

**A. Introduction: From Theism to Deism to Naturalism**

1. God: Now you see Him, now you don't.

2. What's the Matter?

3. What's the Reason?

**B. How Naturalism answers the elemental worldview questions:**

1. What is the prime reality – the really real? *Matter exists eternally and is all there is. God does not exist.*

2. What is the nature of external reality, that is, the world around us? *The cosmos exists as a uniformity of cause and effect in a closed system.*

3. What is a human being? *Human beings are complex “machines”; personality is an interrelation of chemical and physical properties we do not yet fully understand.*

4. What happens to a person at death? *Death is extinction of personality and individuality.*

5. Why is it possible to know anything at all? *Knowledge is obtained through the application of human reason upon the basis of empirical evidence.*