

Table 1: History of Worldviews in the West

	<u><i>Premodern</i></u>	<u><i>Modern</i></u>	<u><i>Postmodern</i></u>	<u><i>Global</i></u>
CENTER	- God centered and divine point of view	- human centered and human point of view	- individual centered personal point of view	- human centered and human point of view
EPISTEMOLOGY	- revelationalism ecclesiastical authority acultural, ahistorical	- naive realism: positivism, science in a privileged position, ahistorical, acultural, foundationalism	- instrumentalism; idealism; science is part of culture and history, there is no privileged position, egalitarian--all stories are affirmed	- critical realism science is metacultural metahistorical {revelation}
REASON, FEELINGS, VALUES	- faith in tradition, religion	- faith in positivism, algorithmic reason, abstract systems, reason divorced from feelings and morality, disinterested, rejects intuition.	- distrust of algorithmic reason faith in experience and feelings, all knowledge is power based, hermeneutics of suspicion, affectivity and intuition affirmed	- algorithmic reason embedded in wisdom. Rational, affective, and evaluative combined
LOCUS OF AUTHORITY	- divine revelation, interpreted by the church, in religious and traditional orders, papacy	- individual discovery based on experience, lone scientist, group hermeneutics is bad	- networks: group hermeneutics based on power and privilege and self serving	- community hermeneutics is a corrective to and cultural biases
OBJECTIVITY/ SUBJECTIVITY	- cosmic, absolute truth well founded, referential symbols,	- totally objective positive knowledge, well founded a photographic view of knowledge	- subjective knowledge, under determined, relativism a Rorschach view of knowledge	- knowledge is objective/subjective Peircian symbols, subject/ a model/map view of knowledge
SYMBOLS	- religious symbols	- referential symbols in which signs refer to external realities, meaning is referential	- Saussurian symbols, signs refer to mental images, meaning is in the head	objectivism, approx. truth
PREMISE	- start with faith	- start with doubt	- start with doubt	- start with faith and critical reflection
COSMOLOGY	- biblical cosmology	- naturalism/supernatural division	- new spiritualism, alternative modes of reality, virtual reality	- secularism???

UNIFYING VISION	- sacred canopy, unified cosmos in which biography and history are embedded in cosmology	- science: GUT & grand narrative religion: systematic theology	- deconstruction, perspectival, many valid narratives, celebrate diversity, decentralized	- many narratives, meta-narrative, meta-theory, meta-theology
UNITY/DIVERSITY	- wholistic	- dualistic: SN/N, mind/body, natural law/miracle, public domain/private domain, material spiritual, science/religion	- altered modes of reality, multiple narratives	- wholistic, meta-narrative, meta-theology, meta-cultural grids
ROOT METAPHOR	- organic worldview relational, teleology, teleological causality,	- mechanistic vv. , uniformity mechaistic causality, formulaic, quantitative, order, hierarchy bureaucratic, efficiency, MBA, technique, planning, goals, profit, production, success segmented realities	- therapeutic relationalism, spiritualism, interconnectedness adocracy, MBWA, freedom, creativity	- organic/mechanistic
ROOT PROBLEM AND CURE	- sin and redemption	- physical causes, physical and technological cures	- psychological problems, therapies	
TIME AND SPACE	- sacred time/space	- compression of natural time and space	- collapse of time/space	
FOCUS	- religion	- technology	- information	
SOCIAL ORDER	- feudal city state, monolithic	- welfare nation state, complexity, specialization	- regionalism/globalism entrepreneurialism	- globalism/regionalism
CULTURAL ORDER	- Christianity is superiority	- western civilization is superior	- cultural fundamentalism, affirm differences, little unity	- underlying common celebrate differences
SUPREME VALUES	- salvation, religious life	- freedom, rights, progress,	- experience, choices, anti-authoritarianism	- global peace and harmony, human rights, equality