

The Two World Views

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BIBLICAL -Yahweh

PERENNIAL - the Great Mother

Most complete (eternal God) explains least complete (temporary, fleeting). Concreteness and eternity not opposed because God is the Omni-Person.	1. SUBSTANTIAL BEING = BASIC EXPLANATION	Least complete (eternal coincidence of opposites) explains most complete (actual concrete beings). Concreteness and eternity opposed.
Distinct - Creator not identical to Creation	2. GOD & COSMOS	Identical in substance - monism - we all divine
God is an Omni-Person. Personhood is fundamental concept of cosmos, Universe essentially personal - persons are basic, concrete building blocks of cosmos, thus eternal life possible	3. PERSONHOOD	Universe essentially impersonal - all persons die. Persons merely fleeting blips in chaotic cosmos.
Objective - can say (and know) specific, concrete things about ultimate reality	4. TRUTH	Subjective - cannot say (or know) specific or concrete things about ultimate reality
Part of holistic journey to God	5. INTELLECT	Abandoned in search for God
Both kinds: Persons & Who dunits	6. MYSTERY	2 kinds conflated into Foggy Bottom
Objective	7. MORALITY	Subjective (i.e., non-existent)
Linear - cosmic goal, meaning, purpose	8. TIME	Circular - the "eternal return"
All legitimate polarities resolved	9. POLARITIES	Built-in conflict of unresolvable polarities: Autonomy v dependency, Spiritual v material, Masculine v feminine, Parent v child, Strong v weak, sibling rivalry, Luck v fate, chance v determinism Objective v subjective, good v evil, Being v doing, Being v thinking....., <i>et al</i>
Built-in complementarity of spiritual power and spiritual authority	10. MASC/FEM	Built-in conflict - unresolvable - failure of father-figure
Dependency on God, children of God	11. DEPENDENCY vs. AUTONOMY	Dependency an enemy to be conquered - children of circumstance, thus autonomy = goal
Rational, intelligent, personal, Creator	12. COSMIC CONTROL	Fortune (luck, chance) vs. Fate (determinism) Is. 65:11

The Four Fundamentals of Apologetics:

1. **Source:** Where do things come from?
2. **Moral Order:** Where are things going?
3. **Personhood, Ego Security:** Who am I?
What does it mean to be a Somebody rather than Nobody?
4. **Epistemology:** How do I "know"? The meaning of 'faith'