Worldviews  
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**Psychology:**

**Why are people the way they are and why do they behave the way they do?**

1. **Nature vs. Nurture debate: What determines a person’s character and personality?**
   1. Nature: People are born with certain characteristics and tendencies (physically and spiritually); these inborn qualities play the primary role in shaping a person
   2. Nurture: People are primarily shaped by the influences around them; the ideas values, and culture of a person’s family, friends, and society determine who they become
2. **Sinful nature vs. sinful influences: Why do people do bad things?**
   1. Humans are sinners by nature—humans are bent toward doing what’s wrong by their very nature, from day one
   2. Humans learn to do wrong from the bad influences around them
   3. How would the following worldviews answer this question?
      1. Christianity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      2. Islam: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      3. Secular Humanism: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      4. Marxism: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      5. New Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      6. Postmodernism: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_