

Comparative Thought of Worldviews

Indigenous Worldview	Modern Worldview	Fundamentalist Worldview	Globalized Worldview	Transformative Worldview
nature	scientific method	holy book authority	scientific inquiry	limits to science
nature's ways	Newtonian machine	divine certainty	Einstein relativity	Einstein relativity
natural rhythms	certainty	moral certitude	uncertainty	possibility
faith in nature	faith in science	faith in revealed truth	faith in markets	faith in people
traditional wisdom	scientific certainty	divinely inspired	theory of relativity	systems thinking
tradition	progress	unquestioning	irrational	unity within diversity
stream	reason, logic	dogma	probable knowledge	consciousness
flow	mechanistic	unchanging	approximations	interdependence
flux	autonomous, separate	consistent	instantaneous	simultaneity
the group	individualism	religious community	individualism	global community
community connections	scientific determinism	prescribed order	tendencies	imagination
community	stages of development	hierarchical structure	fragmented	holistic
flows	compartmentalization	divisions	opportunity	networks
exclusivity of group	intolerant "other"	religious exclusivity	class exclusivity	inclusive
passive	competition	strident	comparative advantage	relationship
emotional	rational, reason	passion	discontinuous	compassion, emotion
live out	predictability	concrete	contradictory	process, integration
ambiguity	reducible	irreducible	uncertainty	relativity
changelessness	objective thinking	absolute	subjective thinking	understanding
very slow	expedient	slow	warped speed	deliberate, contemplative
folk religion, animistic	rational religion (deism)	universal religions	question religion	spiritual
customs, traditions	secular	devout	nonrepresentational	earth-based connections
intangible	tangible	literal	abstract	organic
nature alive	nature inanimate	nature subdued	nature commodity	nature alive
extended family	nuclear family	religious family	consumptive family	community networks
egalitarian	order, hierarchy	unchanging order	arbitrary	complementarity
continuity	change	continuity	change, random	self-organizing

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kinship bonds	racial discrimination	religious discrimination	class separation	multi-cultural
reciprocity	economic growth	modern economy	hyper economic growth	sustainability
story	debate	sermon	discussion	dialogue
harmony	conquest	religious conversion	market conversion	synergy
group democracy	liberalism	theocracy	elite democracy	participatory democracy
tribal wars	wars for conquest	religious war	terrorism	defensive conflict
conflict scarce resources	struggle, conflict, war	battle unbelievers	cutthroat competition	conflict scarce resources
cyclical	chronological, linear	teleological	indeterminacy	comparative, cyclical
collective	ownership	religious wealth	privatization	community
hand-crafted	mass-production	household economy	efficiency, growth	community economy
ban from group	punish non-conformity	punishment evildoers	punish underachievers	support, nourish
learn from nature	mass education	religious education	privatized education	holistic education