

Biblical Words

ἔθος - custom, practice as prescribed
Heb. 10:25

ἥθος - usage, custom practice
1 Cor.15:33

αναστροφή - way of life, conduct 1 Peter
1:15, 18

οδός – a road, a way Acts 18:25

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Biblical Theory of Obligation

1. Perpetually Binding Moral Commands -
2. Temporary Binding Moral Commands -
3. Principles of Christian Liberty -



Creation Ordinances

1. Procreation - be fruitful
2. Geographical Distribution - fill
3. Dominion / Labor -
4. Marriage - for this cause...
5. Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil -
6. Sabbath - six days, one day

From the Flood to the Decalog

1. Creation ordinances are still operative and some of them are repeated to Noah and his family -
2. Additional Moral Commands -
 - A. Capital Punishment...
 - B. Permission to Eat Animal Flesh...
 - C. Prohibition of Eating Blood...

The Ten Words - Decalog

Deut. 4:13; 9:7-10; Exodus 34:28

God's Exclusive Claims

No God's Before Me!
No Self-Made Images!
No Misuse of Name!

God's Basic Institutions

Remember Sabbath
Honor Father & Mother

Basic Human Obligation

No Killing!
No Adultery!

Basic Social Obligations

No Stealing!
No False Witness!
No Coveting!

From the Decalog to Christ

The prophets took the ancient revelation of God's moral will given through Moses and applied it to changed conditions of an urban situation.

The Ten Words remained as the norm for the conduct of the people of God from Joshua right up to the incarnation of the Lord.

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Sermon on the Mount

Jesus did not come to Abrogate...

He Fulfilled O.T. Moral Content

Thesis / Epithesis

- Thesis: no killing

Epithesis: no anger

- Thesis: no adultery

Epithesis: no looking in order to
lust

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6th Command - Jesus' Teaching

Matthew 5:17-26

1. Relationship of the Commandments to Jesus - 5:17-20
2. Relationship of Anger to Killing (21-26)
 - a. Angry with - liable to the City Court
 - b. Call a brother *Raca* - liable to Supreme Court
 - c. Call a brother Fool - liable to Fires of Hell
3. Dealing with Anger
4. Implications of the 6th Word

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7th Command - Jesus' Teaching

1. Purposive Look - "in order to lust"
2. Immediate Drastic Action
 - a. Pluck out the eye...
 - b. Cut off the hand...
3. Sanction of Hell
4. Redemptive Moral Pattern
 - a. Creation Ordinances
 - b. Ten Words
 - c. Sermon on the Mount
 - d. Gospels/Acts/Epistles/Apocalypse
 - e. Final Judgment

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Moral Teaching of Epistles

The same Perpetually Binding moral content is taught by the Apostles in their letters.

These Perpetually Binding Precepts are augmented by household instructions for this age of the Spirit.

The same Perpetually Binding Precepts are the standard for judgment at the final judgment.

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Temporary Binding Precepts

Case law applications of the perpetually binding to the present household administration:

- Lord's Supper
- Baptism
- Evangelism/Witness
- Prayer



Principles of Christian Liberty

All things are Lawful - 1Cor. 6 & 10

not everything is fitting...

not everything builds up...

not to be controlled by anything...

Consequence on weaker brother-

Romans 14

Consequence on unredeemed

Conscience undefiled – 1 Cor.8:7;

10:25

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Axiology - Theory of Value & Definition of values

Value is the worth placed upon persons, groups of persons, objects and events.

Values can be judged by a standard! (Normative Scripture)

Values are not relative, not self-chosen statements of personal preference.



Axiology- Theory of Value

Classification of Values

Intrinsic Value

An end value,
good itself, non-
derived value,
independent,
valuable even if
nothing else
existed!

Extrinsic Value

Instrumental - a
good means!

Beneficial - a
means to good!

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A Value System/Set

Aspect of the Mind Set, Noetic Structure!

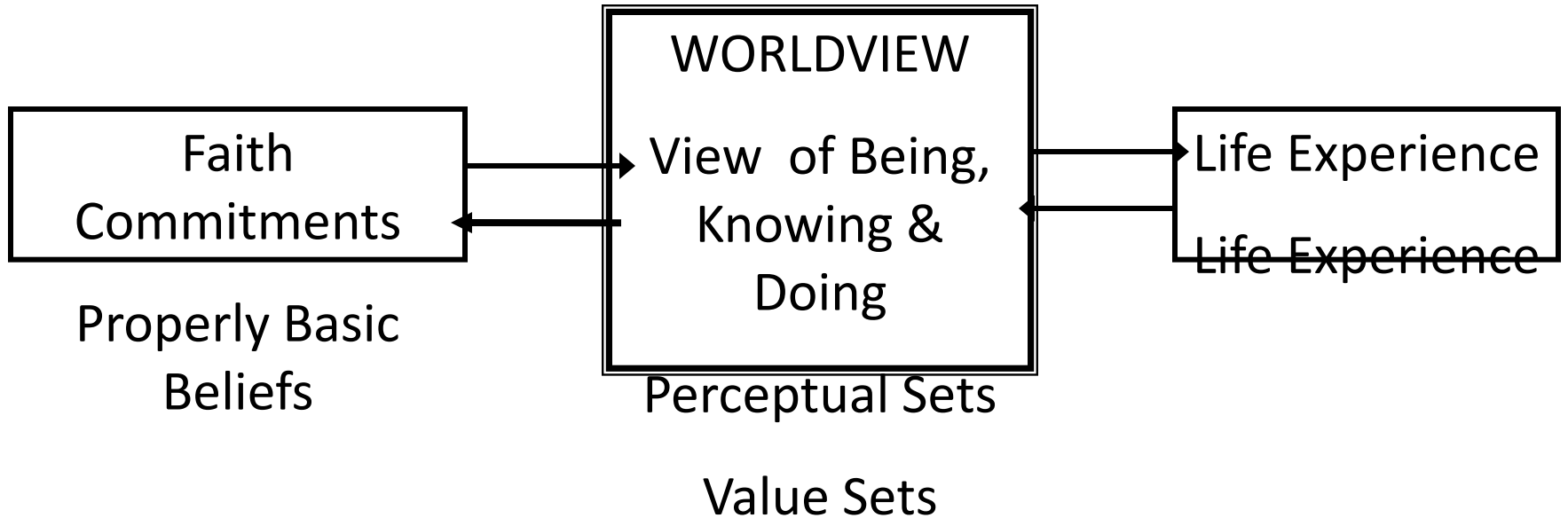
1. Contains at least one Intrinsic Value
2. Inclusive of Every Facet of Life
3. Contains a Strong Ethical Code
4. Shows Inner Compatibility and Coherence
5. Realistic - Achievable

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Function of a Worldview



DECISION MAKING

Basic Premise - 1

BIBLE: Only Infallible Rule for Faith
and Practice

BIBLE: Final and Sufficient Rule for
Faith and Practice

THEREFORE: we should not expect,
depend upon, or demand new
revelations from the Spirit to direct
personal life or church life.

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DECISION MAKING

Basic Premise - 2

GUIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Always in Conjunction with the Text of
the Bible...

Spirit's Witness is in the Text...

Spirit Enables our Will to Do...

If we are Guided by the Spirit then we
have feelings, burdens..

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Decision Making Model

Synthesizing the Materials

Define the Problem

Gather Appropriate Information

Build Alternatives

Predict the Consequences

Identify & Order Value System

Evaluation and Decision

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Decision Making Model Illustrations

Joseph and Potiphar's Wife:
Genesis 39:1-20

Neglect of the Greek Widows:
Acts 6:1-7

Board Member and promotion at
his place of employment

Decision to leave Cedarville
College and go to Grand Rapids

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Basic Ethical Questions

Theory of Motivation

Why should I do what is right?

Why should I chose what is
good?

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