

What Part of the Christian Worldview Do Non-Believers Have to Agree With?

How Can This Be An Entry Point for Communicating the Gospel?

This talk addresses the possibility of using the universal features of humanity as a way to engage the unbeliever for the sake of the Gospel. This talk considers the universal features of humanity such as language, judgment, intentionality, and morality that reveal the way this world to be ordered. The purpose of the talk is to consider how this surprising and unique phenomenon might be used to engage in evangelistic conversation with the unbeliever.

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Schaeffer: “The truth that we let in first is not a dogmatic statement of the truth of scriptures, but the truth of the external world and the truth of what man himself is. This is what shows him his need. The scriptures then show him the real nature of his lostness and the answer to it” (GWT, 140-1)

- I. The importance of human language
 - a. Modal language reveals the structure of reality
 - b. Moral language reveals the nature of reality

- II. The importance of intrinsic intentionality
 - a. How are choices made?
 - b. Are brain states enough?

III. The importance of human longing.

a. Longing for meaning

b. Longing for peace

Suggested Reading:

C. S. Lewis. *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

C. S. Lewis. *The World's Last Night*

Kimberly Ann Blessing, *Movies and the Meaning of Life*