

4.4 WORLDVIEW

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Explanation for the “Way the World is”
2. Systems have two sides
 - a. Models of reality
 - b. Models for action

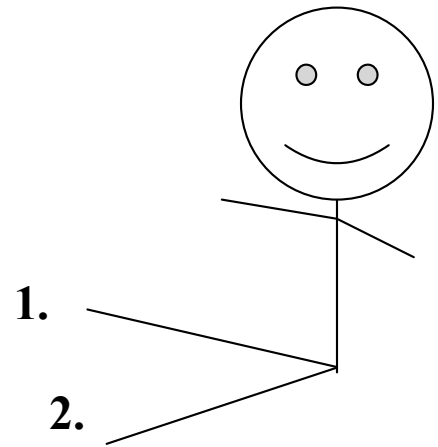
B. TWO LEGS

1. Existential Postulates

- a. Nature
- b. Organization
- c. Purpose

2. Normative Postulates

- a. Values & Norms
- b. Explicit
- c. Implicit



Handout: American Worldview cfd. to Indian Worldview

C. PROBLEMS WITH DIFFERING WORLDVIEWS

1. Ideas and Values Cannot be Seen

- a. Assumptions = “Givens”**
- b. Belief system cfd. to worldview**

2. Anthropologist Has Own Assumptions

- a. Etic**
- b. Emic**

D. CULTUREAL RELATIVISM

- 1. The Reality of Each Culture is Equally True**
- 2. The Assumptions of Each Culture Are Equally Good**

E. PHILOSOPHICAL ABSOLUTES

1. Conclusion #1 (Secular)

a. Universal cognitive order

- 1) biological**
- 2) social**

b. Moral relativism

- 1) moral values relative to each culture**
- 2) human universals only absolutes**

2. Conclusion #2 (Christian)

a. Universal cognitive order

- 1) biological**
- 2) social**
- 3) spiritual**

b. Universal moral order (Biblical Absolutism)

- 1) biblical principles apply universally**
- 2) biblical absolutes to be “contextualized” in each culture**

F. SUMMARY