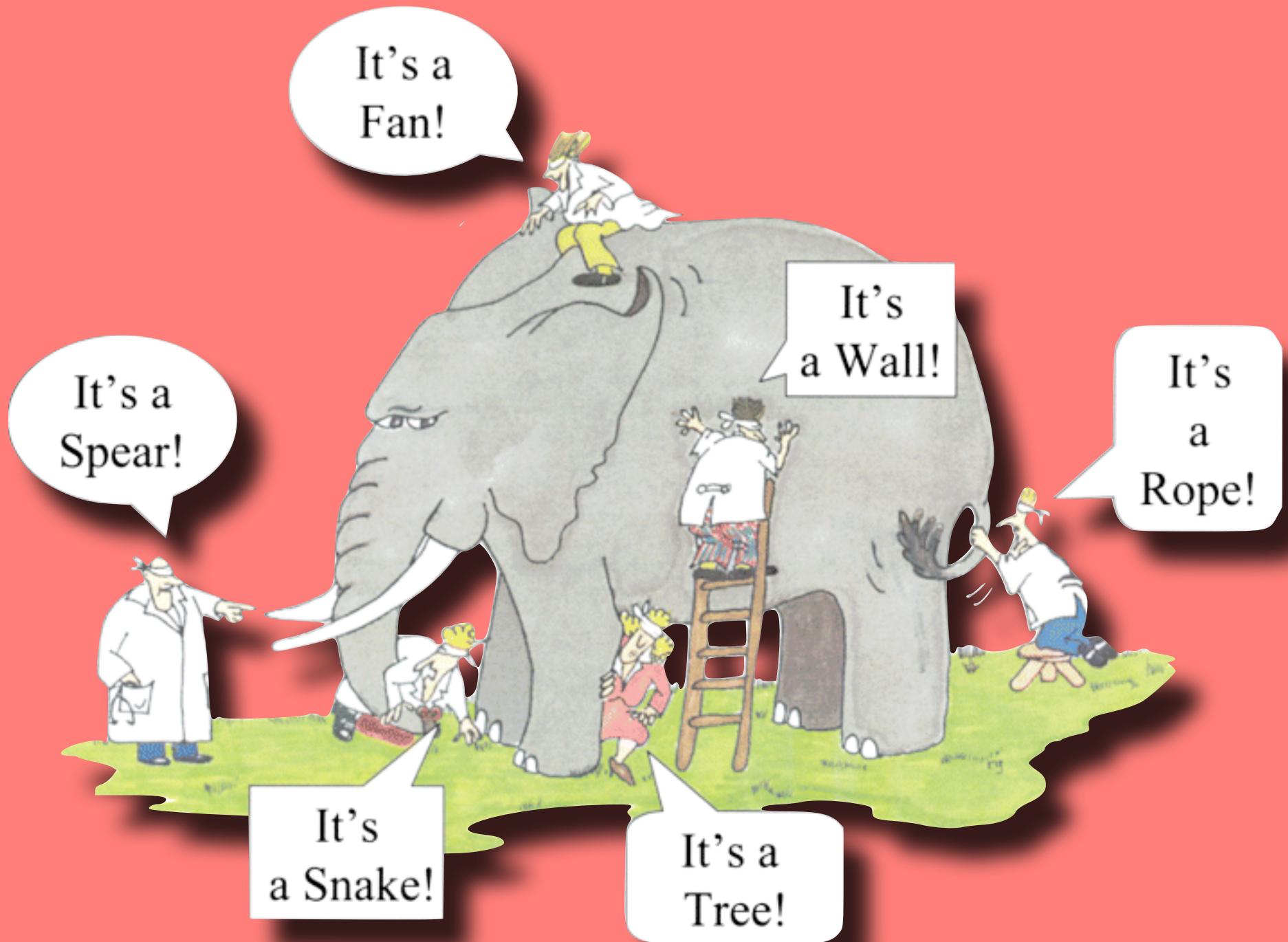


Worldviews

A worldview is the framework of ideas, beliefs, or presuppositions, not tested by natural science, through which an individual interprets the world and interacts with it. It may be compared to a pair of glasses through which one is able to see and make sense of reality. Usually the one “wearing the glasses” is unaware of the lenses through which he or she is looking.





Religious World Views

Atheism

Deism

Pantheism

Polytheism

Monotheism

	Atheism	Deism	Pantheism	Polytheism	Monotheism
Who is God ?	There is no God.	God is a distant creator, uninvolved in the creation.	God is all. All is God.	There are many gods.	There is only one God.
How did creation happen?	We don't really know.	God created all, but then left it alone.	Creation is an illusion.	There are various stories (myths) about how things started. Most involve a conflict among the gods.	God created all things out of nothing.
Who are humans ?	The most complex and highly evolved of the animals. They are not created and have no "spiritual" nature.	Most complex creature of God's making.	At their core, in their essence, human beings are God.	Creations of the gods.	Created by God in God's likeness and image but "fallen" because of sin.

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What's the purpose of life?	There is no purpose other than the one you give it.	To know, understand, and live by the rules and order set in place by the creator.	To escape the illusion of existence.	The purpose of life varies, but we are here mostly for the entertainment of the gods.	To love God and one's neighbor.
How will it all end? What happens after death?	Unclear. Usually accept the latest scientific explanation. No afterlife.	There may or may not be an afterlife, though justice seems to require it. How all things come to an end is not clear.	Creation will come to an end when God "wakes up" but the cycle will be repeated. After death all beings are either reincarnated or absorbed into God.	The current reign of the gods will end. There will be a judgment based on whether or not humans pleased the gods.	God brings all to an end, followed by a judgment based on human works and/or grace. God will then re-make all things as they were meant to be.
Example of Believer	Secular humanists, strict Marxists, Woody Allen, Isaac Asimov, Johannes Brahms, Madalyn Murray O'Hare, Barak Obama Sr., George Orwell, Ronald Reagan Jr., Thomas Edison, Helen Keller	Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein, James Madison, George Washington, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Thomas Paine, Mark Twain, some Unitarian Universalists	Hinduism, some Buddhists, Henry David Thoreau, Oscar Wilde, Spinoza, Zeno, Albert Einstein	Hindus, ancient pagan religions (Rome, Greece, Egyptian, Norse), Wicca, Mormonism, Voodoo	Christians, Jews, Moslems,

Name _____

World Views & God

God	Atheism	Deism	Pantheism	Polytheism	Monotheism
	A	D	P	PY	M
Exists					
Is Necessary					
Is Powerful					
Is Transcendent					
Is Intelligent					
Is Personal					
Is Moral					
Is Engaged					
Is Unique					

In

Atheism

God

- ☐ Exists
- ☐ Is necessary
- ☐ Is powerful
- ☐ Is transcendent
- ☐ Is intelligent
- ☐ Is personal
- ☐ Is moral
- ☐ Is engaged
- ☐ Is unique

In

Pantheism

God

- ☒ Exists
- ☒ Is necessary
- ☒ Is powerful
- ☐ Is transcendent
- ☐ Is intelligent
- ☐ Is personal
- ☐ Is moral
- ☐ Is engaged
- ☒ Is unique

In

Deism

God

- ☒ Exists
- ☒ Is necessary
- ☒ Is powerful
- ☒ Is transcendent
- ☒ Is intelligent
- ☒ Is personal
- ☒ Is moral
- ☐ Is engaged
- ☒ Is unique

In Polytheism God

- ☒ Exists
- ☐ Is necessary
- ☐ Is powerful
- ☐ Is transcendent
- ☐ Is intelligent
- ☒ Is personal
- ☒ Is moral
- ☒ Is engaged
- ☐ Is unique

In Monotheism God

- ☒ Exists
- ☒ Is necessary
- ☒ Is powerful
- ☒ Is transcendent
- ☒ Is intelligent
- ☒ Is personal
- ☒ Is moral
- ☒ Is engaged
- ☒ Is unique