

Be Different

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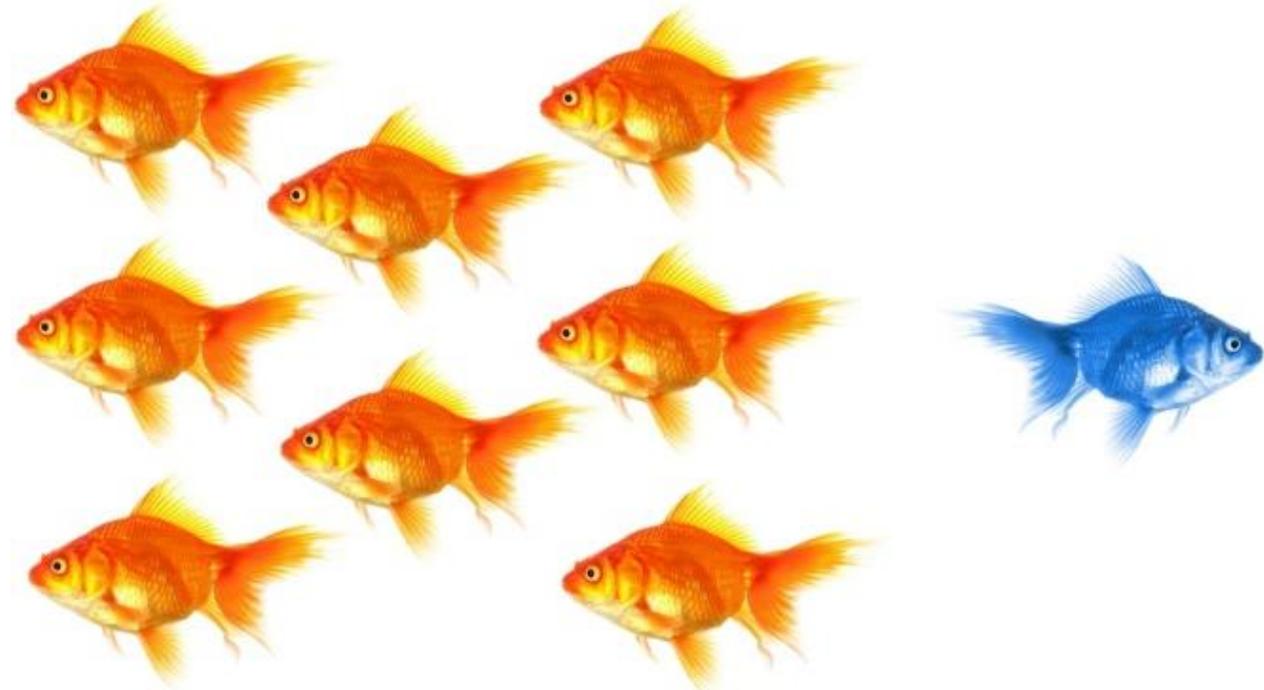
Called to Be Different

Rom 12:1–2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² **Do not be conformed to this world,** but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Patterns of this World

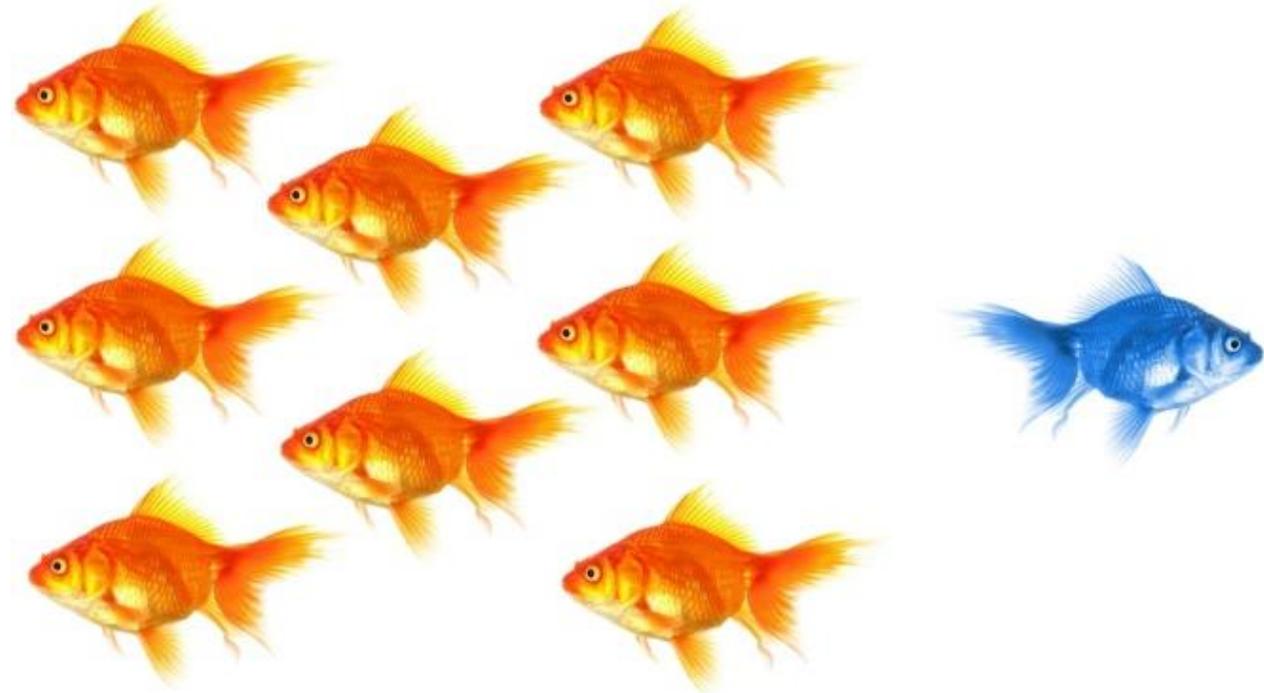
A Worldview

“a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the heart... which we hold about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides the foundation on which we live and move and have our being.” –James Sire



The Patterns of this World

- Worldviews can exercise subtle influence over our lives.
- Easier to see in others than in our own lives.

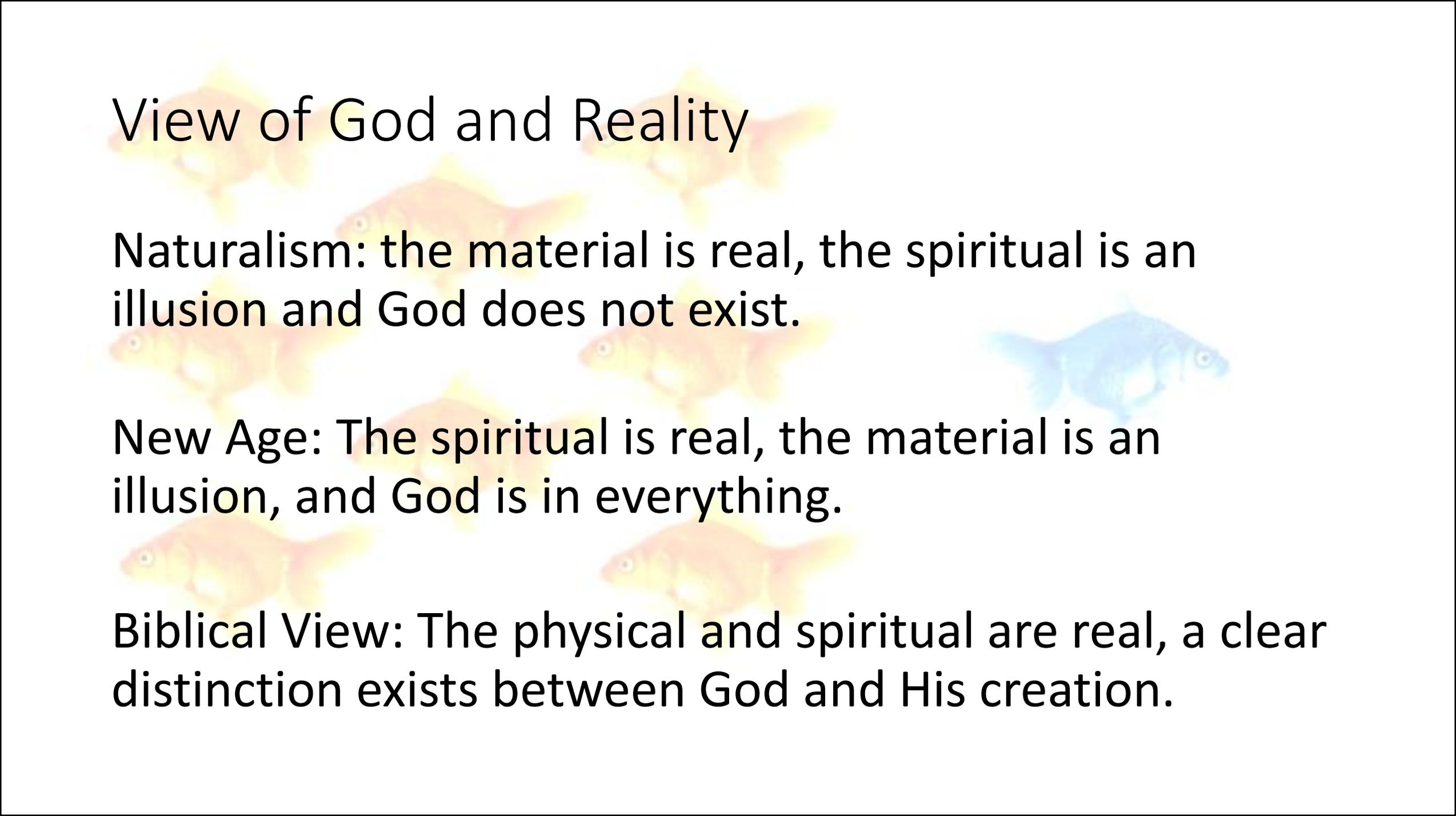


The New Age



- “Holistic” View of the Universe
 - All is One and All is Divine
- Belief in an inner divinity
- Personal Spirituality
- Belief in an emerging New Age (Age of Aquarius)

View of God and Reality



Naturalism: the material is real, the spiritual is an illusion and God does not exist.

New Age: The spiritual is real, the material is an illusion, and God is in everything.

Biblical View: The physical and spiritual are real, a clear distinction exists between God and His creation.

Clear Distinction between God and His Creation

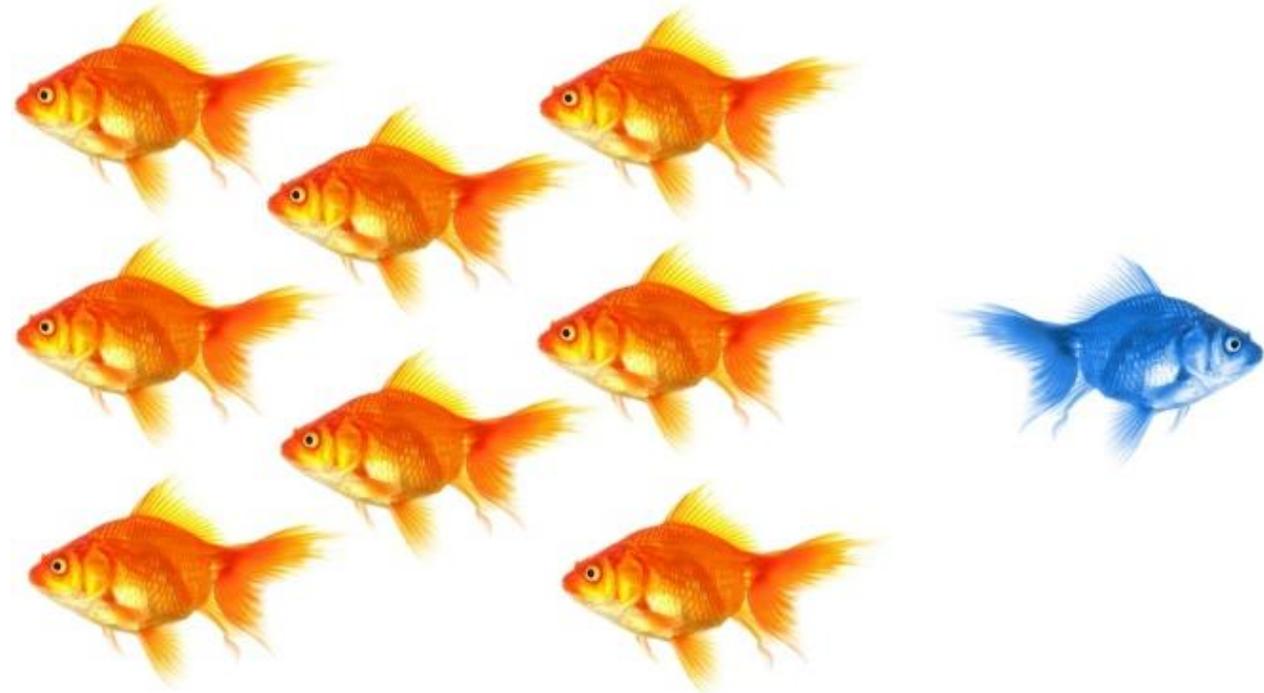
Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Rom 1:25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

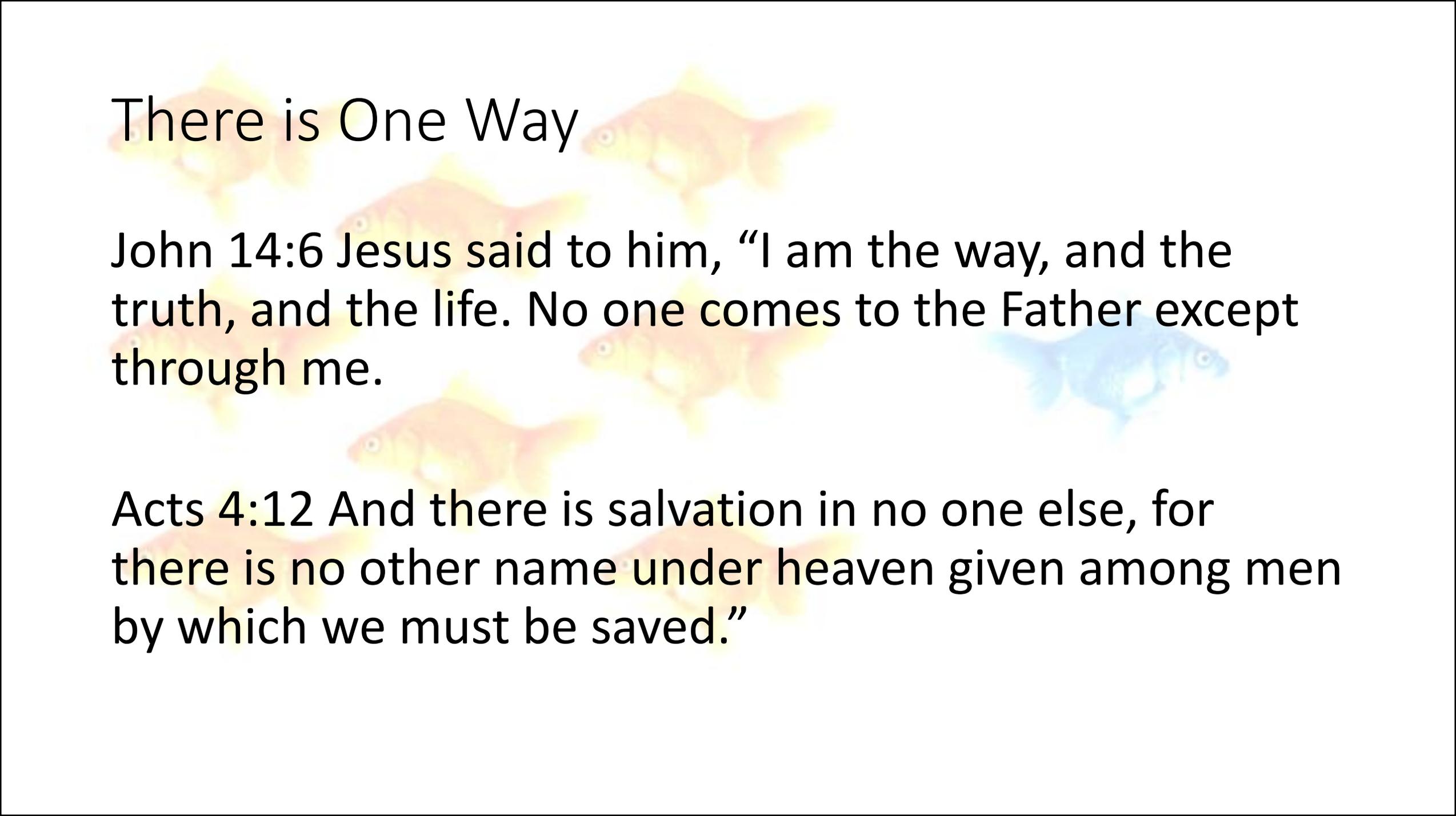
CREATOR // creation

New Age View of Salvation

- Salvation = Enlightenment
- There are Many Ways
- Salvation is Found Within Yourself



There is One Way



John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A Savior Sent to Rescue Us

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

A Savior Sent to Rescue Us

Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Timothy 2:5–6 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

A New Age Coming

Personal Enlightenment will make way for a New Age without the problems of war, starvation, racial strife, and the other problems that currently plague us.

History does not support this view.

A Coming Kingdom

Philippians 2:9–11

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A Coming Kingdom

1 Corinthians 15:24–25

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

A Coming Kingdom

Revelation 21:3-5

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

Guarding Ourselves From New Age Influence

- Be in God's Word – Know the Truth
- Be in Community – People to “speak truth” into your life.
- Give Thanks and Worship to Our Creator
- Let the Holy Spirit guide you into truth (John 16:13)