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- **Two major world views (Ideas) with respect to origins**
 - **Naturalism**
(Evolution, Natural Causes)
 - **Supernaturalism**
(Creation, Intelligent Design)

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- **Evolutionary World View**
 - **Universe is self-existing**
(Matter is eternal, Cosmic evolution)
 - **Non-living matter produced life**
(Chemical evolution)
 - **Man and all life are parts of nature**
(Biological evolution)
 - **Civilization and religious culture produced by man**
(Social evolution)

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- **Creation World View**
 - **Universe was created**
(God is eternal, Genesis 1:1-2)
 - **Life in all its forms was created**
(Genesis 1:11-27)
 - **Man was created in God's image**
(Genesis 1:26)
 - **Man made to seek God**
(Acts 17:24-28)

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- **Consequences of the Evolutionary World View (Idea)**
 - Religion & God created by man
 - Belief in God is irrational & outmoded
 - No purpose for the human species
 - Ethics are situational and relative

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- **Consequences of the Evolutionary World View (Idea)**
 - Authority of power or might
 - Usefulness, not truth is what is important
 - Religious thoughts are illusions

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- **Consequences of the Creation World View**
 - **God is real, thus a rational person must take into account God and His purposes (Prov. 9:10)**
 - **God, and thus nature, are rational. We can uncover the truths of nature and know more about God (Rom. 1:20)**

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- **Consequences of the Creation World View**
 - **God is the source of absolute truth and absolute moral standards (John 17:17)**
 - **God has all authority (Matt. 28:18)**
 - **Man has the responsibility to be good stewards over the world (Ps. 8; 1 Cor. 4:2; Matt. 25)**

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Romans 1:18-32

- **Pray fervently**

- **1 Timothy 2:1-4**

- **Proverbs 14:34** – “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”

- **Psalms 33:10-22**

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- **Let our light shine on moral issues**
 - **Ephesians 5:10-12**
 - **Our Lord does not call us to be political or social activists, but we are to be lights in the darkness!**

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 - **Abortion**

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- **The infamous *Roe v Wade* Supreme Court decision of 1973**
- **The unborn child is not a person**
- **Norma McCorvey (the original “Jane Roe”) filed suit in 2003 to have *Roe v. Wade* overturned**

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Deaths from America's Wars

Total

From 1775 to the Present
(U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs)

1,190,200

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Deaths from Abortion

From 1973 to the Present

in the USA

(Guttmacher Institute)

Over **60,000,000**

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- **Let our light shine on moral issues**
 - **Ephesians 5:10-12**
 - **Abortion**
 - **Sacred Selections**
 - **In a godly way show a better way**
 - **Provide for adoption**

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- **Recent actions relative to abortion**
 - **January 2012** – Ruling from the US Department of Health and Human Services
 - Requires employers (profit and non-profit) to provide health care plans that include coverage of abortifacients (**drugs or agents that cause abortions**).

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- **Let our light shine on moral issues**
 - **Ephesians 5:10-12**
 - **Abortion**
 - **General morality**
 - **Sanctity of marriage**
 - **Pornography**

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- **The Idea that the Bible is God's Word also has consequences**
 - **God's plan of salvation was fulfilled in Jesus Christ (John 3:16)**
 - **Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the light (John 14:6)**
 - **We must become a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20)**

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 - **Christians take the gospel to the whole world (Matt. 28:18-20)**
 - **Christians look for the second coming of Christ (2 Pet. 3:1-14)**
 - **Christians set their affections on things above (Col. 3:1-4)**