

# Journeys

Felon to Faith

# Where I Grew Up



# Much Nicer Now



**Meg White**

Downtown  
Detroit has more  
vacant buildings  
over 10 storey's  
than any city in  
the world.





**My Own Boss**

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# Seeing Double



# Fights

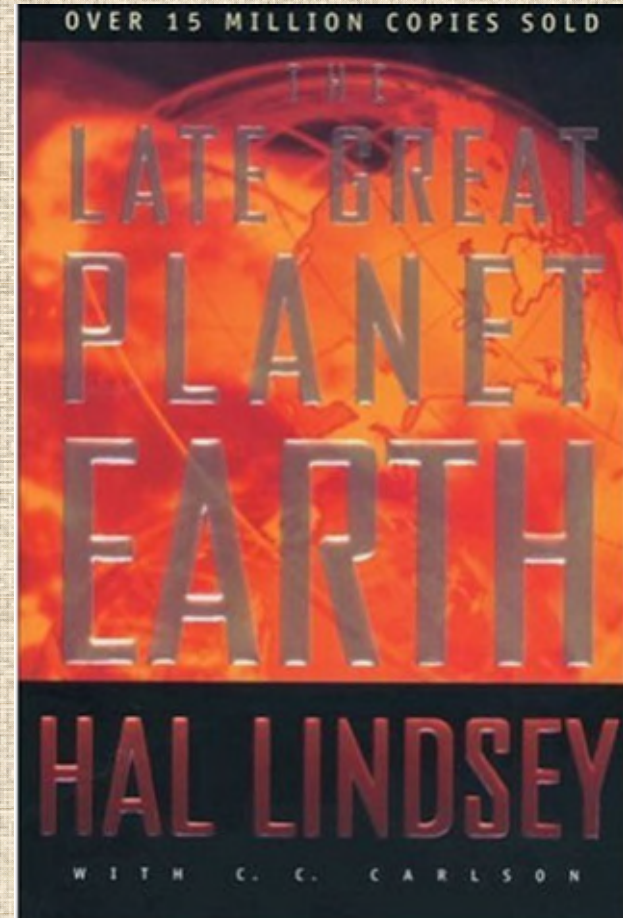
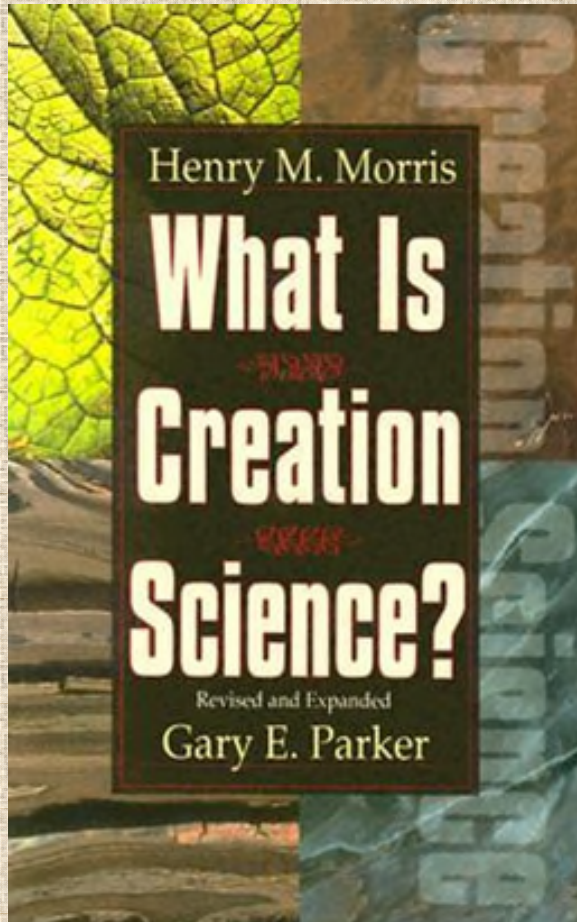




# Ideas Have Consequences

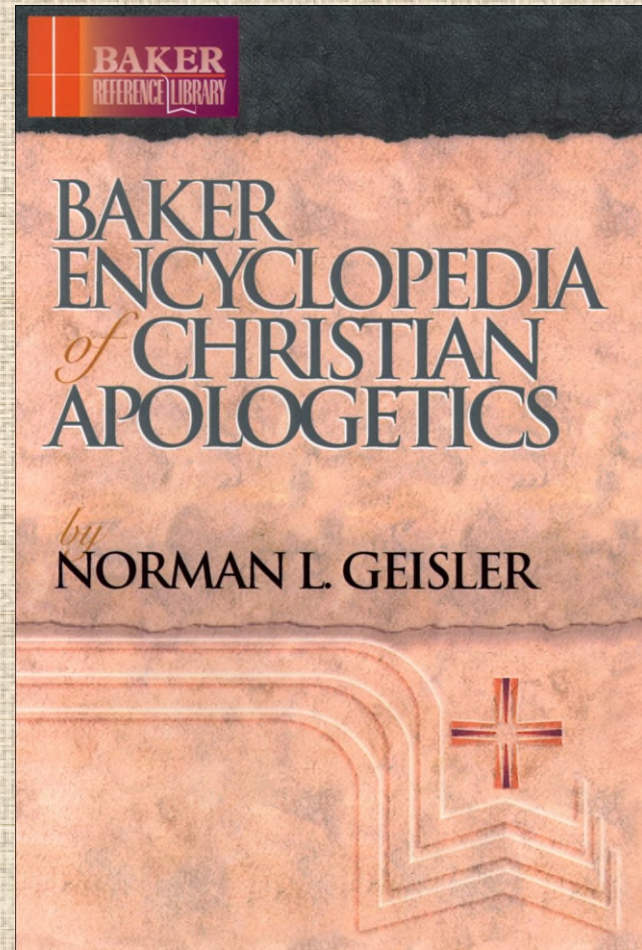


# Two Books



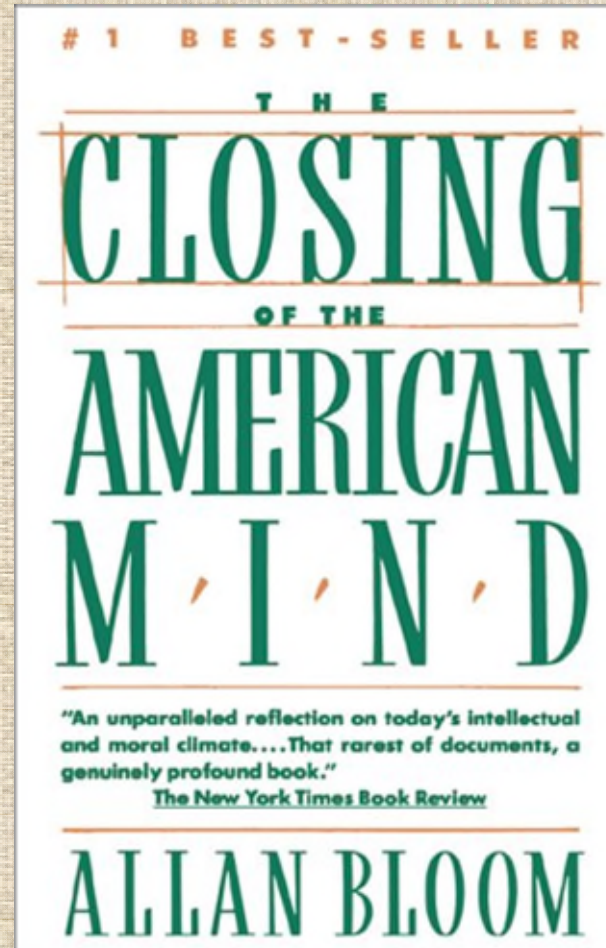
# What Is a Worldview

A Worldview is how one views or interprets reality. The German word is Weltanschauung, meaning a “world and life view,” or “a paradigm.” It is a framework through which or by which one makes sense of the data of life. A worldview makes a world of difference in one’s view of God, origins, evil, human nature, values, and destiny.



## Prof. Allan Bloom

*“There is one thing a professor can be certain of. Almost every student entering the university believes, or says he believes, that truth is relative.”*



# Debating Views of the World

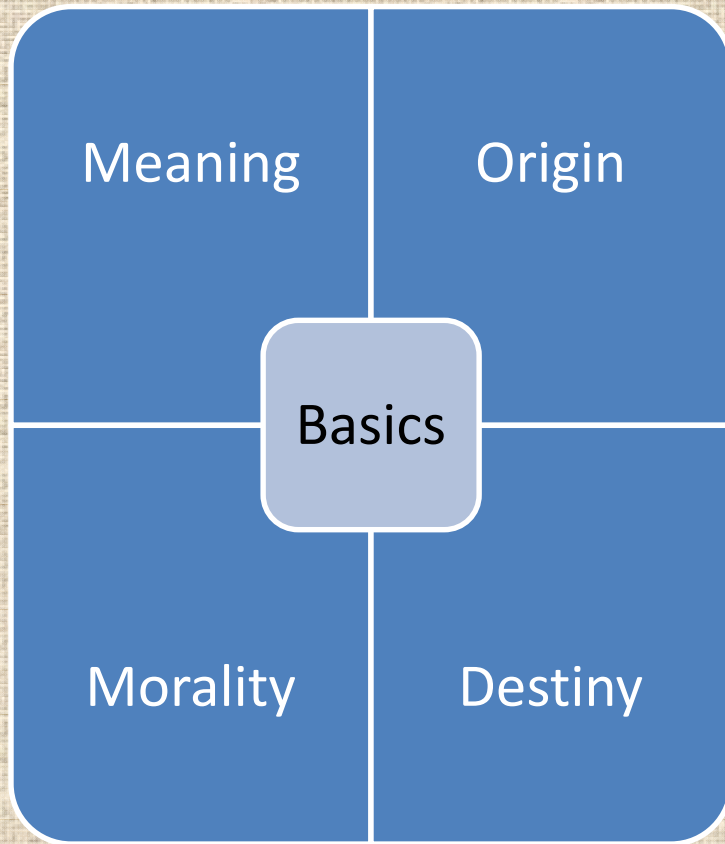


- Modern science, i.e., evolution, implies that there is no purpose, gods, or design in nature.
- There are no absolute moral or ethical laws.
- Heredity and environment determine all that man is.
- When we die, we die, and that is all there is.
- Evolution cannot produce a being that is truly free to make choices.

**In Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1996), the 9th  
District Appeals Court**

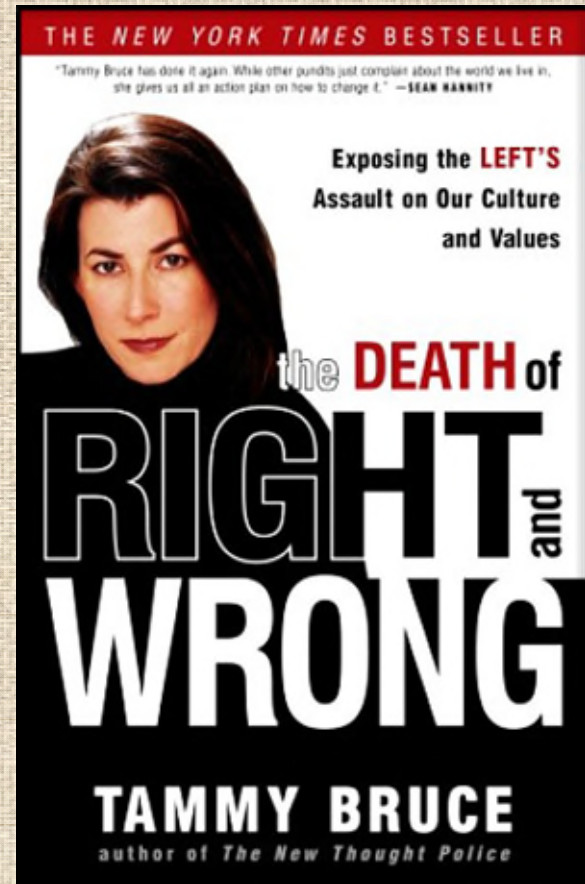
***"At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe and of the mystery of human life. Beliefs about these matters could not define the attributes of personhood were they formed under compulsion of the State."***

# What I Started To Ask



# Even Non-Christians Get it

Even if one does not necessarily accept the institutional structure of “organized religion,” the “Judeo-Christian ethic and the personal standards it encourages do not impinge on the quality of life, but enhance it. They also give one a basic moral template that is not relative,” which is why the legal positivists of the Left are so threatened by the Natural Law aspect of the Judeo-Christian ethic.



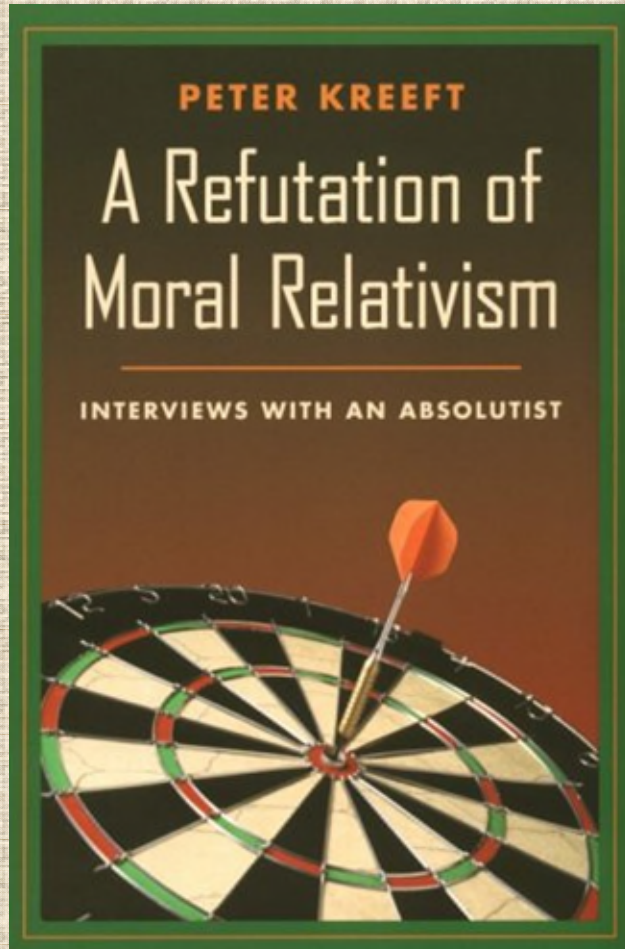


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# Mussolini



“Everything I have said and done in these last years is relativism by intuition.... If relativism signifies contempt for fixed categories and men who claim to be bearers of an objective, immortal truth... then there is *nothing more relativistic than fascistic attitudes and activity*.... From the fact that all ideologies are of equal value, that all ideologies are mere fictions, the modern relativist infers that everybody has the right to create for himself his own ideology and to attempt to enforce it with all the energy of which he is capable.”

# Two Roads

**Origins**



**Chance**



**Amorality**



**Behaviour A**



**Creator**



**Morality**



**Behaviour B**

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# CS Lewis

My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust? If the whole show was bad and senseless from A to Z, so to speak, why did I, who was supposed to be part of the show, find myself in such violent reaction against it? A man feels wet when he falls into water, because man is not a water animal: a fish would not feel wet. Of course I could have given up my idea of justice by saying it was nothing but a private idea of my own. But if I did that, then my argument against God collapsed too--for the argument depended on saying that the world was really unjust, not simply that it did not happen to please my fancies. Thus in the very act of trying to prove that God did not exist--in other words, that the whole of reality was senseless -I found I was forced to assume that one part of reality--namely my idea of justice--was full of sense. Consequently atheism turns out to be too simple. If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning: just as, if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know it was dark. Dark would be a word without meaning.

# Two Ways To View Rape

## Theistic

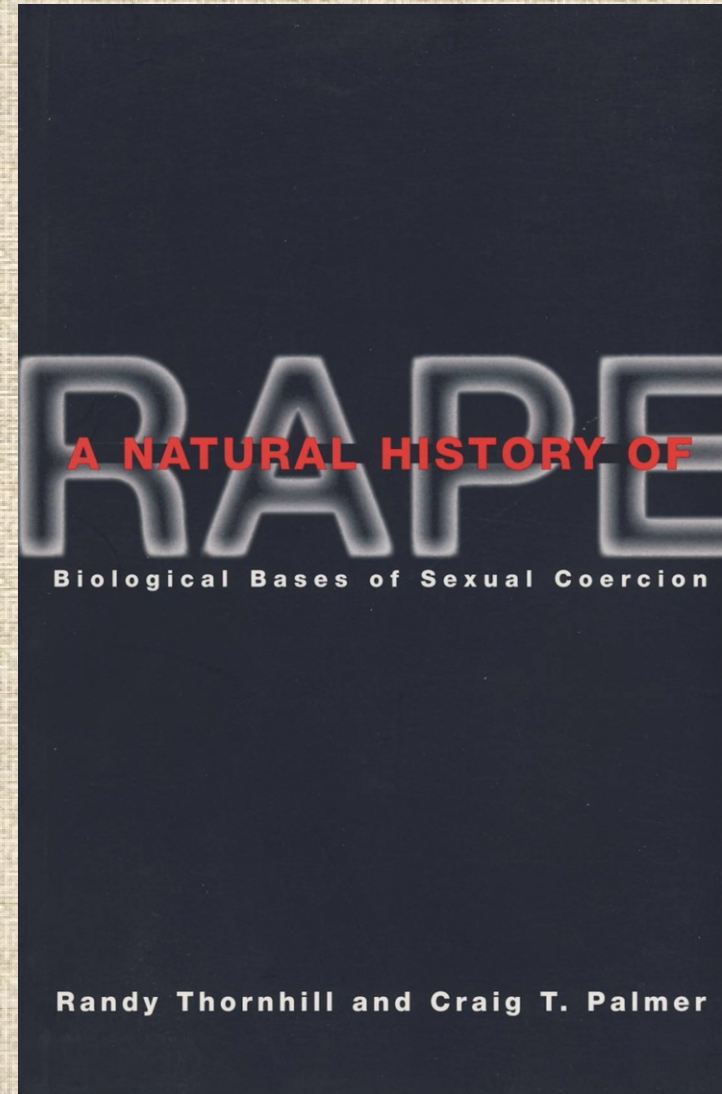
Wrong at all times and places in the universe. IF God Exists in the Judeo-Christian form, it will always be morally wrong

## Atheistic

May have been advantageous in our evolutionary past. If survival of the species can be viewed as the most “moral” concept in atheistic evolutionary thinking, then for the species to survive is the preeminent ethos in naturalistic thinking. Survival may again become necessary by any means

# Amorality

- rape is said to not be a pathology but an evolutionary adaptation – a strategy for maximizing reproductive success.



# Ideas Have Consequences

“The stronger must dominate and not mate with the weaker, which would signify the sacrifice of its own higher nature. Only the born weakling can look upon this principle as cruel, and if he does so it is merely because he is of a feebler nature and narrower mind; for if such a law [natural selection] did not direct the process of evolution then the higher development of organic life would not be conceivable at all.... If Nature does not wish that weaker individuals should mate with the stronger, she wishes even less that a superior race should intermingle with an inferior one; because in such a case all her efforts, throughout hundreds of thousands of years, to establish an evolutionary higher stage of being, may thus be rendered futile.”

# Which Ideas Do you Think Are Important – What Are Their Consequences

