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4-1-19 (Day 1) // Christian Beliefs

**Discussion Questions**

-None today, first day. We briefly reviewed the syllabus

**Lecture Notes**

-Worldviews, Doctrines, and Explanatory Stories

-Explanatory stories (myths) have their merit. Fiction can contribute to our lives even though they may not be factually correct. They teach you something and add to your worldview. Examples used: Genesis, Chronicles of Narnia,

-All explanatory stories start with a non-contingent entity\* (such as God, or the atom). These entities can be personal or impersonal. The second level of the story describes *how*  things came from the entity. Finally, the story ends with the creation of humans. In every system, however, things remain a mystery.

-Religion consists of four levels: Practice->Doctrine (explanation of Practice)->

\*there is no way to prove this