SECULAR OR SCRIPTURAL

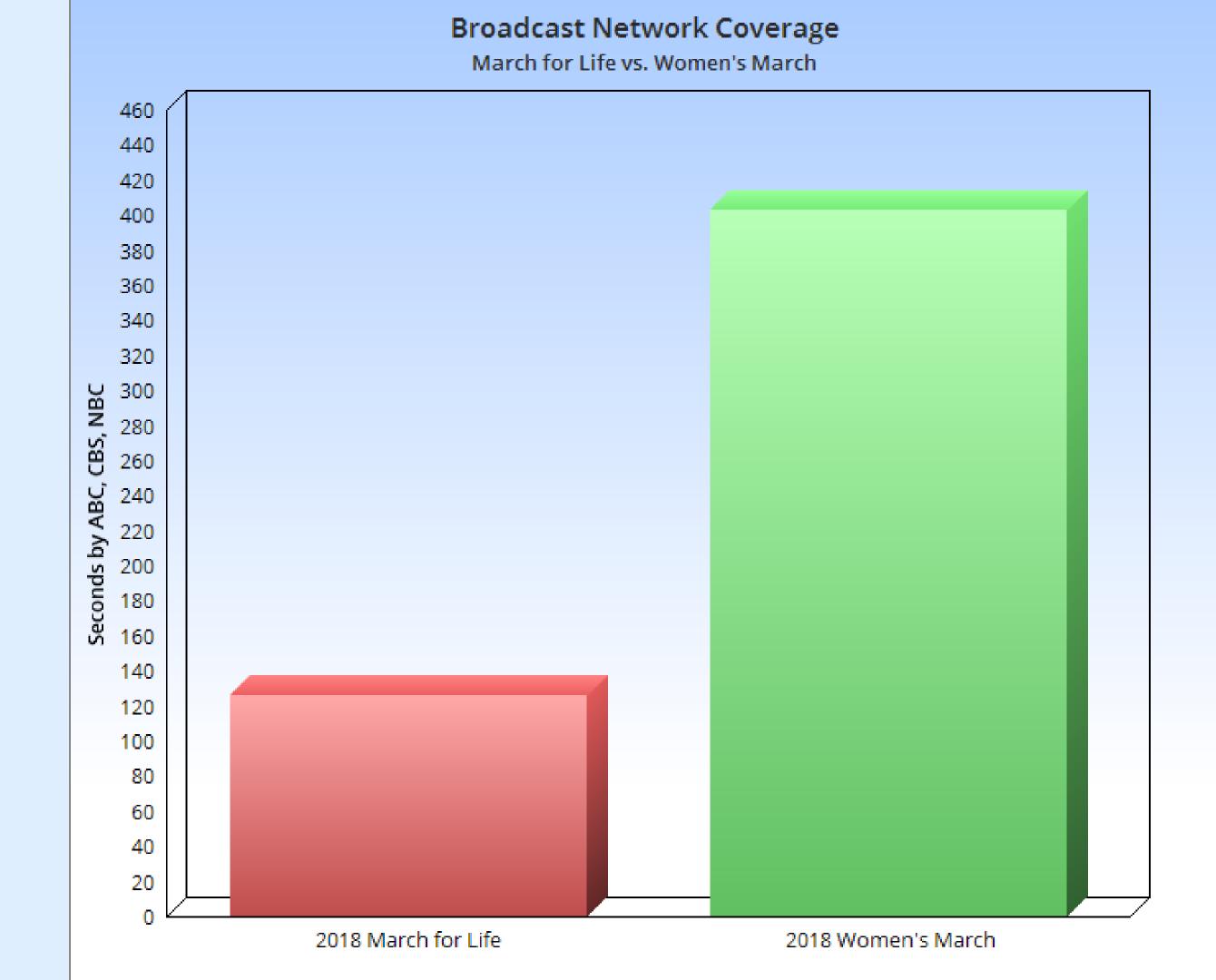


PURPOSE:

Deception is escalating and unless we are anchored in the authentic we will be seduced by the counterfeit, unprepared for what occurs and be offended at God.

> e.g. Nazism e.g. Justice







WORLDVIEW: How you view all of life, the lens through which you view reality, your personal belief system.



SECULAR:

from Latin "saeculum" (time or age), focused on this age alone, rejecting religion and eternity.



SCRIPTURAL:

according to the God of the Bible and His inerrant revelation





GODOR GODLESS: The preeminent foundation for our life: "In the beginning, GOD created..."(Gen.1:1).





"The culture war is not just about abortion, homosexual rights, or the decline of public education. These are only the skirmishes. The real war is a cosmic struggle between worldviews-between the Christian worldview and the various secular and spiritual worldviews waged against it." **Chuck Colson**

ROMANS 1:18-32.

18. The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19. since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20.** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. 21. For although they knew God, they neither...

ROMANS 1:18-32.

...glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23. and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. 24. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25. They exchanged the truth about...

ROMANS 1:18-32. ...God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather

than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. 26. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. 28. Furthermore, just as they did...

ROMANS 1:18-32:

...not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30. slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31. they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy...

ROMANS 1:18-32.

32. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

KOMANS 12:1-2:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

HEBREWS 5:13-14:

13. Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

ISSUE	SECULAR VIEW	SCRIPTURAL VIEW	ISSUE	SECULAR VIEW	SCRIPTURAL VIEW
Truth	Subjective and experimental (what feels	Revealed and knowable, one divine source, objective	Jesus	Moral teacher & example	Son of God, Lord & Savior
The Bible	right) An old, religious book	Revealed will of God for	Response	Improve through effort, spiritual activities	Yield to God—repent, trust and obey
The Universe &	with stories and insights Evolution- and man-	all areas of life Creation- and God-	Guilt	Conditioned response	Conviction to lead to confession/change
History Man's Condition	dition Inherently good, improving to a higher state	centered Sinful makeup requires redemption	Accountability	Optional or for "serious" offenders	All responsible for choices
			Responsibility	Codependent victims	Everyone responsible for choices
Source of Problems	Ignorance or environment (sees self as victim)	Human sinfulness (take responsibility for own actions)	Orientation	Serve self, demand "rights," embrace entitlements	Please God, live humbly; serve others
God	Whoever, whatever, or denial	Loving Creator, merciful Savior, righteous Judge	Change	Excuse, shift blame, plead ignorance, rationalize	Follow Bible, mature in character
Plight	Ignorant of potential (evolving)	Separated from God (spiritually dead)	Afterlife Judgment	behavior Denied, ignored, reincarnation, annihilation	Enter God's presence (heaven) or eternal separation (hell)
Sin	Disregarded or redefined as addiction	Choices, disobeying God			
Solution	Legislation, education, therapy	Regeneration (a spiritual "rebirth")		Non-existent or avoided by "good works"	Disobedience punished & obedience rewarded by a just and loving God
Provision	Education, science, technology	The gospel—Person and finished work of Jesus Christ	Goal of Life	Personal pleasure, self- fulfillment, acquisition of wealth & possessions	Glorify God, fulfill destiny, serve humanity, enjoy eternity

"All there is is nature and humanity."

- Karl Marx

founder of communism (which destroyed about one hundred million lives)



"When people stop believing in God, they don't believe in nothing - they believe in anything."

- G. K. Chesterton prolific author and world-renowned literary influencer for Christ