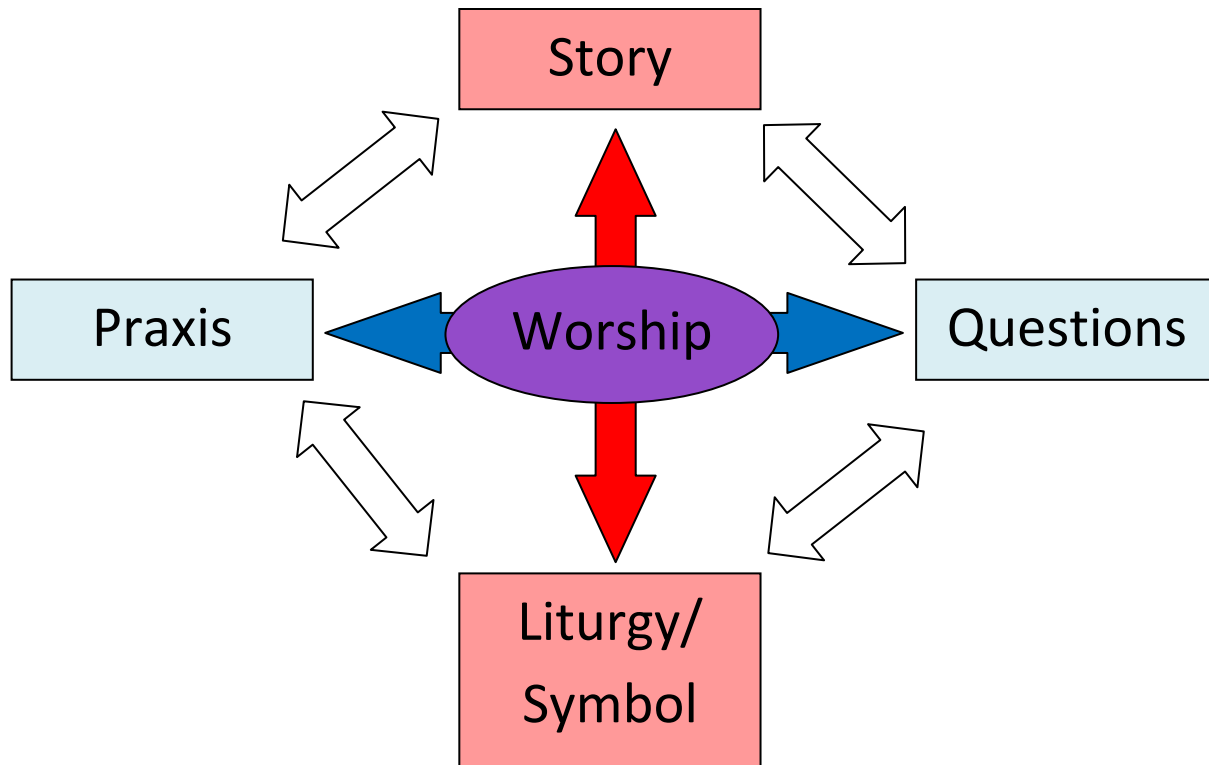


Toward a Full Worldview



Questions: How you answer the basic questions of life. Who is God? Who is man? Where did we come from? Where are we going? What happens when we die? What is death anyway? Why do we die? Where does evil come from? What is nature, and where did it come from? What is our purpose?

Praxis: What you do. How often you wash your car. Whether you cheat on your spouse, or your taxes. What toothpaste you use, clothes you wear, magazines you read. How you talk, and to whom.

Story: What story you think you're living in; with whom your loyalties stand. Who are your people? For whom do you cheer when they do well? Whom do you want to do poorly? About whom don't you care one way or the other?

Liturgy/Symbol: How you continually enact your allegiance to your people and reinforce your position in the particular story you believe you're living in. What regular acts of respect and devotion must you perform? What "offensive" (=blasphemous) words and acts do you take pains to avoid?

Worship: The center of your world. On whom or what do you depend for wellbeing? Whom or what do you fear? What is the source of strength, when you are weak; of comfort, when you are in turmoil; of deliverance, when you are in trouble?

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