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	<b>Postmodernism</b>	<b>Christianity</b>
Epistemology	Concrete Experience	General and Special Revelation
World Views	No one set of presuppositions (world view) should govern belief, because there are many possible sets of presuppositions	Although several world views exist, it does not follow that all of them are of equal value.
Truth/Knowledge	All truth claims are questioned; ambiguity and pluralism are not only tolerated but preferred; we can never get closer to the real truth about things.	Some things are knowable or true even if our knowledge of them is incomplete; true truth is available via God's revelation about Himself, mankind, and the world.
Reality	It is a fluid, unfolding process, an "open universe," continually affected and molded by one's actions and beliefs, a possibility rather than a fact; reality is created by the human mind, thus many constructs are possible.	Reality is a creation of God; it had a beginning and is headed towards a final end; it is an "open system" in the sense that God acts supernaturally as He sees fit; only one reality exists.
Understanding	All human understanding is interpretation and no interpretation is final.	Understanding is greatly affected by rules of interpretation, but only one interpretation is correct.
Language	All human thought is ultimately generated and bound by human language; it is dependent on the language and social practices of	True communication is possible because the Creator of the universe created language as well; our ability

	local communities; language has no "ever-closer" relationship to an independent reality; language is a "cage."	to get closer to what is really real is based upon our image-bearing capacity and God's personhood.
Mankind	The fate of human consciousness is that of a self-aware creature, never sure of the nature of reality or truth.	Human consciousness is capable of discerning what is true once spiritual blindness is removed by the Holy Spirit.

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