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Entwistle Chapter 4 Questions

1. I identified 4 clashes of worldviews in the author's story. My worldview was exposed in the sense to where I thought their beliefs and way of thinking was crazy, inhumane and unethical. My western worldview and Christian worldview allowed me to view them this way. If I were exposed to that culture or other cultures with different beliefs, I would want more understanding or clarity. I would want to know how they came to certain principles and cultural traditions, ways of thinking.
2. A person is a human being created by God, with a mind and soul. The bible and science is the reason for this view. What is wrong with the world is the evidence of sin and man in their fallen nature, the flesh. Violence, immorality, no love for others are all traits of humans who live outside the presence of their creator Jesus Christ. Even for those who know God and still struggle with set sins is evidence of mankind's fleshly nature to still do evil. The beginning solution is to allow God to be the answer for our mistakes. If the whole world can come out from their selves, and allow Jesus to come into their hearts, and truly live for him we would see change. My evidence for that is the transformation in myself and the transformation I have seen in others. The nature of sin and all the things that go wrong in this world is only something God can fix.
3. Yes I can see how my last two answers come from my worldview of my faith. One can probably say that coming into the knowledge of Jesus Christ may not be the quick go-to solutions for the problems in this world such as famine in cities and countries. That hope and belief in Jesus Christ may not mean immediate help to food provided. Other problems as well such as natural disasters, hope and relief to places that remains desolate for a while after. My worldview would definitely have someone disagree or raise further questions. I see the elements that Sire speaks on because my answers were based on my lenses and life experiences.
4. An animist may say that they came about by an ancestral spirit, and that the reasons for problems in the world are due to demonic entities. That these demonic spirits can operate in people, animals and things. The only way to fix these issues would be by a shaman retracting the demon or throwing someone into fire until the demon is out. A polytheist would say that they are a mortal, and the things that take place on earth are the affairs of

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mortals. Praying to various Gods who have control over certain sectors of the world would provide the answers to what is wrong. A pantheist would say that they are a force of being, and a mini god. Everything that is wrong with the world is nature's course; the universe acting out and they have a power as individual gods to change it.

Modernist/atheist will believe that we came from evolution. Everything that goes on wrong in the world can be explained by science. Scientific research as well as logic can provide solutions. A postmodernist would believe that they are a being of human nature. That mankind is responsible for all world issues. Philosophy, culture and intellectual thinking can provide answers and solutions.

5. I don't believe this to be true, I think of the author and his mission's trip. I am sure the people in that village did not choose to adopt those beliefs, but were born into it. When given exposure to other cultures, ideas and principles perhaps then you can make a choice on what to believe. For myself I grew up in church but then had a period from age 15 to 30 where I neglected those beliefs. I went on my own self- discovery to find for myself what I was taught was true. Afterwards is when I then chose to have the views I have now, however due to living in a society of exposure. Some people, communities, sects are not aware of other principles therefore there are no other options to make a choice.
6. I believe it is to help us understand our purpose and functions, as well as knowing we along with the world are a part of creation. The world cannot function without mankind cultivating it and we cannot function without the resources of the world. The similarities are that although created with the earth human beings are different. Adam and Eve were given the commission to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over the earth showing that we have a role of stewardship that plants and animals don't have. This acknowledgement will help us to understand what it is our job to take care of the earth we live in. To carry out the works of God while on earth.
7. I am not honestly sure if I can relate the fall of man and sin with psychology. It is obvious that all the things we suffer now in the world as individuals and nature is because of the fall. But I am honestly not sure how those sufferings go hand in hand with one's mental state.
8. God is calling all Christians and myself to be a light to the world. God wants to be the light that shines in darkness. Just from his transformation in me is enough to give hope to someone that could have shared the same downsides of life as me. He doesn't want to just forgive and heal but he wants to restore. "May your kingdom come on earth as it is

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in heaven” is the plight of God. I see how my friends who don’t know Christ are inspired just from the changes in me. Co-workers and others are able to notice the difference. God wants his kingdom and followers to infiltrate areas other than the church. Many Christians are creatives, scientists, business people etc. God is the creator for all these things he wants to be able to take over but it starts with his believers.

9. I believe it will be God removing us from our fleshly cursed bodies and giving us newer ones. Scriptures in revelation speak on a New Jerusalem and new earth. I believe God will bring into restoration what he originally designed for his creation to be. For my experience that is the sole reason why no matter how hard it gets for me I ask God to help me endure because I know this is only for a short time. I think the Christian walk for a whole would be different if people didn’t wallow in their sufferings and prayed for heaven to come. Sometimes this outlook causes us to forget what we are supposed to do in the time being here, which is saving souls, and allowing heaven to be on earth.