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## Abstract

This paper explains how naturalism affects the Christian worldview. Naturalism is related to philosophy and it is also related to Christianity. We need to know the difference between naturalism, philosophy, and Christianity. In this article, it will focus on the perception and relationship between nursing, naturalism, and Christianity.

The philosophy that dominates most people's worldviews today is naturalism. This is the idea that only nature, which is made up of matter and energy, is all of reality, and that truth can be discovered by scientifically observing and experiencing nature using sensory organs. Modern science is based on this naturalistic philosophy. Therefore, since supernatural beings (God) and spiritual beings (Satan and angels) do not exist, and supernatural phenomena such as creation and miracles cannot occur, Christianity, which believes in them, is put in the realm of religion and treated like other religions. While science based on naturalism relies only on human reason in its pursuit of truth, Christianity differs in that it places more importance on the revelation God gives us. God, the Creator who loves mankind, revealed the truth in a way that finite humans can understand to communicate with humans.

Naturalism is a philosophy that tries to judge everything by what it sees. For those of us who are weak in what we see, naturalistic philosophy was easily accepted and exerted great influence because of its strong penetrating power. Even the fundamental question of "Where do I come from?" In this situation, if this question asks me to pick the best masterpiece of naturalism, it would be 'the evolution theory'. This is a theory that has been done over a long period from simple creatures to the most advanced humans. The first person who comes to mind when it comes to the theory of evolution is Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882, England). In 1859, he wrote the masterpiece of his time, *The Origin of Species*. He explained the origins of humans and other creatures by putting an infinitely long time into survival competition and natural selection.

The idea of natural selection and survival competition that already existed. (Darwin, C. 2003). The core of Darwin's <Origin of Species> is 'natural selection'. But the idea of natural

selection did not originate with Darwin. Many people have already discussed this. Another mechanism of Darwinian evolution is 'survival competition'. (Darwin, C. 2003) The biggest change after the appearance of the theory of evolution is that trust in the Bible began to waver. Many churches accepted the theory of evolution without determining its validity, and the next generation left the church. This is because the theory of evolution from the flesh cannot be with God. "The flesh desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, and these are opposed to each other so that you do not do what you will" (Galatians 5:17).

When we look at a certain person, we easily express expressions such as "I look like someone," "I act like someone," and "I radiate someone's image." It may be because we are beings that are easy to judge based on what we see. The Bible, on the other hand, requires the opposite attitude. The invisible before the visible demands to be the first reality. The reason is that the beginning of everything came from the invisible God. Following deism, the first representative atheistic philosophy to appear is naturalism. Naturalism, as the word itself says, is a philosophy that excludes the existence of the invisible God and tries to explain everything only with the visible nature. To understand it sequentially, naturalism excludes God from the deism discussed above. Naturalists placed visible nature and their reason above God. Although at first, they did not claim to deny God, they eventually became atheistic naturalists. They believed that 'what is visible is everything', so a universe is a machine, and humans are only a complicated and small accessory among them. From this point of view, the universe is an orderly, eternal, and gigantic machine without any purpose, and human beings are seen as a continuum united among the universe, space, time, and matter. (Darwin, C. 2003). Naturalistic philosophy is the view that all the laws and forces that operate the universe are spontaneous, not moral, spiritual, or supernatural. (Darwin, C. 2003) Naturalism is a fundamentally atheistic view that rejects the

concept of a personal God. So many people think that naturalism has nothing to do with religion, but in fact, the claim that naturalism is the essence of scientific objectivity is a common misconception. Independent institute introduced a naturalistic worldview. Modern philosophers such as C.S Lewis, Alvin Plantinga, and Richard Swinburne have investigated this naturalistic worldview and have shown that although material "facts" alone can be defined, no conclusions can be drawn without an independent basis for evaluating such a world. Analysis requires the presence of scientists whose views are not mechanically determined by the world they are examining. (Evers, W. 2022)

I am going to discuss a Biblical Perspective on Naturalism. On the other hand, the Bible says that 'what is seen' does not come from the visible, but from the invisible Almighty God, and requires faith to believe in it. "By faith, we understand that the world was created by the word of God so that what is seen was not made out of what is visible" (Hebrews 11:3). This means that all the ancestors of faith listed here basically had a basic faith in the invisible God, and we, the descendants of faith, also want to have this kind of faith.

And since all things clearly show the eternal power of the invisible God, we have no excuses. "God's invisible qualities, even his eternal power, and divinity are seen, being known from the creation of the world, so that they are without excuse" (Rom 1:20).

The reason why we can discover the amazing laws contained in creation is not that we have this ability ourselves, but because humans are special beings created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27, 28). However, if we look only at the results we have achieved, excluding God, we will be intoxicated by our amazing ability. It is clear that the motion of the planets, chemical

bonds, and metabolic processes of animals and plants could never be equipped by nature itself. This reveals the design of the Almighty who transcends the visible.

Naturalism also affects our health and medical systems today. This world view can affect clients' health and decision making. Therefore, it also affects the intervention of medical staff. Naturalistic medicine is not a modern medical treatment method such as chemical administration, injection, surgery, and radiation.

Natural products such as sunlight, water, air, plants, and medicines are used according to the principles of nature without being used as a means of treatment. Strengthen the natural healing power of the human body by mobilizing natural methods that use it as healing medicine that allows the throw to heal and recover from the disease. For example, recently there was a hospital introducing natural childbirth. Naturalistic childbirth is a childbirth method that minimizes the intervention of medical staff and respects the choice and rights of the mother to maximize natural childbirth. There are many factors involved in natural childbirth. For example, it is Prenatal education, prenatal education, birth plan, music, doula, and underwater delivery. Pregnancy in the high-risk group, which accounts for about 10% of all pregnancies, is not possible. This includes preeclampsia, oligohydramnios, hyper amniotic fluid, or mothers suffering from chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure. And naturism is related to various health factors. Food, child rearing, and disease treatment are influenced by naturism. CINAHL introduced many natural medicines such as Acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, Western herbal medicine, Cranial-sacral therapy, Reflexology, Vitamin supplements, Herbs and supplements. (EBSCO)

If we consider naturism more closely from a medical point of view, there are also risks. This world view can affect clients' health and decision making. Some parents do not vaccinate their children, such as the 'chicken pox party', by promoting natural parenting methods that emphasize strengthening immunity. Regarding this, health authorities and the medical community recommend vaccination, saying, "If you get chickenpox, a child can suffer from severe pain and other complications that are difficult to endure." The problem is that such refusal to inoculate can cause abuse to children who do not have the right to make decisions, and it can cause harm to other children by making their own children carriers. Atla posted about Religion & Theology Information Providers' Responses to COVID-19. They said religion is also related to getting vaccines. (*Atla*.n.d.)

Therefore, nurses need to educate patients so that the negative effects of naturism do not occur to patients. Nurses must know the advantages and disadvantages of natural medical options and be able to explain them to patients.

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