

Abstract

Critical theory is quickly advancing out of academia and into the lives of everyday Americans. It is influencing policy, curriculum, human relations departments, and affecting the lives of elderly, middle-aged and even children. This research paper investigates current literature on critical theory and analyses the literature from a biblical worldview and personal experience living in an Indigenous community as a non-Indigenous person. It seeks to understand if, and how, critical theory and Christianity can be reconciled. The research is conducted as an autoethnography by an educator living and working in the Northwest Territories, Canada. The findings are based on personal experience and reflection, and supported by research by prominent Christian thinkers with the same values and worldview. The research concludes that a biblical worldview and critical theory are not aligned in many tenets and often contradict one another. There are fundamental differences between the two worldviews that cannot be compromised.

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