

Apologetics Part 2: War of the Worldviews  
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What is a worldview?

The entire set of beliefs that determines how we explain and interpret our experience.

Analogy: The philosophical eyes through which you view the world. You must view the world through your eyes, everyone has eyes through which they view the world, and you cannot change your eyes.

Worldview X-ray Questions

- MEANING: What is my purpose?
- MORALITY: How should I live? (ethics)
- KNOWLEDGE: What is true? (epistemology)
- REALITY: What is real? (metaphysics)
- HISTORY: Where did everything come from and what's in store for the future?

Popular Worldview Categories

- Theism
- Naturalism
- Transcendentalism

Biblical Worldview Categories

- Christianity
- Non-Christianity

Three Responses to Culture

- Offended → Withdraw
- Delighted → Assimilate
- Distressed → Engage

**1 Cor. 1**

20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**Proverbs 1:7**

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,  
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

**Colossians 2:3,8**

*3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

*8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.*

**Ephesians 2**

*1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

**1 Chronicles 12:32**

*...the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...*

**1 Daniel**

*17 As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.*

*18 Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19 Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king. 20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.*

**Acts 17**

*16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. 17 Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.*

**Ephesians 6**

*19 and pray for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*