

WORLDVIEW FACT SHEET

KEY VERSES:

Proverbs 3:5–6
Acts 17:16 ff

Romans 12:1–2
2 Corinthians 10:4–5

Colossians 1:15ff; 2:1–8

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Areopagus Journal | www.arcapologetics.org |

Biblical Worldview | www.americanvision.org |

Christian Research Journal | www.equip.org |

First Things | www.firstthings.com |

Southern Baptist Journal of Theology | www.sbts.edu |

Summit Journal | www.summit.org |

KEY QUOTES:

"A worldview is, first of all, an explanation and interpretation of the world and second, an application of this view to life. In simpler terms, our worldview is a view of the world and a view for the world."¹

"The term worldview refers to any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement, or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God and the world. Specifically, a worldview should contain a particular perspective regarding each of the following ten disciplines: theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history."²

"A world view is a way one views the whole world. And since people have vastly different views of the world, depending on the perspective from which they view the world, it is clear that one's world view makes a world of difference. A world view is a way of viewing or interpreting all of reality. It is an interpretive framework through which or by which one makes sense out of the data of life and the world."³

"So what is a world view? Essentially this: A world view is a set of presuppositions (assumptions which may be true, partially true or entirely false) which we hold (consciously or subconsciously, consistently or inconsistently) about the basic make-up of our world."⁴

"A worldview is not the same thing as a formal philosophy; otherwise, it would be only for professional philosophers. Even ordinary people have a set of convictions about how reality functions and how they should live. Because we are made in God's image, we all seek to make sense of life. Some convictions are conscious, while others are unconscious, but together they form a more or less consistent picture of reality."⁵

¹ William Brown and W. Gary Phillips, *Making Sense of Your World: A Biblical Worldview* (Sheffield Publishers, 1996), p. 29.

² David Noebel, *Understanding the Times: The Religious Worldviews of Our Day and the Search for Truth* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1991), p. 8.

³ Norman Geisler and William D. Watkins, *Worlds Apart: A Handbook on Worldviews*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1989), p. 11.

⁴ James Sire, *The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog*, 2nd ed. (Downers Grove, IL: Inter Varsity Press, 1988), p. 17.

⁵ Nancy Pearcey, *Total Truth* (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books, 2004), p. 23.

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