

Resources on Worldviews, Christian Apologetics, and Science

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BOOKS TO DEVELOP A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW AND A CHRISTIAN MIND¹

- Baldwin, J. F. *The Deadliest Monster: A Christian Introduction to Worldviews*. New Braunfels, TX: Fishermen Press, 2001. Baldwin is research director for Worldview Academy and coauthored Noebel's *Understanding the Times* curriculum. For ages 14 and older. 272 pp. \$12.00.
- Burnett, David. *Clash of Worlds: What Christians Can Do in a World of Cultures in Conflict*. Grand Rapids, MI: Monarch Books, 2002.
- Colson, Chuck. *Answers to Your Kids' Questions: Answers to 100 Questions Teens Ask about God, Science, Morality, and Other Worldview Issues*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 2000. In Q&A format, Chuck Colson helps parents, teachers, and youth workers answer one hundred of the most pressing questions teenagers have about God, evil, evolution, sex, culture, school, and their future. Based on Colson's popular *BreakPoint* radio commentaries, this book provides a resource parents will turn to repeatedly during their kids' teen years.
- Colson, Charles and James Bell. *Lies that Go Unchallenged in Popular Culture*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 2005.
- Colson, Charles and Nancy Pearcey. *How Now Shall We Live?* Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 1999.
- Craner, Ergun. *When Worldviews Collide*. Lifeway Church Resources, 2005. An eight-week interactive study that identifies six distinctives that separate Christianity from all other belief systems. The study draws parallels from Paul's defenses of the Christian faith in the book of Acts to today's forms of spirituality. It exams the beliefs of four major world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam. 142 pp.
- Etue, Kate and Tim Baker. *Why So Many Gods?* Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2002.
- Goheen, Michael W. and Craig G. Bartholomew. *Living at the Crossroads: An Introduction to Christian Worldview*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008. This book begins with an articulation of the gospel and the church's mission arguing that worldview must support this mission. It examines worldview as a concept, the biblical worldview in two chapters, the Western worldview in three chapters, a chapter on contextualization, and the final chapters examines six area of public life—business, politics, art, sports, education, and scholarship. A supporting website can be found at www.christian-worldview. c. 224 pp. \$19.99 list.
- Knopp, Richard A. and John Castelein, eds. *Taking Every Thought Captive: Essays in Honor of James D. Strauss*. Joplin, MO: College Press, 1997.
- Kreeft, Peter. *The Journey: A Spiritual Roadmap for Modern Pilgrims*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996. An interesting and sometime entertaining dialogue between Socrates and a spiritual traveler as they encounter key historical figures who represent different worldviews (e.g. skepticism, cynicism, nihilism, relativism).
- _____. *How to Win the Culture War: A Christian Battle Plan for a Society in Crisis*. InterVarsity Press, 2002.
- McDowell, Josh with Bob Hostetler. *Beyond Belief to Convictions*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House, 2002.
- Moreland, J. P. *Love Your God with All Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 1997.
- Mueller, Walt. *Engaging the Soul of Youth Culture: Bridging Teen Worldviews and Christian Faith*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2006.
- Nash, Ronald. *Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.
- Noebel, David. *Thinking Like a Christian: Understanding and Living a Biblical Worldview*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2002. A teaching textbook that includes a CD with resources and lesson plans.
- _____. *The Battle for Truth: Defending the Christian Worldview in the Marketplace of Ideas*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2001.
- _____. *Understanding the Times: The Religious Worldviews of Our Day and the Search for Truth*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 1991.

¹ These are some introductory books to help Christians develop a Christian mind and understand and live a biblical worldview. Some items include brief annotations for further guidance.

- Pearcey, Nancy. *Saving Leonardo: A Call to Resist the Secular Assault on Mind, Morals, and Meaning*. Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing, 2010. \$26.99; 336 pp.
- _____. *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2004.
- Phillips, W. Gary; William Brown; and John Stonestreet. *Making Sense of Your World: A Biblical Worldview*. 2nd ed. Salem, WI: Sheffield Publishing, 1991, 2008. This offers a basic, accessible introduction to biblical worldview. Part One compares the basic worldviews, Part Two contrasts (and seeks to defend) the biblical worldview with the others, and Part Three constructs a biblical worldview in four key areas. 308 pp.
- Piper, John. *Think: The Life of the Mind and the Love of God*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010. 224 pp. \$19.99.
- Ridenour, Fritz. *So What's the Difference? A Look at 20 Worldviews, Faiths, and Religions and How They Compare to Christianity*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 2001.
- Schaeffer, Francis. *How Shall We Then Live? The Rise and Fall of Western Thought and Culture*. 50th Anniversary edition. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1976, 2005.
- _____. *Escape from Reason*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1968.
- Sire, James. *The Universe Next Door*. 5th ed., Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2009.
- _____. *Why Should Anyone Believe Anything at All?* Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1994.
- Smith, Christian. *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*. New York: Oxford, 2005. Concludes that most American teens are "Moral Therapeutic Deists."
- Tabb, Mark A. and John M. Yeats. *Worldviews: Think for Yourself about How We See God*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2006. Section 1 on Christianity; Section 2 on Theism (Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam); Section 3 on Naturalism (Materialism, Darwinism, Sexual Revolution); Section 4 on Secular Humanist WVs (Secularism, Humanism, Individualism); and Section 4 on Postmodern Worldviews (Postmodernism, Syncretism, Pragmatism). Provides a table that uses the categories of God, humanity, salvation, authority, time, and Jesus. 232 pp. \$12.99.
- Warren, Rick and Charles Colson. *Wide Angle: Framing Your Worldview*. Lake Forest, CA: Purpose Driven Publishing, 2006. A small group discussion guide for a six-session video-based worldview curriculum.
- White, James Emery. *Serious Times: Making Your Life Matter in an Urgent Day*. Grand Rapids, MI: InterVarsity, 2004.
- _____. *A Mind for God*. Grand Rapids, MI: InterVarsity, 2006.
- Wilkins, Steve and Mark L. Sanford. *Hidden Worldviews: Eight Cultural Stories That Shape Our Lives*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2009. Includes Individualism, Consumerism, Nationalism, Moral Relativism, Scientific Naturalism, New Age, Postmodern Tribalism, Salvation by therapy, and chapters on a Christian worldview.

BOOKS FOCUSING ON SCIENCE AND CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS²

- Beckwith, Francis; William Lane Craig; and J. P. Moreland, ed. *To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2004.
- Beckwith, Francis J. and Gregory Koukl. *Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998.
- Behe, Michael. *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*. NY: The Free Press, 1996. A widely publicized treatment of the problems of Darwinism that argues that even the "simplest" cells have an "irreducible complexity" that could not be achieved by *gradual* naturalistic processes.
- Copan, Paul. *How Do You Know You're Not Wrong: Responding to Objections that Leave Christians Speechless*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2005.
- _____. *That's Just Your Interpretation: Responding to Skeptics Who Challenge Your Faith*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2001.
- Davis, Percival, and Dean Kenyon. *Of Pandas and People: The Central Question of Biological Origins*. Dallas, TX: Houghton Publishing Co., 1989. Designed as an "alternative" biology textbook from an intelligent design perspective. Dean Kenyon was formerly a co-author of a widely used *evolutionary* biology text published in 1969.
- D'Souza, Dinesh. *What's So Great About Christianity*. Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, 2007.
- Dembski, William A. and Sean McDowell. *Understanding Intelligent Design: Everything You Need to Know in Plain Language*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2008.

² These are some books to help Christians defend a biblical worldview and engage important issues involving science and the Christian faith. Some items include brief annotations for further guidance.

- Johnson, Phillip E. *Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1997.
- _____. *Darwin on Trial*. 2nd ed. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1991; 1994. 220 pages. A notable Berkeley law professor, Johnson examines Darwinism and claims that the actual evidence for “blind” naturalistic (macro)-evolution is seriously incomplete. Instead, one should see it more as a metaphysical (philosophical) theory.
- Lennox, John C. *God’s Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?* Oxford: Lion Books, 2007.
- Lewis, C. S. *Mere Christianity*. New York: Macmillan, 1960.
- Meyer, Stephen C. *Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design*. New York: HarperCollins, 2009.
- Mittleberg, Mark. *Choosing Your Faith in a World of Spiritual Options*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House, 2008.
- Moreland, J. P., ed. *The Creation Hypothesis*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994. Includes various chapters that uphold the notion that the universe and life are the product of intelligent design.
- Moreland, J. P. and Tim Muehlhoff. *The God Conversation: Using Stories and Illustrations to Explain Your Faith*. Grand Rapids, MI: InterVarsity, 2007. Chapters cover the concepts of God’s goodness and terrorism; Jesus, Buddha or Muhammad; the resurrection; ethics; accident or design.
- O’Leary, Denyse. *By Design or By Chance? The Growing Controversy on the Origins of Life in the Universe*. Augsburg Books, 2004.
- Strobel, Lee. *The Case for a Creator: A Journalist Investigates Scientific Evidence That Points Toward God*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2004.
- Wells, Jonathan. *Icons of Evolution: Science or Myth? Why Much of What We Teach About Evolution is Wrong*. Regnery, 2002. Wells discusses a number of classic evidences for evolution that are greatly misleading or mistaken.
- Zacharias, Ravi. *Jesus Among Many Gods*. Nashville: Word, 1999.

INTERNET RESOURCES ON WORLDVIEWS, APOLOGETICS, CULTURE, AND SCIENCE³

- <http://www.4truth.net>. Website that has the stated objective of being “an Interfaith Evangelism and Apologetics website that focuses on the religious and philosophical views of people groups in North America, providing practical information for engaging in intelligent discussions of faith and worldviews.”
- <http://www.afterall.net/citizens/moreland>. Website of Christian philosopher J. P. Moreland. The site states that it is an “archive” of resources, and it features information on Moreland, his books, and articles and quotes by Moreland on various apologetic topics.
- <http://www.allaboutcreation.org>. Hosts articles and videos supporting young earth creationism.
- <http://www.alwaysbeready.com>. “Always Be Ready (ABR) is a Christian apologetics ministry dedicated to equipping Christians with well-researched information on issues that seek to undermine or challenge the Christian faith. Our desire is that the body of Christ might stand strong in the faith and “always be ready” (1 Peter 3:15) to give an intelligent, Biblically accurate and gracious defense of the Christian faith.”
- <http://www.ankerberg.com/>. A website of John Ankerberg’s Theological Research Institute that provides a wide range of written, audio, and video resources on Christian apologetics, cults, world religions, media, and science.
- <http://www.answersingenesis.org>. A young earth creationist website headed by Ken Ham.
- <http://www.arn.org>. Access Resource Network website that is full of resources on science, evolution, and intelligent design. Includes links to a number of leaders within the Intelligent Design movement.
- <http://www.apologetics.com>. “Apologetics.com exists to remove intellectual impediments to Christian faith, thereby enhancing believers’ confidence in, and weakening skeptics’ objections to, the gospel message.” The site offers access to articles, radio broadcasts, and video clips.
- <http://www.apologeticsindex.org>. “The Apologetics Index ‘family of web sites’ provides 31,800+ pages of research resources on religious cults, sects, new religious movements, alternative religions, apologetics-, anticult-, and countercult-organizations, doctrines, religious practices and worldviews. These resources reflect a variety of

³ These websites represent different Christian perspectives (e.g. on the age of the universe) and, like all Internet sources, should be evaluated with care and discernment. Annotated descriptions placed within quotation marks are taken directly from the website.

theological and/or sociological perspectives. The site also contains news on current events and stories relating to apologetic issues in support of Judeo-Christianity.”

<http://www.asdfplus.com/themovieposters.htm>. A site to access a variety of movie posters.

<http://www.bethinking.org>. This website “aims to bring together the best possible resources for thinking about and communicating the Christian faith. Its goal is to help to prepare all Christians to provide an answer to those who deny the truth of Christianity.”

<http://www.carm.org>. “Its purpose is to equip Christians and refute error.... CARM offers a concise, comprehensive explanation of the Christian faith along with logical analysis of errors in popular beliefs, both secular and sacred. It is easy to use, written for the layman, and covers a huge range of topics.”

<http://www.christianworldview.net>. “The purpose of our Christian Apologetics ministry is to equip people to think and live with a consistent and cohesive Biblical worldview.”

<http://www.churchandculture.org>. “Church & Culture seeks to explore contemporary culture and to resource the local church and its leaders in light of the church's mission to impact our culture and those who live within it. We aim to serve this mission by providing the writing and teaching of James Emery White and the resources of Mecklenburg Community Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

<http://www.colsoncenter.org>. The Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview. The site includes a large, searchable library of resources arranged by category and links to other resources, including an extensive “Worldview Resource Directory.”

<http://www.ctlibrary.com/topics/religion/worldviews>. Resource files from *Christianity Today* on a variety of philosophical and religious “isms.”

<http://www.discovery.org/csc/>. The Discovery Institute’s website for the Center for Science and Culture. “The Discovery Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan, public policy think tank headquartered in Seattle dealing with national and international affairs. The Institute is dedicated to exploring and promoting public policies that advance representative democracy, free enterprise and individual liberty.”

<http://www.epsociety.org>. The Evangelical Philosophical Society. The organization is “committed to offering the Church and the Academy first-rate scholarship in the areas of apologetics, philosophy of religion, philosophy, philosophical theology, world views, philosophical and theological prolegomena, epistemology, and ethics.”

<http://www.everystudent.com>. This is a Christian site that claims to be “a safe place to explore issues about college, life, and what it might be like to know God.” It has links to find Christian groups on campuses through out the U.S. and abroad. This site addresses the issues of existence, God, Jesus, life issues, etc.

<http://www.faithandevolution.org/>. Developed by the [Center for Science and Culture](#) at the [Discovery Institute](#). “According to noted biologist Richard Dawkins, Darwinian evolution makes it possible to become an intellectually fulfilled atheist. According to Francis Collins, former head of the Human Genome Project, evolution is perfectly compatible with his Christian faith. Who is right? And why does it matter? This website is designed to help you find out. Here you will find articles, debates, video and audio, discussion questions, and other free resources as you explore the issues surrounding faith and evolution. This site is designed to be especially helpful for pastors, lay leaders, Sunday School teachers, and students. Below you will find a guide to the different parts of this website.”

http://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/christian_worldview/whats_a_christian_worldview.aspx. A Focus on the Family web page that offers articles on the nature of a biblical worldview and its importance.

<http://www.garyhabermas.com>. Website of Gary Habermas, a Christian scholar who has “dedicated his professional life to the examination of the relevant historical, philosophical, and theological issues surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus.” The site features articles by Habermas, audio and video clips, and educational games. The site is intended to provide “a strong argument for the philosophical possibility of miracles and the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus, as well as the theological and practical implications of this event.”

<http://www.hollywoodjesus.com>. Hosted by David Bruce, this site offers an analysis of “pop culture from a spiritual point of view.” It claims to provide “visual movie reviews, with explorations into the deeper more profound meaning behind film, music and pop culture.”

<http://www.icr.org>. Institute for Creation Research home page. ICR advocates a young earth creationist perspective.

<http://www.josh.org>. A website for the ministry of Josh McDowell, a prominent Christian author and speaker who addresses key questions about Jesus, the Bible, the resurrection of Christ, etc.

<http://www.leaderu.com/menus/apologetics.html>. A part of Leadership U that includes links to many documents pertaining to apologetics (including some to science).

<http://www.leestrobels.com>. Website of former atheist and former Chicago *Tribune* reporter, Lee Strobel. The site features numerous videos on topics such as the historical Jesus, the Bible, God, Christianity, and *The Da Vinci Code*. It

also includes a blog, an online store for purchasing books on Christian apologetics, and links to Strobel's newsletters.

<http://www.ministryandmedia.com>. This site is sponsored by www.youthministry.com. "We've created this site to be a storehouse of pop culture information and programming ideas that will help youth workers use media to relate the gospel to teenagers. We hope to offer a range of options that allows everyone to find something that speaks to those whom God has placed in his or her ministry."

<http://www.movieministry.com>. According to the site, "Movie Ministry is your source for the highest quality, professionally written, searchable database of sermon illustrations from popular film on the Internet."

<http://www.reasonablefaith.org/>. The website of William Lane Craig, a world-class Christian apologist who has engaged in numerous debates with religious skeptics and atheists.

<http://www.reasons.org>. Reasons to Believe website by Hugh Ross, an astronomer who argues for the compatibility between biblical creation and a very old universe. Covers questions about God and science.

<http://www.risenjesus.com>. Website of Mike Licona, a Christian apologist who is the Apologetic Coordinator at the North American Mission Board, a domestic missions agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

<http://www.rzim.org/USA/home.aspx>. Ravi Zacharias International Ministries is "...distinctive in its strong evangelistic and apologetic foundation, intended to touch both the heart and the intellect of the thinkers and opinion-makers of society with the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We address the intellectual and essential assumptions of our culture, realizing that for some, the door to the heart is through the mind, and for others through the imagination." The site includes access to the radio program "Let My People Think."

<http://www.str.org>. Stand to Reason website with many links to such topics as apologetics, evolution, philosophy, science, social issues, and theology. "Stand to Reason trains Christians to think more clearly about their faith and to make an even-handed, incisive, yet gracious defense for classical Christianity and classical Christian values in the public square."

<http://www.thetruthproject.org>. A Focus on the Family program headed by Del Tackett that offers a DVD-based twelve-lesson curriculum on living a Christian worldview.

<http://www.veritas.org/>. "Veritas Forums are university events that engage students and faculty in discussions about life's hardest questions and the relevance of Jesus Christ to all of life." The site offers event information and access to audio and video presentations at veritas events.

<http://www.worldvieweyes.org>. A website sponsored by "WorldviewEyes," a grant-funded program administered by Lincoln Christian University specifically designed to inform teenagers and adults about various worldviews and to help them think critically about their culture with a Christian mind.

<http://www.xenos.org/ministries/crossroads>. A Christian website devoted more to the "helping the church at large effectively explain and defend the Christian message in today's culture."