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There are a huge variety of things that this book has taught me and showed me how to use simple things in my everyday journeys. This book has opened up my eyes to how a Christian really should think, and how we as Christians should apply these studies into our daily life. Not only has this study helped me grow as a person, but as a mentor for other people to teach them my beliefs and bring them closer to God.

To start off the book it talks about world views, and how people all around the world are starting to lean further and further away from the Christian worldview. Personally, I agree with this because in our everyday life you see more and more people tumbling out of their beliefs. You see this in school systems, the government, and of course social media. For example, in the school systems you see an enormous amount of schools getting further away from teaching about God. The effects of these things are causing people to either follow another worldview or completely tossing out the truth about the gospel.

The book then introduces us into the major components of a biblical Christian worldview. It dives straight into how Christianity provides a consistent explanation of all the facts of reality dealing with theology, philosophy, biology, psychology and ethics. First, theism is the view of God, Christian theism relies on two foundations: special revelation (Bible) and general revelation (created order). The second topic is philosophy, the view of reality. The most important philosophical truth in the Bible is that Jesus Christ is the Logos of God. This means that Jesus was the word or mind of God. Although, the major charge against Christianity and Christian philosophy is that it is unscientific. The book states, “The crucial problem is that some thinkers place their trust in a set of assumptions in their search for truth, while other thinkers place their trust in a quite different set of assumptions.” This happens everyday all over the world, you constantly see people taking on new religions or new philosophies in regard to past traumas or they simply just want to believe in the philosophy because it fits them better as a person. The third topic is biology, the view of origin. The roots of modern science are grounded in a Christian view of the world. Meanwhile, evolutionists faith in evolution is so unshakable they are willing to believe any theory that they can twist and turn to fit their facts. The Bible gives us information about God and his universe, while science gives us information only about God’s universe. The next subject they talk about is Psychology, the view of mankind. Christian psychology helps people understand their true selves because it allows you to recognize their own sinfulness and their need for a Savior. Loads of people believe that they are living their best lives, but only after receiving Christ as their Savior can we actually understand our value as creations in God’s image and lead extraordinary lives. The book says, “Our choice is really the same choice offered to Adam and Eve: either we trust God or we take the serpent’s word that we can make ourselves into gods.” This is a great way to look at it, it demonstrates how our choices still resemble the same choices as Adam and Eve, it just depends if we follow God or we fall down the wrong path. Next, they bring up the study of morality which is ethics. Christian ethics is inseparable from theology because Christian ethics is grounded in the character of God. Almost all Christians embrace the concept of moral absolutes and believe they should be taught to our children. I agree with this because we were given the Ten Commandments for a reason, and it was not only to follow them, but for us to have something to guide ourselves and be able to repent for the things we have done and learn how to move past it.

This book has a wide range of different subjects and different components of a Christian worldview. Not only are there many components of the worldview, but different viewpoints of each and every one. Next the book introduces sociology, law, politics, economics, and history. The first topic is sociology, the view of social institutions. The main thing it covers is that the Christian sociologist believes that family, church, and state are institutions ordained by God. Christian sociology focuses both on society as a means for human cooperation with God’s will, and on the individual as a vital part of the social institutions within society. Second, we have law, and the main thing they’re trying to figure out is “what is the basis for law?” The Christian concept of law consists of natural and biblical law originating in the very character of a righteous and loving God. People often wonder why certain laws were made, God established human government and the rule of law primarily to keep in check humanity’s sinful nature and passions (Romans 13:1-4). Based on this, laws carry out a vital roll in our life that we should follow not only to better ourselves but to better the people around us. Thirdly, is the view of the government’s role, Politics. The Bible calls for limited government, which is somewhere between anarchy and totalitarianism. With that being said, human government was instituted by God to protect man’s unalienable rights from mankind’s sinful tendencies. There is a constant battle for a Christian to create or maintain a just state or that they might not have an effect on government policy, but that’s not important. What is important is that the Christian remains obedient to God under all circumstances. Even when you feel like you’re not making a difference and you feel like you’re not bringing people closer to God, you have to remember who your faith is in because He is stronger than anyone. The next topic is economics, the view of the economy. The most desirable economic system promotes justice by protecting the rights of individuals from infringement by others. Also Christians believe the free enterprise system to be more compatible with their worldview than any other economic system. I agree with this because the Bible grants us the right to private property and also calls for people to be good stewards of their property. The last component of a worldview is History. Christian history centers on the reliability of the Bible. Christianity and history have always been allies. A lot of people disagree, but the Bible is rooted in the story of God’s involvement, and without the historical resurrection of Jesus Christ there would be no Christian worldview. There are several ways that history has backed up the Bible and one of them is that archaeology has consistently supported the assertion that the Bible is a trustworthy historical document.

To wrap up this book it brings up worldviews in conflict. The main thing that it is trying to get across is that believers shouldn’t only ground their philosophy in Christ but also must know how to respond to the arguments of other worldviews by offering better arguments. The word of God teaches us that not only should we learn but we should be disciples of God and spread the word to anyone and everyone around the world. The only way that we as Christians can understand the times we live in is if we understand the Secular Humanist, Marxist/ Leninist, and Cosmic Humanist worldviews. The Christian worldview has two centers remaining, the church and the family, and both of them are under tremendous pressure to surrender. Without our help of saving the church and the family with what we have learned the Christian worldview could fall. Although, there are several worldviews the Christian worldview shines brighter than it’s competition, is more scientific, more realistic, better explains man and the universe, and best of all, is in keeping with and faithful to the one person who has had the greatest influence in heaven and on earth—Jesus Christ. This book covers so many interesting topics and teaches us as Christians how we should walk in God, and how we can teach others to follow us to better the world, our society’s, friends, and families.