

# Thinking Like a Christian

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Watching the Thinking Like a Christian series done by GTI ministries has been a very informative and eye-opening experience. The series' main premise is to assist young people like myself in living life viewing every aspect of human society through Godly lenses, and to help build a solid intellectual foundation for young Christians to defend truth in a society that is starting to turn against the fundamental truths that we know. The series did a great job covering and explaining how a Christian should understand history, theology, philosophy, economics, science, psychology, ethics, sociology, law, politics, and education. An area that really stood out to me specifically was the history portion. History is something that we see as so concrete and yet it is a topic that is still very much debated constantly, specifically the origin of the universe. How you look at the origin of the universe determines what you believe about the rest of history. For Christians, knowing that an all-knowing God created the universe and earth, we believe different things about the earth's history such as the earth's age, the presence of a global flood in our timeline, and the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, while someone who is persuaded the Universe came to form through naturally occurring coincidences will believe the opposite of the three things listed above. However, thinking like a Christian is to believe in the truth of the Bible, so therefore it can be said that the Christian worldview on our past is true history. To know God is to know truth. Another aspect of the history portion that was eye opening to me is that Christianity is what revolutionized our modern-day morality. Starting with the ten commandments shaping our mindset towards murder, theft, and sexual immorality, and later with Jesus' words and the letters of the Apostles and Paul molding making way for the ideas of equality for all mankind and the rights of women, a lot of what secular society thinks is their morality was built by the Christian worldview that they despise so much.

Another portion of the study that was interesting to me was the science section. Similarly, to history, how you view science is determined by your faith in God. Christians today often see modern science as in odds with our beliefs in God, but that is exactly what the humanistic worldview wants you to believe. In actuality, to study science is to study God's craftsmanship in the universe. Observing how everything in the universe is finely tuned to all work together to make a functioning universe is just a testament to the awesome power of our God. Secular scientists make theories to attempt to find alternate explanations for the wonder that is our world, and yet they can never find concrete evidence to disprove the Christian God. The evidence of the creator is in the created, we as humans with all of our intelligence can't create a computer that even comes close to rivaling a strand of DNA when it comes to information processing power, and yet DNA is the most primitive coding in all of existence. If we can't create technology to compare to something so old, what makes us think that a non-living universe could? The explanation that makes the most sense to me after viewing this part of the study is that an all-knowing, all-powerful God created everything that is to work together in perfect harmony.

The last portion of the study that stood out to me was the education section. As Christians, education might be the single most important aspect in human society. After all, our greatest calling in life is to educate others about the gospel and the kingdom of God. Yet today, in the public schooling system, education has been skewed to push biases and agendas rather than teaching what is objectively true. Secular teachers and government entities have subtly changed lesson plans and excluded certain facts in their lessons to paint a picture that is false. Christianity in the classroom is to an extent prohibited, and the only exposure children get to the church in school is learning about the imperialistic past of the Catholic Church in history class. However, in our Christian worldview, we need to allow the truth of God to influence everything we do, and teach the next generation the facts about science, history, math, and literature in a way that reflects the truth of God's word. The biggest problem in the education system is that the idea that truth is subjective is being pushed onto students, the idea that they can believe whatever they want to believe is true. But we as Christians know that truth is objective, and that what God says to be true is true no matter how we feel about it. We need to repaint the picture, pointing to God and Christians as the influence behind American society and ideals, not just a religion to be left in the past.

In conclusion, every area of the study for me was impactful in its own way, but the history, science, and education portions were the ones I found myself most invested in, because those three areas are the most heavily debated topics between Christians and the secular world, and it's helpful for Christians like myself to have a solid foundation on which to stand when in discussion about those three categories. The world is on a steady decline when it comes to recognizing God and submitting to his will. We have become so blessed here in the west that we have abandoned what got us here in the first place, and we need a strong upcoming generation that will push back against the decline and keep the morality of our country afloat. We need to see every area of human society the way Jesus would. That's what I believe it means to think like a Christian, to honor God in everything you are, including the way you perceive and believe information that is placed in front of you.