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### Thinking like a Christian

Other than a religious stance, everyone has a worldview. Worldview is any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement, or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God, the world, and the relationship of people to God and the world. Currently, we are losing young Christians to foreign worldviews that dominate popular culture and the college campus. Social Media is slowly normalizing sin in everyday life and their worldview stances are now do not have a strong foundation. Many people say they believe but don't know exactly what they believe in. The reason it's so hard to talk about the issues of worldview is that our generation has stopped thinking deeply about what they believe in. Most just go off what their elders believe or say their believers and that's that. Christians that don't frequently go to church could have this problem.

We stopped asking ourselves the most foundational questions, but the book says everyone must start with a few basic assumptions about our place in the world. The question of creation, we come from? What's wrong with the world? or what Christians call the fall? It is ok not to know all of them right now, but each of these approaches to worldview is helpful. Knowing our problem is the first step in helping ourselves and the Christian community. Worldview is divided into ten questions each one is very important and is used and asked every day in the life. Slicing

a worldview into these major disciplines allows for easy comparison between competing worldviews, such as Secular Humanism, Marxism Leninism, and Cosmic Humanism. From the Christian point of view Secular, Marxist, and Cosmic Humanism fall within the realm of “the elemental forces of the world.” They are based on the wisdom of this world and not upon Christ. As Christians, we must keep pushing the word, and proclaim the good news of the gospel. Jesus died for our sin, as God’s children we must always try to keep his name the highest and live the right way. Paul Creations’ worldview consisted of, resurrection, and judgment. Paul said by definition worldview is religion. Most people have no problem recognizing that uncertain non-Christian worldviews are religious. People whose worldview is not religious most likely live under their own ideology or their relatives, and they could be nihilists. Nihilists are people who think life is meaningless and reject all moral principles.

Christians have seen their worldview effectively eliminated from the public schools. Humanists attempt to downplay the violence of the present interpretation of the First Amendment by claiming that they present a neutral viewpoint. That’s why prayer has been taken out and replaced with a moment of silence. God gave us free will he doesn’t force us to worship him. Educational approaches are never neutral America’s side of history is very one-sided. Richard A. Baer said, “Education never takes place in a moral and philosophical vacuum.” Both Secular Humanism and Marxism are religious worldviews. The book says to provide a fair education system for the youth, we must recognize that all worldviews have religious implications and that it is discriminatory to bar some worldviews and not others from the classroom.

What Christ said concerning life and death, the saved and lost condition of mankind, body, and soul, and truth encompasses the central precepts of the Christian worldview. Christ is the cornerstone. He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). When hearing Christian worldviews we take the bible at face value. We look at a lot of it as literal, but it is hard to understand what else the writers were trying to say. Most of the bible is written in simple terms. The Christian worldview stands or falls on the accuracy of the Bible.

Christians follow two things, the Bible and the created order. Living by the way the Bible says will give us a spot in heaven and that is the ultimate goal of every Christian. On page 21 in *Thinking Like a Christian*, the author said “General revelation has been viewed throughout church history by a variety of Christian theists as a necessary but insufficient means for providing knowledge about the creator and his character.” God answers the question and explains the universe but the universe can’t explain God. According to the Christian view, the destiny of created mankind involves salvation and judgment. That is the fall and Jesus dying for our sin for us to live. Mankind is still in trouble though, will we be judged again? We know God will be back to judge the world, but are we going to be saved again? These are questions we have to think deeply into as Christians.

We know some Christian’s worldviews will be different, but if it is based on only benefiting yourself or doesn’t have God at the foundation we as followers should try to guide them if wanted. You can’t be perfect but fighting temptation and living the right way can inspire young Christians. Stephen D. Schwarz said “Theism, the belief that God is, and atheism, the belief that God is not, are not simply two beliefs. They are two fundamental ways of seeing the whole existence. The one, theism, sees existence as ultimately meaningful, as having meaning

beyond itself; the other sees existence as having no meaning beyond.” Atheist worldviews are the ones that are going to be way harder to sway, but almost any Christian, with the right information, can sprout into an entirely different person. Helping just one person could start a chain reaction of just pure God for the world.

“The great benefit of the doctrine of sin is that it reintroduces responsibility for our own behavior...” - Paul Vitz. When we commit a sin we know we are doing something wrong. Christianity and psychology are similar in ways because the worldviews of biblical Christianity contain psychology. William Kirk Kirkland said, “ In short, although Christianity is more than a psychology, it happens to be a better psychology than psychology.” Christianity is a foundation for the mind that is solid as a rock.