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God has moved a lot in my life during the past year. God has revealed to me through this bible study that we have an all-powerful God, who you can see in everything. It is hard for me to believe that anyone can doubt the existence of God. The world is such an intricate place with so many complex designs that suggest a designer. Even though there are so many messed up things going on in the world, all of the mistakes that are being made are being made by human error. God designed this world to be perfect and we made the mistakes to mess it up. We continue to make these mistakes everyday, so our mission as a christian should be to strive to live like Jesus in every aspect of our life. Even if you look around at the way people live their lives, you can't compare your life to theirs and say you are better than them so you are ok. You should always strive to be perfect, like Jesus was.

One of the ways to get closer to Jesus and to learn more about God is to develop a biblical worldview. A biblical worldview is seeing the world through the perspective of the bible. The bible shows you how chirstians before overcame the very challenges you are facing today. One of the biggest problems humanity is facing today is ignoring the past. If we continue to forget the battles, both physical and spiritual, our ancestors fought we will end up right back where they are and all their sacrifices will be for nothing. Developing a biblical worldview consists of ten very important topics which are all discussed in the bible. They are Theology, Philosophy, Biology, Psychology. Ethics, Sociology, Law, Politics, Economics, and History. The topics I will focus on in this essay are Theology, Economics, History, Ethics, and Biology.

Theology is the study of the nature of God and religious belief. A Biblical worldview on theology states that God is. You can see God through special and general revelation. General revelation is God's communication to everyone, at all times, and everywhere. Special revelation is God's communication to you specifically in a personal way. Theology also calls us to know that God is the God of the Bible and that Our God is described to be righteous, relational, and ruler. Theology is the foundation of a Biblical worldview and Jesus Christ is the root of a Christian worldview.

Economics is the branch of knowledge concerned with the production, consumption, and distribution of wealth. A biblical worldview of economics states that we should all have economic freedom, justice, and responsibility. "Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich"(Proverbs 10:4). King Solomon tells us that we must work hard to become rich, this does not always mean rich by the world's standards, but rather by God's standards. We are called to help those in need and to be content with what we have. A biblical worldview also tells us that it is our God-given privilege to own private property and to remember in all my economic dealings that I am just a steward of all, since all belongs to God.

History is the study of past events. Obviously it is very important to know our history so that we do not repeat it. Truth is expressed through history and studying history teaches me lessons about life. God speaks of the past, present, and future, which leaves me with a linear view of history. All history has purpose. The most significant event in all of history is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If we do not study and learn from history it is impossible to be happy, because if we are so focused on the bad things going on around us we forget to see how far we have come and how lucky we are to be alive in the here and now. The trials we face as

christians now are nothing compared to the trials the early christians had to face and even the trials many christians have to face overseas.

Ethics are the moral principles that govern a person's behavior. Since I have a Biblical worldview it is clear to me that God has provided a clear and absolute ethical standard. I have no need to wonder what is right and wrong, for God has laid it out for me. He reveals his ethical standard through the human consciousness, the Bible, and through Jesus Christ. God's truth has not and will not ever change. The mission to follow God's ethical standard is possible because Christ restores my fellowship with God.

Biology is the study of living organisms. A christian worldview of biology tells us that God is the creator and the designer of the universe. It is very hard for me to understand how someone can look at the world around them and say that an explosion happened and here we are. It is very clear to me that when I look around me at the trees and mountains and other geographical phenomena that they were not designed. God is very clear that he created and designed everything. Design demands a designer, and God is that designer!

I am excited to move on to the next chapter of my life and to further my relationship with Christ. I am ready to reach new people in a new chapter of my life. I am going to have a great opportunity to reach people who need it during my time on the football team. I wish to further God's kingdom by being a light for God everywhere I go, and to not be influenced by the decisions of those around me. I am hoping that I can remember and hold onto everything that I learned during this study and that I can continue to develop my Biblical worldview so that I can have a positive impact on those around me. I want everyone to know that I am Christian just by seeing the way I act and carry myself.