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Every person has a worldview that is shaped by their life experiences, their belief in a higher power, and their value system. David Noebel defines worldview as any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement, or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God, the world, and man's relationship to God and the world (p.6). Every worldview answers three questions: Where did we come from? What's wrong with the world? What's the solution to man's basic problem? As Christians we answer these questions based on the Bible's teachings. Unfortunately, many Christians aren't able to defend what they believe when their values are confronted by non-Christian views. Noebel lists ten disciplines to be examined: theology, philosophy, biology, psychology, ethics, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history. The book *Thinking Like a Christian* explains how biblical teachings are the foundation for each of these disciplines. The secular world would have Christians believe that the Bible and its teachings are outdated. As Christians we must be knowledgeable enough about what we believe and why we believe it so that we can influence others.

Theology and philosophy are the root system or the inner beliefs. All other disciplines are the fruit or the outward behavior. Theology asks the question is there a God and what is God like. As Christians, we believe God is, God loves, and God judges. Christians believe in the divine inspiration of the Bible. Evidence of this is the unity of teaching in the Bible even though it was written by different men in different circumstances. The second piece of evidence for this is that the Bible is able to change the lives of people who believe in it. Finally, the Bible contains moral truths.

Philosophy asks the question what is real and what is true. The single most important philosophical truth in the Bible is that Jesus is the word/mind of God. Science and God both require faith in something that is unseen. Christians don't have to view science as anti Bible. Science can be viewed as a way to gain knowledge about God's design of the universe. "And since the supernatural God of the Bible is a rational, purposeful, powerful God, the created universe itself contains such qualities" (p.40). God created man in his image which means he gave us the intelligence to make scientific discovery.

Biology asks the question what is the origin of life. Christians believe in creationism. "The Bible gives us information about God and his universe, while science gives us information only about God's universe" (p.48). A Christian worldview requires us to believe in God as he is described in the book of Genesis. Secular worldviews believe in evolutionary theories. The belief in those theories also takes faith and belief in the unseen. As Christians we believe our universe was designed and put in place by the great designer and creator we know through the Bible.

Psychology asks the question, what is the nature of man? The Christian view of psychology is centered around three points: the individual's moral responsibility, works to reconcile the individual with God, and to give meaning to suffering. Christians must realise their own sinfulness and their need for a savior. They must also realise their value as his child. It is human nature to be in rebellion against God because of Eve's decision to disobey God in the Garden of Eden. The feelings of guilt from this sin can only be fixed when we are in a right relationship with Christ.

The key idea behind ethics is that there must be an absolute if there is to be a moral order and real values. Ethics asks the question: what is right? Christian ethics are based on the

character of God and modeled through the life of Jesus Christ. God hates evil or sin and loves good. The ten commandments are the moral absolutes for Christians. The life of Jesus Christ is our example of how to live our daily lives, make good decisions, and treat others.

The key idea of Christian sociology is that family, church, and state are institutions ordained by God. Christians believe the family and the church should influence society. A solid family structure solves problems in society like crime and poverty. Unfortunately the church and the traditional family structure is under more attack than ever.

History asks the key question, how should we interpret human events? Christians believe the bible is God's word and Jesus Christ was crucified and resurrected just as it says. Atheists have tried and failed to disprove the Bible. One argument used by critics is that even if the Bible is a historical document it was copied and recopied for thousands of years so it can't be accurate. However, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls would prove otherwise; the two copies of Isaiah discovered were word for word with our standard Hebrew Bible in more than 95% of the text. The more archeologists uncover the more it supports the Bible. Nelson Glueck states, "that no archeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference" (p.148).

Christians must be prepared not only spiritually and emotionally, but also intellectually. Most universities teach secular world views with little to no mention of Christian worldviews. Marxist academics are one of the leading perspectives in American universities. "Studies reveal that on some campuses, up to 51% of the Christian freshmen drop out of the born again category by their senior year" (p.163). To avoid this it's our responsibility to educate ourselves on opposing views. We must do as Paul says in Corinthians 10:5 "...casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ". This book suggests that christians go on the offensive,

pray, study, understand the times, rebuild the foundations, and spread the word with courage and conviction. Christians should get involved with the media, run for political office, influence art and music that reflects Christian views and values, and stay informed enough to influence law, politics, and all other parts of daily lives.