

HISTORY:

- *The Victory of Reason: How Christianity Led to Freedom, Capitalism, and Western Success*, Rodney Stark
- *Under the Influence: How Christianity Transformed Civilization*, Alvin J. Schmidt
- *Christianity on Trial: Arguments Against Anti-religious Bigotry*, Vincent Carroll & David Shiflett

LAW:

- *The Law*, Frederic Bastiat
- *Written on the Heart: The Case for Natural Law*, J. Budziszewski
- *God, Man, and Law: The Biblical Principles*, Herbert Titus

LITERATURE:

- *A Meaningful World: How the Arts and Sciences Reveal the Genius of Nature*, Benjamin Wiker & Jonathan Witt (chapters 2 – “Hamlet and the Search for Meaning” & 3 – “Shakespeare and the Elements of Genius”)

LOGIC:

- *Come, Let Us Reason: An Introduction to Logical Thinking*, Norman Geisler and Ronald M. Brooks
- *How to Think About Weird Things: Critical Thinking for a New Age* (4th ed), Theodore Schick and Lewis Vaughn
- *The Thinking Toolbox: Thirty-Five Lessons That Will Build Your Reasoning Skills*, by Nathaniel Bluedorn and Hans Bluedorn
- *The Fallacy Detective*, by Nathaniel Bluedorn and Hans Bluedorn

MATHEMATICS:

- *A Meaningful World: How the Arts and Sciences Reveal the Genius of Nature*, Benjamin Wiker & Jonathan Witt (chapter 4 – “The Geometry of Genius”)
- *Mathematics: Is God Silent*, James Nickel

PHILOSOPHY:

- *Love Your God With All Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul*, J.P. Moreland
- *Seven Men Who Rule the World from the Grave*, Dave Breese

PHYSICS/ASTRONOMY:

- *A Meaningful World: How the Arts and Sciences Reveal the Genius of Nature*, Benjamin Wiker & Jonathan Witt (chapter 6 – “A Cosmic Home Designed for Discovery”)
- *The Privileged Planet: How Our Place in the Cosmos is Designed for Discovery*, by Guillermo Gonzalez and Jay Richards

POLITICS:

- *Original Intent: The Courts, The Constitution, and Religion*, David Barton
- *The Theme Is Freedom: Religion, Politics, and the American Tradition*, M. Stanton Evans

PSYCHOLOGY:

- *Psychology as Religion*, Paul Vitz
- *Body & Soul*, J.P. Moreland and Scott Rae

SOCIOLOGY:

- *Men and Marriage*, George Gilder
- *Inside American Education*, Thomas Sowell

SCIENCE/HISTORY OF SCIENCE:

- *Reason in the Balance: The Case Against Naturalism in Science, Law & Education*, Phillip E. Johnson
- *The Soul of Science: Christian Faith and Natural Philosophy*, Nancy R. Pearcey and Charles B. Thaxton

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RESOURCES:

WORLDVIEW ANALYSIS: (BOOKS AND BIBLE STUDIES)

- *Understanding the Times: The Collision of Today's Competing Worldviews* (Revised 2nd Edition, 2006), David A. Noebel
- *Thinking Like A Christian*, David Noebel & Chuck Edwards (12 lessons for high school, college or adult Bible study)
- *Countering Culture*, David Noebel & Chuck Edwards (12 lessons for high school, college or adult Bible study)
[The above books are available at www.summit.org bookstore or call 719-685-9103 (MST)]
- *How Now Shall We Live*, Chuck Colson and Nancy Pearcey
- *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from its Cultural Captivity*, Nancy Pearcey

COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS OF CURRENT EVENTS: (WEB-BASED RESOURCES AND PUBLICATIONS)

- Research Fact Sheets:** Key Bible verses, Terms, Quotes, Organizations, and Sources for every worldview subject and six major worldviews. www.summit.org/resource/fact_sheet/.
- The Journal:** A monthly review of issues from Summit Ministries. (719) 685-9103. www.summit.org.
- World Magazine:** Weekly news resource from a Christian publisher. www.worldmag.com.
- Breakpoint:** Chuck Colson's daily commentary on culture. www.breakpoint.org.
- Human Events:** Conservative weekly newspaper. www.humaneventsonline.com.
- Citizen:** Focus on the Family's monthly magazine dealing with morality, government and the family. <http://www.family.org/cforum/citizenmag/>
- Plugged IN:** Reviews movies and music. <http://www.family.org/pplace/pi/>
- Leadership University:** over 8,000 articles by Christian professors. www.leaderu.com

RECOMMENDED READING BY DISCIPLINE (an essential short list)

APOLOGETICS:

- *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus*, Michael F. Wilkins & J.P. Moreland (ed)
- *Scaling the Secular City: A Defense of Christianity*, J.P. Moreland

THE ARTS: VISUAL ARTS/MUSIC/MOVIES/POPULAR CULTURE:

- *How Now Shall We Live*, Francis Schaeffer
- *Art and the Bible*, Francis Schaeffer
- *State of the Arts: From Bezalel to Mapplethorpe*, Gene Veith
- *Modern Art and the Death of a Culture*, H.R. Rookmaker
- *Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business*, Neil Postman
- *Hollywood Worldviews*, Brian Godawa (A Christian Hollywood Screenwriter)
- *Imagine: A Vision for Christians in the Arts*, Steve Turner

BIOLOGY:

- *Icons of Evolution: Science or Myth?*, Jonathan Wells
- *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*, Michael J. Behe
- *A Meaningful World: How the Arts and Sciences Reveal the Genius of Nature*, Benjamin Wiker & Jonathan Witt (chapters 8 – "The Reemergence of the Living Cell" & 9 – "The Restoration of the Living Organism")

CHEMISTRY:

- *A Meaningful World: How the Arts and Sciences Reveal the Genius of Nature*, Benjamin Wiker & Jonathan Witt (chapters 5 – "The Periodic Table: A Masterpiece of Many Authors" and 7 – "The Genius of the Elements")

ECONOMICS:

- *Economics in One Lesson*, Henry Hazlitt
- *Poverty and Wealth: Why Socialism Doesn't Work*, Ronald H. Nash

EDUCATION:



- *The Soul of the American University: From Protestant Establishment to Established Nonbelief*, Marsden, George

ETHICS:

- *Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air*, Frank Beckwith & Greg Koukl

	CHRISTIANITY	ISLAM	SECULAR HUMANISM	MARXISM-LENINISM	COSMIC HUMANISM	POST-MODERNISM
SOURCES →	The Bible	Qur'an, Hadith, Sunna	Humanist Manifestos I, II, III	Marx, Engels, Lenin, Mao	MacLaine, Chopra, Walsch	Nietzsche, Rorty Foucault, Derrida
THEOLOGY	Theism (Trinitarian)	Theism (Unitarian)	Atheism	Atheism	Pantheism	Atheism
PHILOSOPHY	Faith/Reason (Science)	Faith/Reason	Naturalism	Dialectical Materialism	Non-Naturalism	Anti-Realism
ETHICS	Moral Absolutes	Moral Absolutes	Moral Relativism	Proletariat Morality	Moral Relativism (Karma)	Moral Relativism
BIOLOGY	Creation	Creation	Neo-Darwinian Evolution	Punctuated Evolution	Punctuated Evolution	Punctuated Evolution
PSYCHOLOGY	Mind/Body Dualism (Fallen)	Mind/Body Dualism (Non-Fallen)	Monism (Self-Actualization)	Monism (Behaviorism)	Higher Consciousness	Socially Constructed Self
SOCIOLOGY	Traditional Family/Church/State	Polygamy/Mosque State	Non-Traditional Family	Classless Society	Non-traditional Home/Church/State	Communalism
LAW	Divine/Natural Law	Shari'a Law	Positive Law	Proletariat Law	Self-Law	Critical Legal Studies
POLITICS	Justice, Freedom, Order	Global Islam	Liberalism	Statism	Anarchy	Leftism
ECONOMICS	Stewardship of Property	Interventionism	Democratic Socialism	Scientific Socialism	Utopianism	Socialism
HISTORY	Historical Resurrection	Historical Determinism (Jihad)	Historical Evolution	Historical Materialism	Evolutionary Godhood	Historicism

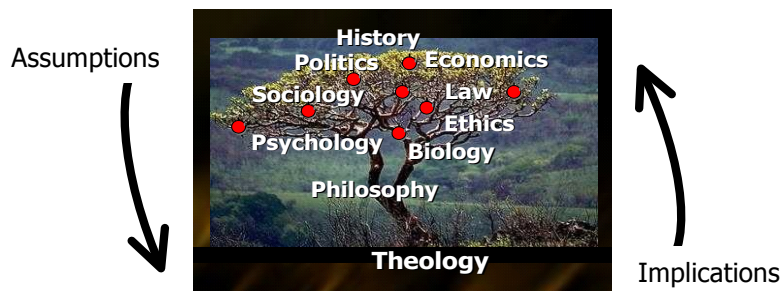
DEVELOPING A WORLDVIEW LESSON PLAN

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#1 – CATEGORIZE: Determine the worldview category being addressed.

- Theology: Is there a God, and what is God like?
- Philosophy: What is real, and how do we know?
- Biology: What is the origin of life?
- Psychology: What is human nature?
- Ethics: What is morally right and wrong?
- Sociology: How should society be structured?
- Law: What is the basis for law?
- Politics: What is the purpose of government?
- Economics: What produces a sound economy?
- History: How should we interpret human events?

#2 – CONNECT: investigate the *assumptions* and *implications* of the main idea.



#3 – COMPARE: Explore the biblical view with other worldview approaches to the issue.

LESSON IDEAS:

LITERATURE: *The Raven*, by Edgar Allen Poe

SCIENCE/BIOLOGY: The origin of life debate.

“The goal of science is to seek naturalistic explanations for phenomena... within the framework of natural laws and principles...” - *Science and Creationism: A View from the National Academy of Sciences*, p. 26.

Carl Sagan: “The Cosmos is all that is, or ever was, or ever will be.”