

# Worldview Studies

Instructor: Cory Bennett

Duration: Two Semesters, 15 weeks each (30 weeks total)

Cost: \$90/Semester

Texts: *Thinking Like a Christian: Understanding and Living a Biblical Worldview*, David Noebel with Chuck Edwards (First Semester)

*Countering Culture: Arming Yourself to Confront Non-Biblical Worldviews*, David Noebel and Chuck Edwards (Second Semester)

*Blah, Blah, Blah: Making Sense of the World's Spiritual Chatter*, Bayard Taylor (Both Semesters)

## Course Description

This course is a must for every Christian high school student. It is a course about how the world works and about who makes the rules and how they make them. What I really believe about the world shapes my life and my actions even more than my religion. I have found that Christians know very little about how Biblical truth relates to the world around them. What does the Bible have to say about topics like religion, government, family, politics, and economics? A worldview is a foundation for understanding and applying Biblical truth to the world around us. This course is a start on what I hope will become a lifelong study. It will also seek to prepare students for the challenges of college thought and scholarship, and assist them to identify and understand the worldview assumptions inherent in higher level academics.

## Semester One

This semester we will define a worldview and how it relates to our lives. We will focus on the Christian worldview and examine some of its key components. We seek to explain the uniqueness of the Christian worldview and its impact on our culture. We also seek to build a foundation for evangelism and discipleship that is based on a compassionate understanding of non-Christian worldviews. The goal is to prepare students to understand the world and sensitively confront non-Christians with the truth of the Gospel.

## Semester Two

This semester focuses on non-Christian worldviews in Western Culture. The basic understanding of worldview taught in semester one is expanded and students are taught how to evaluate ideas and their worldview foundations. We will look at Secular Humanism, Marxism, Post Modernism, and Eastern Worldviews and examine their influence in our culture. Most worldview courses are oriented toward defending the faith. This course also focuses on outreach to non-Christians. It includes humor and seeks to make the often tedious study of worldview enjoyable.

This course lays a valuable foundation for studies in Christian apologetics. It is best if students take it before or concurrently with apologetics classes.

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