A person stands on a thin, dark horizontal line that represents the horizon. The sky above is a pale teal color with wispy white clouds. The bottom half of the image is a solid, dark blue gradient. The text "The Call" and "Part 2" is centered in the dark blue area.

The Call

Part 2



- How do I view the world?
Worldview
- How does the world view me?
Character
- How does God view me?
Calling
- How do I view God?
Spiritual Formation



God Bless You

God Blessed You

Four Views of Money

A person is standing on a dark, flat horizon line. The sky above is a light teal color with some wispy clouds. The overall image has a surreal, ethereal quality.

- A Blessing from God
- A Test from God
- A Temptation from Satan
- A Curse from God

What is a Worldview?



A set of beliefs (expressed as a story or propositions) on which we live and have our being.

What is a Worldview?



The presuppositions on which we make decisions and live our life.


What is a Worldview?

(Long Definition)



A commitment of the heart that can be expressed as a story or in a set of propositions, which we believe about the basics of reality and are the foundation on which we live and have our being.

Life's Questions

A person stands on a flat horizon line, looking out at a vast, hazy landscape under a pale, overcast sky. The person is small in the frame, emphasizing the scale of the environment and the questions posed below.

- Where did we come from?
- Why are we here?
- Where are we going?
- How do we know right and wrong (good and evil)?
- What is the meaning of human history

Four Detractors in Maintaining a Christian Worldview



1. Pluralization

All beliefs have equal validity.

It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe it.

Four Detractors in Maintaining a Christian Worldview



2. Secularization

Faith beliefs are irrelevant.

It doesn't matter what you
believe.

Four Detractors in Maintaining a Christian Worldview

A person is standing on a dark, flat horizon line, looking out over a vast landscape. The sky is a mix of light blue and white clouds. The overall tone is contemplative and expansive.

3. Privatization

Keep your faith beliefs and practices only in certain places (Church, Home, Christian School).

Ignore your beliefs everywhere else.

Four Detractors in Maintaining a Christian Worldview



4. Compartmentalization

God (faith) speaks in areas of theology and ethics.

Humanity speaks everywhere else.

If there is a conflict between the two, Humanity's view should prevail.

Basic Christian Worldview



1. God is infinite and personal (triune), transcendent and immanent, omniscient, sovereign and good.

Basic Christian Worldview



2. God created the cosmos ex nihilo to operate with a uniformity of cause and effect in an open system.

Basic Christian Worldview

A person stands on a flat horizon line, looking out over a vast, open landscape under a pale, hazy sky. The person is small in the frame, emphasizing the scale of the environment.

3. Human beings are created in the image of God and thus possess personality, personal responsibility, intelligence, morality, community, social capacity and creativity.

Basic Christian Worldview



4. Human beings can know both the world around them and God himself because God has built into them the capacity to do so and because he takes an active role in communicating with them.

Basic Christian Worldview

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5. Human beings were created good, but through the Fall the image of God became defaced, though not so ruined as not to be capable of restoration; through the work of Christ, God redeemed humanity and began the process of restoring people to goodness, though any given person may choose to reject that redemption.

Basic Christian Worldview

A person stands on a flat horizon line, looking out over a vast, open landscape under a pale, hazy sky. The person is small in the frame, emphasizing the scale of the environment. The horizon line is dark and flat, with some distant, low hills visible. The sky is a mix of light blue and white, with soft clouds.

6. For each person death is either the gate to life with God and his people or the gate to eternal separation from the only thing that will ultimately fulfill human aspirations.

Basic Christian Worldview

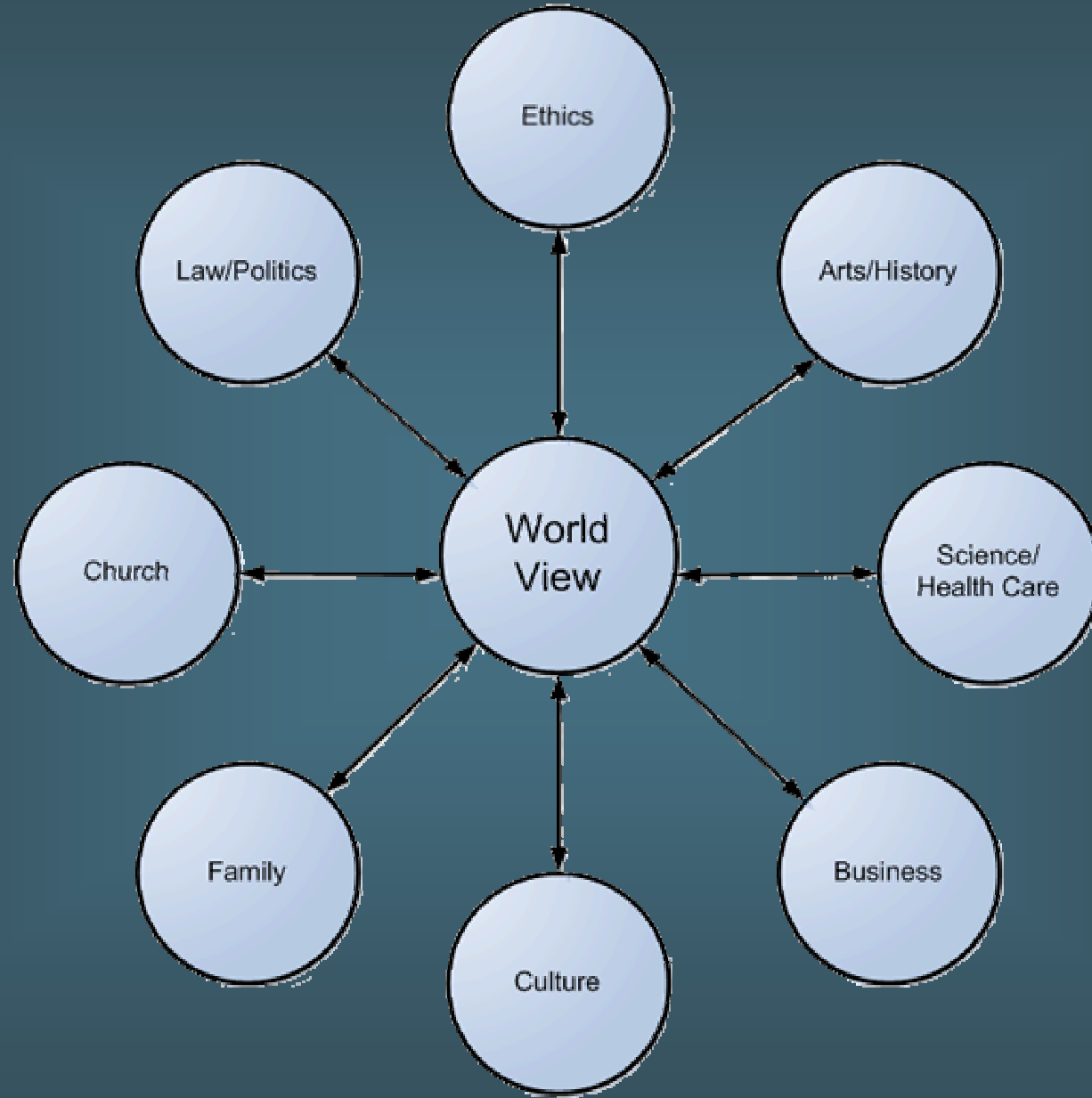
A person stands on a dark, flat horizon line, looking out over a vast, open landscape. The sky is a mix of light blue and white, with soft clouds. The horizon line is dark, and the ground below it is a solid dark blue-grey color.

7. Ethics is transcendent and is based on the character of God as good (holy and loving).

Basic Christian Worldview

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8. History is linear, a meaningful sequence of events leading to the fulfillment of God's purposes for humanity.



Alice in Wonderland

A person in a dark jacket and jeans stands on a flat, dark horizon line. The sky above is a pale blue with wispy white clouds. The horizon line is straight and divides the image into two equal halves.

‘Once upon a time there were three little sisters,’ the Mouse began in a great hurry; ‘and their names were Elsie, Lacie, and Tillie; and they lived at the bottom of a well--’

Excerpts from Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland

Alice in Wonderland

A person in a dark jacket and jeans stands on a flat, dark horizon line. The sky above is a pale teal color with wispy white clouds. The landscape below the horizon is a dark, flat expanse.

‘They couldn’t have done that, you know,’ Alice gently remarked; ‘they’d have been ill.’

‘So they were,’ said the Mouse; ‘VERY ill.’

Excerpts from Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland

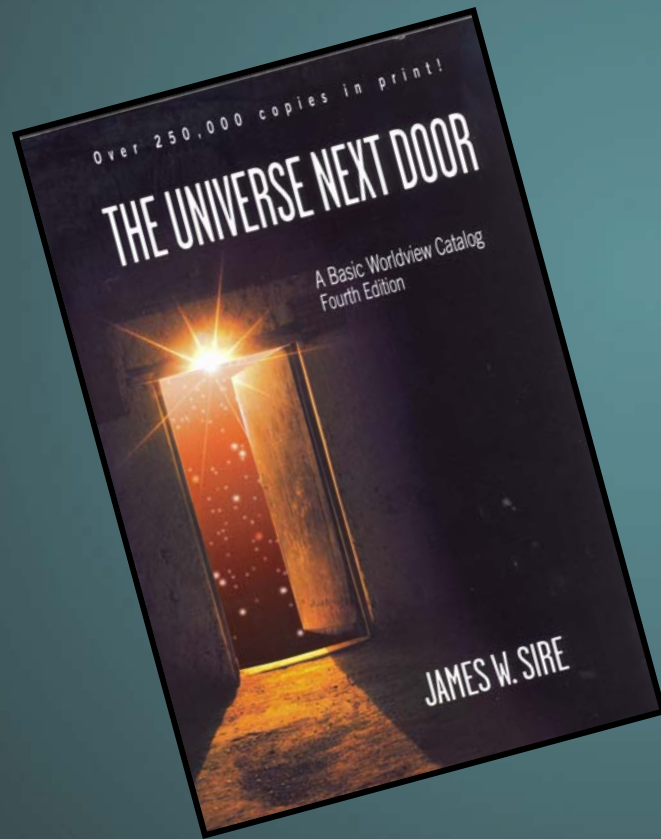
Living at the Bottom of the Well



Jeremiah 2:13 (NIV – page 534)

*My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me, the spring of
living water, and have dug their own
cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot
hold water.*

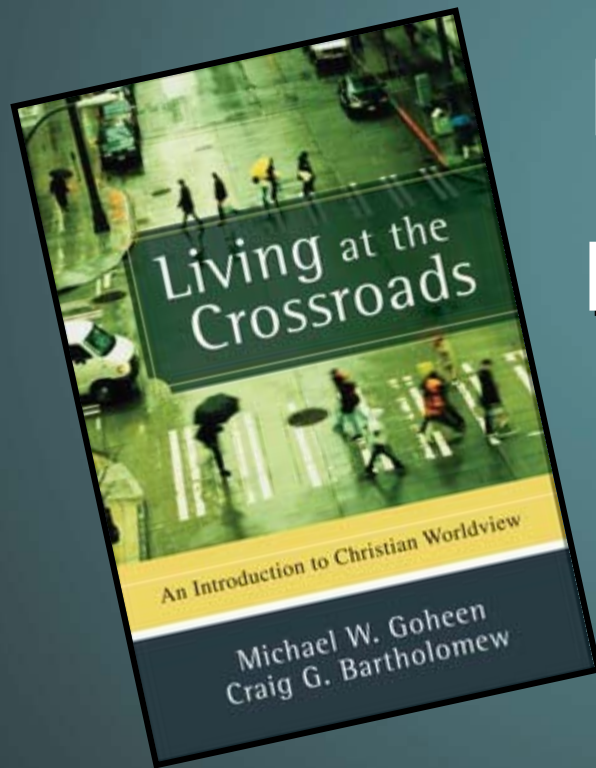
Recommended Books



The Universe Next Door

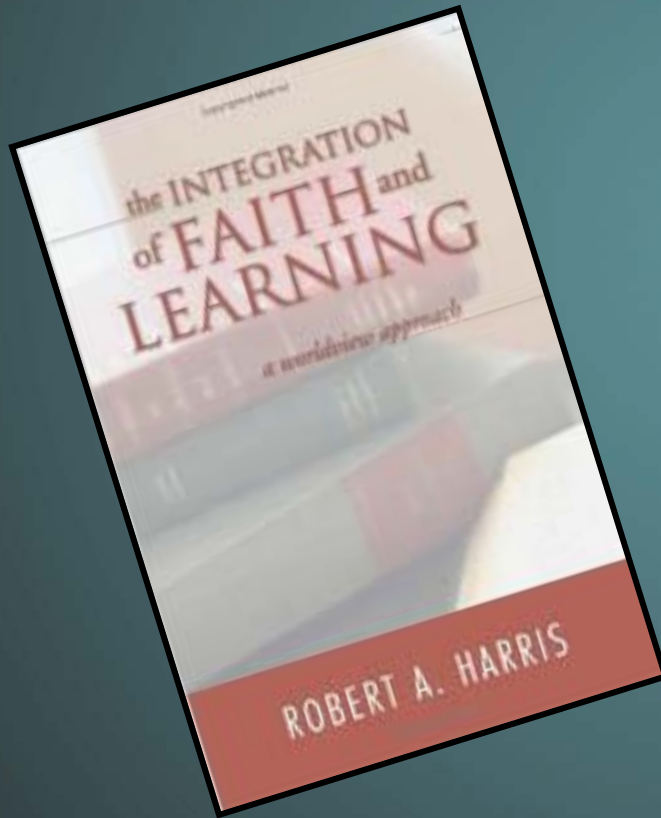
By: James W. Sire

Recommended Books



Living at the Crossroads
By: Michael Goheen and
Craig G. Bartholomew

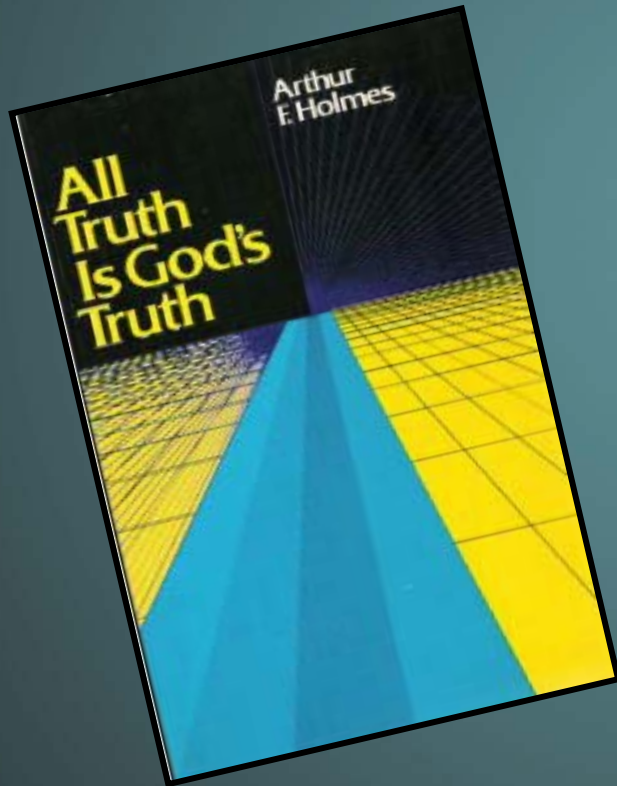
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The Integration of Faith
and Learning

By: Robert A. Harris

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All Truth is God's Truth
By: Arthur E. Holmes