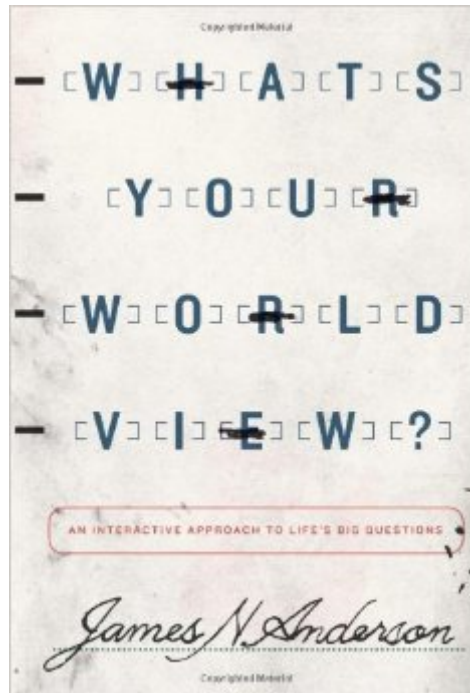


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# What's Your Worldview?: An Interactive Approach To Life's Big Questions



## Synopsis

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Worldviews are in dispute: Christian theism vs. modern atheism. Christianity vs. Islam. Truth vs. Eastern ideas. There are powerful and compelling arguments for the existence of the Christian God, but one wouldn't know it if one only read the works of Hitchens, Harris, and Dawkins. They assert numerous fallacious and deceptive arguments as they often erect the frailest of straw-men in order to push them down with the greatest of rhetorical ease. Most world religions are not much better since they generally rest on fideism. James N. Anderson (PhD, University of Edinburgh; assoc. professor of theology & philosophy at Reformed Theological Seminary) helps you interact with essential ideas by presenting probing questions about important worldview concepts and applications. How you answer will lead you to the next concept or subject. Anderson engagingly leads the reader to the discovery that only the Christian worldview supplies coherent and

persuasive answers to ultimate questions (by means of a type of "game book" or CYOA). This is a very unique and winsome way to not only keep the reader's attention, but teach him in a manner that may increase retention of essential truths. You would think that atheism, Islam, finite Godism, and Eastern religions are forceful challengers to Christianity. But Anderson doesn't merely argue that these views, as amusing as some are, do not reveal the evidential or philosophical actuality, but he guides the reader to the truth. "What's Your Worldview? An Interactive Approach to Life's Big Questions" draws the student, step by step, to the reality that the Christian worldview has preeminent rational arguments and worldview cogency on its side.

When I first learned about What's Your Worldview?: An Interactive Approach to Life's Big Questions (I heard about it at The Domain for Truth), I was struck by the notion of an apologetics book written like a "Choose Your Own Adventure" Novel. Genius! The book's format is set up such that it outlines something (like what it means to say there is objective truth), then asks whether you believe in it. If you choose yes, you flip to one page; if no, you flip to another. Ultimately, your answers will land you in a worldview. Each worldview has a few pages of brief discussion on how it views reality and what problems might arise with that worldview. I decided to indeed choose my own adventure and start out reading it from an atheist's perspective. I figured that would give me a good look into the approach. I quickly realized that answering the questions in such a way got me to "dead ends." If I said "No" to whether I believed in objective truth, I flipped to the worldview of "Relativism," had the view explained and some major issues brought up. The end. Full stop. Or is it? Anderson encouraged readers to go back to the previous question after any worldview evaluation if they didn't like the conclusions drawn. Thus, continuing the example of relativism, he argued that it is self-defeating: after all, if all truth is relative, is that itself a relative truth? If so, why should I hold to it? Back to the questions! The book encourages such flipping back and forth. It encourages engagement in a way many apologetics books do not. There is, however, one major drawback to the approach. That is, because it is a book about worldviews, and because it is only just over 100 pages long, there's not a lot of meat to the discussion.

This is a unique book! In just 103 pages, Anderson discusses and evaluates the basic worldviews "including monism, materialism, skepticism, relativism, polytheism, and so forth, totaling twenty-one worldviews. The book isn't written like a regular book; instead, it is written in the style of a "choose your own adventure" book. He asks some basic worldview questions, and based on your answer you go to a certain page until you get to the end, which reveals your worldview.

Anderson writes from a Christian perspective, so along the way he gently critiques other worldviews and makes a case for Christianity. I appreciated how Anderson wrote in a very clear and to-the-point manner. He didn't waste words and tell unnecessary stories and anecdotes. It was obvious that he knew the different worldviews quite well; I don't believe he set up any straw-men in the various positions. Anderson also wrote with sensitivity and kindness. He didn't use rhetoric and he didn't smear other worldviews in an arrogant way. One weakness of this book is in its brevity. I realize it is hard to write a book like this â€” keeping things simple and brief. But there were parts of it that I thought were too brief (i.e. he described pantheism in 7 short paragraphs and his presentation of Christianity was very introductory). I'm guessing some skeptics reading this book would discount it for being too simplistic â€” they might say it doesn't represent their worldview with enough detail (I would like to see some reviews of this book by people who are not Christians). And it is true: this book just gives the basics, not the details. Remember that before you buy it or give it to someone. Another thing to note about this book, in my opinion, is that its audience is limited.

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