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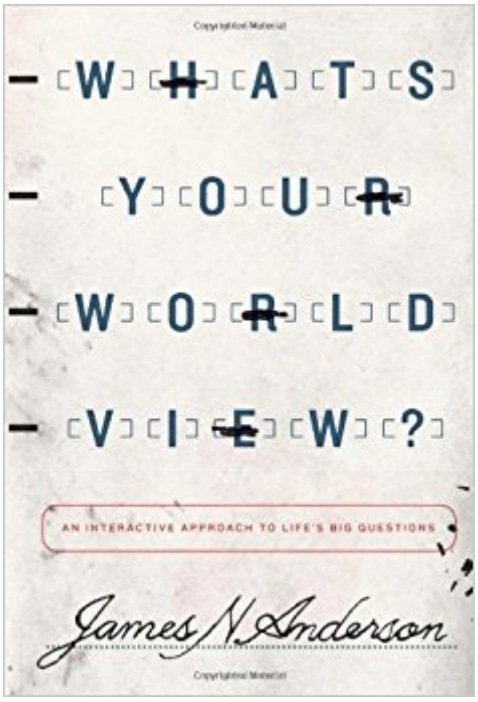

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2014 Popular Theology Book of the Year -Ã Â World Magazine How do you view the world? ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a big question. And how you answer is one of the most important things about you. Not sure what youÃ¢â ¬â„¢d say? Join James Anderson on an interactive journey of discovery aimed at helping you understand and evaluate the options when it comes to identifying your worldview. Cast in the mold of a classic Ã¢â ¬Å“Choose Your Own AdventureÃ¢â ¬Â• story,Ã Â WhatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Your Worldview?Ã Â will guide you toward finding intellectually satisfying answers to lifeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s biggest questionsÃ¢â ¬â •equipping you to think carefully about not onlyÃ Â whatÃ Â you believe butÃ Â whyÃ Â you believe it andÃ Â howÃ Â it impacts the rest of your life.

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Ã¢â ¬Ëœthe bookÃ¢â ¬â„¢ that will be used by campus ministers, students, and a host of others who are constantly being drawn into conversations concerning worldviews. The layout of this book is ingenious, helpful, and engaging. The information found in these short pages will provide accurate long-term care for those on a Ã¢â ¬Ëœworldview journey.Ã¢â ¬â„¢Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Rod Mays,Ã Â Adjunct Professor of Counseling, Reformed Theological Seminary; Executive Pastor, Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South CarolinaÃ¢â ¬Å“WhatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Your Worldview? is a brilliant concept, because each generation stumbles into its own ways to learn about God. Francis Schaeffer spoke about truth to many now old. James Anderson speaks to the young who grew up with Ã¢â ¬ËœChoose Your Own AdventureÃ¢â ¬â„¢ books, where the outcome depends on the choices readers make. A great gift for thoughtful teens who need to choose wisely.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Marvin Olasky, Editor in Chief, WorldÃ Â MagazineÃ¢â ¬Å“James AndersonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s WhatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Your Worldview is a delightfully innovative apologetic. I know of nothing like it. It gets the reader to interact by asking crucial worldview questions. Depending on the readerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s answers, he is led to further questions, or to a conclusion. Animating the journey is a cogent Christian apologetic, showing that only the Christian worldview yields cogent answers to the questions. AndersonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s approach is both winsome and biblical, as well as being the most creative apologetic book in many years. I pray that it gets a wide readership.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •John M. Frame, professor of systematic theology and philosophy emeritus, Reformed Theological Seminary, OrlandoÃ¢â ¬Å“Thanks to James Anderson for filling a massive gap in apologetics and worldview thinking. This book is unique in that it is wholly and broadly accessible to readers of any background and educational level, and yet written by an accomplished Christian philosopher. Written with wit, clarity, cogency and simplicity, this book ingeniously guides the reader from a chosen worldview to its implications. Urging the reader to connect the conceptual dots of his own thinking, this book should lead its reader either to turmoil or to truth. This will now be the first book on my list for people who ask ultimate questions about Christianity and its relationship to other ways of thinking. Get this book, read it, then get more to give away to friends and family.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •K. Scott Oliphint,Ã Â professor of apologetics and systematic theology and dean of faculty, Westminster Theological SeminaryÃ¢â ¬Å“WhatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Your Worldview offers a uniquely interactive approach to finding answers to lifeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s biggest and most important questions. It makes identifying your worldview, and perhaps replacing it with a better one, an enjoyable adventure.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Tim Challies, blogger, Challies.comÃ¢â ¬Å“There has been a plethora of books written about worldview in the past 25 years, but Dr. Anderson has done something much betterÃ¢â ¬â •he has written a

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James N. Anderson (PhD, University of Edinburgh) is associate professor of theology and philosophy at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, and an ordained minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Anderson is a member of the Society of Christian Philosophers, the British Society for the Philosophy of Religion, and the Evangelical Philosophical Society.

Point: Your worldview is the lens through which you see and interpret everything, and that is a big enough reason to question whether you have the correct worldview or not.Path: Anderson takes his readers through a ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Choose your own adventureÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• evaluation of truth, questions, and worldviews. In this journey he asks questions in order to point out difficulties and advantages to each way of viewing life, death, and the purpose of existence. At the end of the book he gives an evaluation of each worldview and an appendix which takes the reader to the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“whatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s nextÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• questions.Sources: In order to keep his book readable and engaging, Anderson purposely does very little with footnotes. However, this does not mean that the book doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t engage with others. This short book is a

great springboard into being intellectually honest with ourselves.Agreement: I enjoyed this book. Its simple, yet worldview-rattling, message was something that greatly appealed to me. There are many people who I plan on recommending this book to.Personal App: Am I thinking and acting consistent with my worldview?Favorite Quote: ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Even so, Theists often point out to their Atheist critics that theyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢d much rather face the lesser problem of accounting for evil than the greater problem of accounting for both good and evil!ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• (Anderson, Worldview, Kindle 611)It would be worth another read and I would recommend it to someone who:wants to evaluate their own worldviewwants to engage with others about their worldviewwants to think and live more consistentlyOther books along this theme would be:Carson, D. A. The Gagging of God: Christianity Confronts Pluralism. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.Craig, William Lane. On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision. New. David C. Cook, 2010.Keller, Timothy J. The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism. New York: Riverhead Books, 2009.Koukl, Gregory. Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions. Zondervan, 2009.Lewis, C. S. Mere Christianity. New York: HarperCollins, 2001.Schaeffer, Francis A. The Complete Works of Francis A. Schaeffer: A Christian Worldview. Westchester, IL: Crossway, 1982.

Remember those rock identification keys where you answered some questions and eventually found out that you were holding a piece of schist, or granite, or whatever? Anderson has put together a set of questions designed to back you into discovering your worldview or philosophy of life. Most of us hold contradictory views, and don’t want to push them to their logical ends. If you follow Anderson, you can’t hide from that.He is a Christian, and his explanations of the questions and the implications of their answers reflects that worldview. I don’t agree with some of what he says are the implications of the non-Christian worldviews. But I did enjoy and appreciate the logical sequence of the questions and thinking them through in their starkest form. Worth the half hour you’ll spend on it.You might also enjoy Julian Baggini’s Do You Think What You Think You Think, which asks questions to expose the contradictions in and implications of your worldview - but does not have a particular worldview to advocate.

If you’re not sure if you’re a pantheist, a theist, an atheist, Christian, Muslim or Jew, this book will help you. You answer a few opening questions, and like a "Choose your own adventure" story, this book takes you to the logical landing point, indicating what your world-view might be. The accounts of each world-view seem fair and clear, but if you’re looking for details and a definitive defense of

each, it’s best to find something else. This book is for absolute beginners in the search for spirituality, but it includes a lot of worldviews, ranging from polytheism, to idealistic atheism. There were a few I’d never heard of. If you have no clue, this book will give you one. If you already have a clue, and are looking for a more expansive look at various world-views, this book will feel as if you’re wading in a shallow bath-tub.

Pagans come in many forms, from the "almost Christian" Pelagian to the irrational relativist. The apologist must know the enemy to fulfill the command to take every thought captive. "What’s your Worldview" is a handy, but too brief guide, to recognize the worldviews of those he will encounter in the wild, and expose their flaws and self-contradictions.

Really a great book for the learned or less so---they comprise all that is necessary to understand the worldviews out there and why a theistic one is the best choice.I greatly recommend its format which allows you to follow your own view--eg,atheistic to its ultimate conclusion and validity if such exists.Hope you ll get it to see where you fit in.Very readable for all ages.

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