

Biblical Worldview IV

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Quarter 1 Assignments

All Questions are found below

Date	Reading	Assignments Due	Scripture Readings
8/17 (Thurs)	Why Believe: Chapter 1	Reading Questions Scripture Observations	Genesis 1-3; 9:1-7
8/22 (Tues)	Why Believe: Chapters 2-3	Reading Questions	
8/24 (Thurs)	Why Believe: Chapter 4	Reading Questions Scripture Observations	Psalms 139
8/29 (Tues)	Why Believe: Chapters 5	Reading Questions	
8/31 (Thurs)	Why Believe: Chapter 6	Reading Questions Scripture Observations	Psalms 121
9/5 (Tues)	NO CLASSES: Labor Day		
9/7 (Thurs)	Why Believe: Chapters 7-8	Reading Questions Scripture Observations	Psalms 42
9/12 (Tues)	Why Believe: Chapter 9-10	Reading Questions	
9/14 (Thurs)	Living at the Crossroads: Chapter 7	Reading Questions Scripture Observations	Psalms 1
9/19 (Tues)	Living at the Crossroads: Chapter 8 The Briefing Podcast	Reading Questions The Briefing Response	
9/21 (Thurs)	Saving Truth: Chapter 1-2	Reading Questions	
9/26 (Tues)	Saving Truth: Chapter 3	Reading Questions *Scripture Questions*	Psalms 19
9/28 (Thurs)	Saving Truth: Chapter 4 The Briefing Podcast	Reading Questions The Briefing Response	
10/3 (Tues)	Saving Truth: Chapter 5	Reading Questions *Scripture Questions*	Romans 1-2

Date	Reading	Assignments Due	Scripture Readings
10/5 (Thurs)	Saving Truth: Chapter 8	Reading Questions	
10/10 (Tues)	Saving Truth: Chapter 9 The Briefing Podcast	Reading Questions The Briefing Response	
10/12 (Thurs)	NO CLASSES: Fall Break End of Quarter 1		

Scripture Observations

For each Scripture assignment, write 5 observations and questions (total). You can have any combination of observations and questions, either all observations, all questions, or a mix. Make sure that your observations are based on the text you read.

Genesis 1 sample:

Observations:

1. Genesis 1 contains the account of creation.
2. The word “good” is repeated 7 times in chapter 1
3. Man is given “dominion” over creation (1:26)

Questions:

4. What is meant by “image and likeness of God” in 1:26-27?
5. Is the order of creation significant?

Scripture Questions (9/26) and (10/3)

Psalm 19 Assignment.

Intro: Psalm 19 divides into two major sections, verses 1-6 and 7-14. In the first section, we see “general revelation” and in the second we see “special revelation.” The first deals with creation and the second with the Word of God.

6. What can be known about God from creation?
7. What is the main feature of creation in this Psalm that tells us about God?
8. Look at verses 7-11. What are some of the benefits of the word of God?
9. In 3-5 sentences, discuss the differences between the two types of revelation discussed above.

Romans 1:18-32 Assignment

Intro: In this opening chapter of Romans, Paul explains that all people are accountable to God because God has made himself known through creation. He notes they are “without excuse” but some knowingly deny that God is real.

1. What do verses 18-20 tell us about what everyone knows about God?
2. What would you say to someone who says there’s no evidence God exist?
3. Look at verse 21. What does this tell us about those who deny God?
4. In three different places in this passage, Paul notes that God “gave them up” to their sin. Find those three verses and explain the result of the people being given over.
5. What do these verses have to say about homosexual behavior?

***Why Believe?* - Neil Shenvi — Discussion Questions**

Read each chapter fully and answer the corresponding questions as they are assigned. Please answer all questions/prompts completely and honestly. Type your answers in complete sentences.

When asked for a response paragraph, you should write a 4-6 sentence paragraph interacting with or reacting to the material in that section. A response paragraph is not simply a summary of the material. You should engage with the author's argument for the section assigned.

Chapter 1

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. Look at the questions listed on page 17, which are the four main topics of the following subsections. Which of those subsections did you find most convincing, which one did you find most unconvincing and why?
3. Look at the two contrasting elephant parables on pages 19 and 20. Summarize each one, and explain what they are meant to represent.
4. Write a response paragraph to the section about why we cannot ignore religion (pages 22-25).
5. What are your thoughts on the author's approach so far?
6. Did you read the assigned text fully?

Chapter 2

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. Look at the six areas of evidence presented on page 31. After reading all six sections, choose two that stood out to you and write a short paragraph either using the evidence presented to prove his point, or refuting the evidence.
3. Before reading the text, did you have any questions, from yourself or someone you know, about the reliability of the Bible? After reading the text, do you have any doubts or helpful points to share about the reliability of the Bible? Explain your answers.
4. Which of Jesus's claims (pages 45-50) do you believe is the hardest for people in the 21st century to accept and why?
5. In the objections to the Trilemma (pages 50-57), do you think that the author responds to those objections well? Use evidence from the text to support your point.
6. Did you read the assigned text fully?

Chapter 3

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. Look at the four main areas of evidence for the resurrection introduced on page 61. After reading through each of those four sections (pages 61-68), explain which one you believe is the strongest, and which one you think is the weakest, using the text to support your point.
3. On pages 68-71, the author offers several naturalistic explanations of the resurrection. Choose one that stood out to you, explain it, and refute it.
4. In the objections to the resurrection section (pages 74-80), evaluate the author's use of metaphors/examples.
5. After reading chapters two and three, do you think that the author's choice to begin with the historicity of the Bible was wise? Use examples from the text as support.
6. Did you read the assigned text fully?

Chapter 4

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. In the section about the success of mathematics (pages 84-88), read both the atheistic and theistic explanations and write a response paragraph to the section.
3. The author addresses several objections to a theistic explanation of the universe on pages 102-107. From an atheistic point of view, which one do you believe to be the strongest objection? Why? (Feel free to use an objection from a different section as well) From a theistic point of view, which one do you think the author best refutes? Why?
4. Of all the natural arguments presented, briefly explain three that stood out, and include why they stood out.
5. Did you read the assigned text fully?

Chapter 5

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. On pages 118-123, the author examines denying the premise that objective moral truth exists. Explain and respond to each of the two forms of moral relativism, including the major problems, Cypher's Challenge, the amorality pill, and your thoughts on the author's response in this section.
3. Which of the four common misunderstandings (pages 123-131) do you believe is most common? Write a short paragraph about how you would use the information from the text to talk to someone who has this misunderstanding.

4. In your own words, defend or refute each premise of the transcendental moral argument using the evidence for or objections against it in the text (pages 133-139).
5. Did you read the assigned text fully?

Chapter 6

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. On pages 147-155 the author addresses the problem of evil. Identify the various theodicies that he explains, and explain how they all work together to create a convincing argument, or how they fail in certain areas.
3. Which of the three subsections about evil (pages 156-161) would be helpful for an apologetic debate? Which one would you use to comfort a friend during a hard time? Why?
4. Does the author respond to evolution (pages 161-168) differently from responses that you have heard regarding evolution and Christianity? Explain why or why not.
5. Write a response paragraph to the section regarding the hiddenness of God (pages 168-171).
6. Did you read the assigned text fully?

Chapter 7

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. Why does the author state that belief in Christianity is not inherently irrational?
3. What are the two major truths that the author says are unique to Christianity? Explain why he believes they are unique.
4. On page 178, the author lists the five major world religions, and on the next pages (179-187), he explains how each of those addresses the issues of sin and salvation. For each religion, summarize their major teachings in your own words in 3-5 sentences.
5. Do you believe that the author has fairly presented each of the religions in this chapter? Why or why not?
6. Did you read the assigned text fully?

Chapter 8

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. How does the author define sin?
3. In the section about sin in the world (pages 194-203), does the author make a convincing case for radical moral corruption in the world? Why or why not? Use evidence from the text to support your point.
4. Write a response paragraph to the section of sin in our own hearts (pages 203-209).

5. What part of this chapter stood out to you the most? Why?
6. Did you read the assigned text fully?

Chapter 9

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. Explain how both the Old Testament and New Testament understand the idea of sin as transgression, then explain how this relates to the idea of a “moral ledger.”
3. Briefly explain the metaphor that the author uses to illustrate sin as slavery. Explain the strengths and weaknesses of this metaphor.
4. From the section about the gospel of grace (pages 219-225) explain what the gospel is, and how it addresses both the issue of sin as slavery and sin as transgression.
5. The author addresses 5 objections to the gospel on pages 225-234. Of the five, which do you think is the strongest, which one is the weakest, which one is the most common, and which one does the author address the best? Explain your answers. (There may be some overlap, but you should still have a four full answers to this question)
6. Did you read the assigned text fully?

Chapter 10

1. Summarize the chapter in 1-3 sentences.
2. What are the three diagnostic questions for your worldview on page 243? Why are they relevant?
3. Summarize and respond to the author’s explanation of repentance on pages 244-247.
4. What does the author mean when he says that the gospel is good news, not good advice?
5. How does the church act as an agent for God’s healing in our broken world?
6. What is the step of faith that the author explains on pages 252-254?
7. What is your biggest takeaway from this book?
8. Why believe that Christianity is true?

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