

Incorporating a Biblical Worldview: Weaving an Unforgettable Spiritual Takeaway

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What Is Worldview?

a comprehensive conception or apprehension of the world especially from a specific standpoint

Christian vs. Biblical Worldview

Christian: one who professes belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ

- Often affected by how we were raised
- Affiliation with a denomination
- Interpretation of Jesus' teachings

Christian vs. Biblical Worldview

Biblical: of, relating to, or being in accord with the Bible

- Adheres to the basic doctrines of Scripture
- Rises above denominational differences
- What does the Bible say?

Worldview includes History

- The record of *all man* has done, said, and thought
- A study of history teaches us that history repeats itself:
 - History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new. (Ecclesiastes 1:9 NLT)
- "The game is the same, only the players have changed."

Some prevailing attitudes

- I am a writer who is a Christian
 - Doesn't have a Christian worldview
 - Work tends to be no different from a secular/general market writer
 - Crossover writers: Too many try to reach the world with a watered-down or suppressed worldview/message
- I am a Christian writer writing from a Christian/biblical worldview

Judging Criteria in the CBA

- How does this book fit in with CBA standards?

- How does this book fit in with the orthodox Christian worldview?

University Creed

I believe in the inspiration of the Bible (both the Old and the New Testaments); the creation of man by the direct act of God; the incarnation and virgin birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; His identification as the Son of God; His vicarious atonement for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood on the cross; the resurrection of His body from the tomb; His power to save men from sin; the new birth through the regeneration by the Holy Spirit; and the gift of eternal life by the grace of God.

ACFW Statement of Faith

Jesus is God incarnate; salvation comes through him alone:

Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 NIV

The Bible is God's Infallible Word:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

What the Bible Says: Doesn't Mean Preachy but Live Authentically

Matthew 12:34 (CEB)

“What fills the heart comes out of the mouth.”

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Colossians 3:16–17 (NLT)

Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say [or write], let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus, all the while giving thanks through him to God the Father.

How Does This Flow in Our Stories?

Know what you believe.

Be grounded in the Word, so that what you write is an outflow of what is in your heart.

Character Goal, Motivation, Conflict

External:

Internal:

Spiritual:

Great Commission

Matthew 28:19–20

“Go and make disciples of all nations, . . . teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Ephesians 5:18–20

Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.