

World Religions, Cults, and Worldviews

Reading Schedule: *So What's the Difference?*

An average of about 14 pages a week

Reading Due On this Date

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| 1/27/2010 | None – Introduction to the Class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2/3/2010 | Read Introduction and Chapter 1 – Biblical Christianity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2/10/2010 | Chapter 2 – Roman Catholicism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2/17/2010 | Chapter 3 – Eastern Orthodoxy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2/24/2010 | Chapter 4 – Judaism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3/3/2010 | Chapter 5 – Islam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3/10/2010 | Islam continued |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3/17/2010 | Chapter 6 – Hinduism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3/24/2010 | Chapter 7 – Buddhism (I will also teach on Taoism, Shinto) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3/31/2010 | Chapters 8 & 9 – Jehovah's Witnesses |
| 4/7/2010 | Break |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4/14/2010 | Chapter 10 – Mormonism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4/21/2010 | Chapter 11 – New Age and Scientology/Gnosticism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4/28/2010 | Chapter 12 – Religions and Worldviews such as Baha'i, Christian Science, Freemasonry, Hare Krishna, Wicca, Secular Humanism, Postmodernism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5/5/2010 | Tentative, extra class if needed |

Apologetic Resources for Quick Help

www.carm.org

Excellent for succinct data on various religions and cults. Click on “religious movements” on the left and you will see the topics. In addition, it has answers on disputed passages of the Bible (see Bible Difficulties tab), much on historical/archaeological evidence that confirms the Bible, hot topics such as the “lost Gospels/Da Vinci Code,” or abortion (under secular movements), the problem of evil, and so forth. Just about anything you need to defend the faith (apologetics) is here.

www.probe.org

“Probe’s mission is to present the Gospel...by providing life-long opportunities to integrate faith and learning through balanced, biblically based scholarship, training people to love God by renewing their minds and equipping the Church to engage the world for Christ.” Do you have questions about faith and science, about the worldview presented in the movie *Avatar*, the ideas presented in *The Shack*, or about cults and other religions? This is the place to search. It is a wealth of well-researched information on just about anything related to Christ, the culture, the Bible, morality, ethics, etc. They also provide worldview seminars for teens. Summit.org also provides great resources and worldview conferences/camps.

www.ankerberg.com

Based on John Ankerberg’s television show. A solid website with over 2,500 articles for equipping Christians. Use the search function or the index provided under the “2500 articles” tab. Not the easiest site to navigate, but good information. You can also order resources such as DVDs and pamphlets. Some of the DVDs feature the best scholars talking about hot topics.

www.gotquestions.org

A site for Christians to seek answers to pressing questions. Most questions (about 210,000) about the Bible, the Christian life, topics such as homosexuality, abortion, evolution, etc. are all answered in a biblical manner. Notice the topics listed under FAQ1 and FAQ2.

www.equip.org

Hank Hanegraaff’s website, better known as “The Bible Answer Man.” Helpful articles are here on most apologetic issues. Click on “search by topic” on the left, or type in a search term. Very good, succinct answers.

www.bethinking.org

If you prefer audio resources, this site is for you. Some of the finest Biblical teachers can be found on this site, discussing apologetic issues such as the problem of evil, other religions, and Bible difficulties. Resources are also provided which engage popular cultural topics.

www.letusreason.org

A helpful site which critiques many false teachings and various denominations/movements. Have a question about Benny Hinn, Creflo Dollar, Jesse Duplantis, Robert Schuller, Kenneth Copeland, or others? This site will give concrete examples of their false teachings.

www.pluggedinonline.com

A Focus on the Family website that reviews movies, music, video games, and television shows from a Christian perspective. Great for parents with teens.

More resources are listed under our Book Recommendations page under the Get Connected tab on our website. Books and links are provided for various topics, including a section on apologetics and evolutionism and creationism. Under the Media tab there is also a Spiritual Growth & Apologetics section.
www.ccctucson.org