

THE "PEERS WORLDVIEW" GRID

This chart provides an overview of major worldview positions in five key spheres of life. It is recommended that the chart be read in two manners. First by reading across; how a worldview category is viewed in each of the five spheres (PEERS). Second, by reading down; how is a particular sphere (Politics) understood among the four worldview categories. The chart serves as an aide to the PILLARS worldview study course.

	Politics	Economics	Education	Religion	Social Issues
Biblical Theism	Law originates with God. In all spheres of government (civil, moral and criminal) law must align with divine law in order to be valid. God's Law is all that He has spoken and all that is written in the Holy Scriptures.	Hard work and individual responsibility are rewarded. If you don't work, you don't eat, with possible exceptions for those with mental/physical handicaps.	Education begins with the knowledge of God. Parents are primarily responsible for the instruction of their children. All education must foster an attitude of "learning by the student."	Everyone is born in sin and is in need of a Savior. A person can only be saved by accepting the atoning work of Jesus Christ through faith evidenced by genuine repentance. The Christian religion is the only valid religion and provides God's requirements for all spheres of life.	The ethical standard set by the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount should be the basis for personal conduct, interpersonal relations, and public policy. These standards are required of all people, in all cultures, in all generations.
Moderate Christian	Law has been superseded by grace. Therefore the New Testament has little to contribute to modern political discussion other than encouragement of fairness and integrity.	Individual responsibility is good, but Christian love requires us to help others unconditionally.	Spiritual and secular education are distinct. Children receive academic training at school, whereas spiritual instruction is the responsibility of the family and the Church.	Christianity is a relationship with Jesus Christ, not a religion with rules and regulations. Repentance - if it is necessary for believers - should take a backseat to grace.	Love expressed through tolerance is key. Calling the private or public actions of others sinful is judgmental since only God knows men's hearts.

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Secular Humanism	Separation of church and state is the foundation of a free society. Law is interpreted through judicial precedent and social mores, not a fixed, historical standard. Basis of Law will vary by culture.	The state exists to help individuals and businesses who cannot help themselves. When everyone contributes their "fair share" through progressive taxation, society benefits.	Education is a universal right. "Bad people" simply need more education because everyone has unlimited potential for personal development. Communities, with the help of the State, must ensure that all children provided equal education opportunities.	"Religion" is a personal matter, therefore organized religion is discouraged. Spiritual fulfillment can be found primarily through self-actualization. No one Religion should proclaim absolutes for all people.	Moral standards evolve over time in response to social progress. The majority should have what the majority wants. Ethics and social mores must be developed from "within" the people, not from historical precedents.
Socialism	The State exists to oversee all areas of life. Justice is achieved through uniformity to a state-ideal, not a particular moral or ethical code. Society must acknowledge that the State is supreme in matters of policy and law.	Individual property rights encourage greed and intensify class inequality. Economic decisions should be made by a centralized government in order to guarantee minimum conditions for all citizens.	Children belong to the community, so education is everyone's responsibility. State-run schools are the best way to ensure common curriculum, common core standards, and quality education that aligns with society's goals.	Personal religious beliefs are antagonistic to national brotherhood. A free state is a secular State. People's rights to believe in a "god," or not believe, must be protected and enforced by a secular-based State.	The needs of the individual are less important than the needs of the whole. Public policy and personal conduct are more about utility than anything else.