

Worldview & Ethics

Doug Anson

Apologetics on Mission

23 Jan 2026

OUTLINE

- ❖ INTRODUCTION
- ❖ WORLDVIEW DEFINED
- ❖ WHY WORLDVIEWS MATTER
 - ✓ Ethics . . .
- ❖ WORLDVIEWS & ACCTS' ETHICS PROGRAM
- ❖ REFERENCES

Background: A Christian & Soldier

1979



End of
Cold War

Cold War

1992



Civilian Vocation -
Science: National Laboratory

911

Global War on Terror

2001

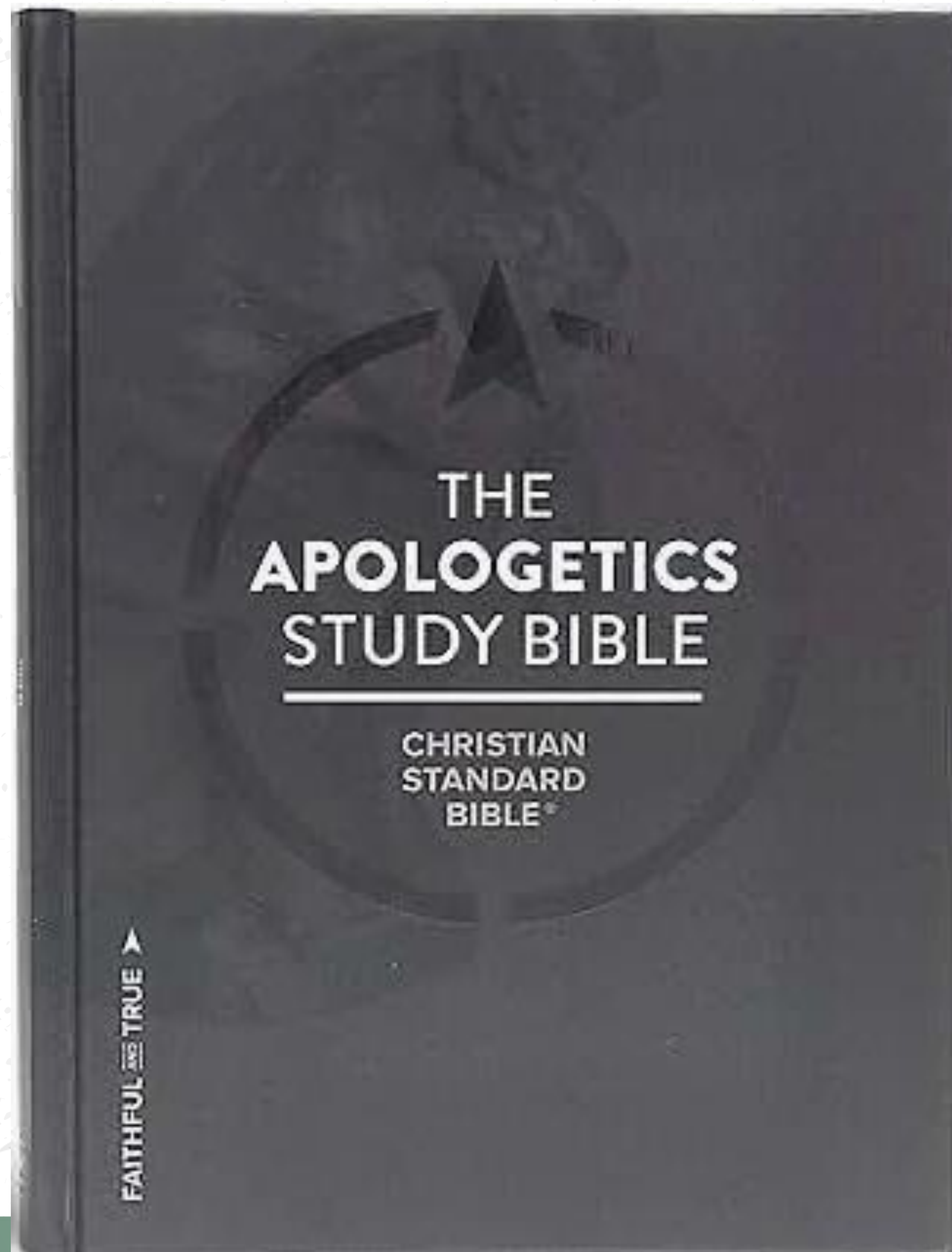
2013



Today I continue to serve . . .



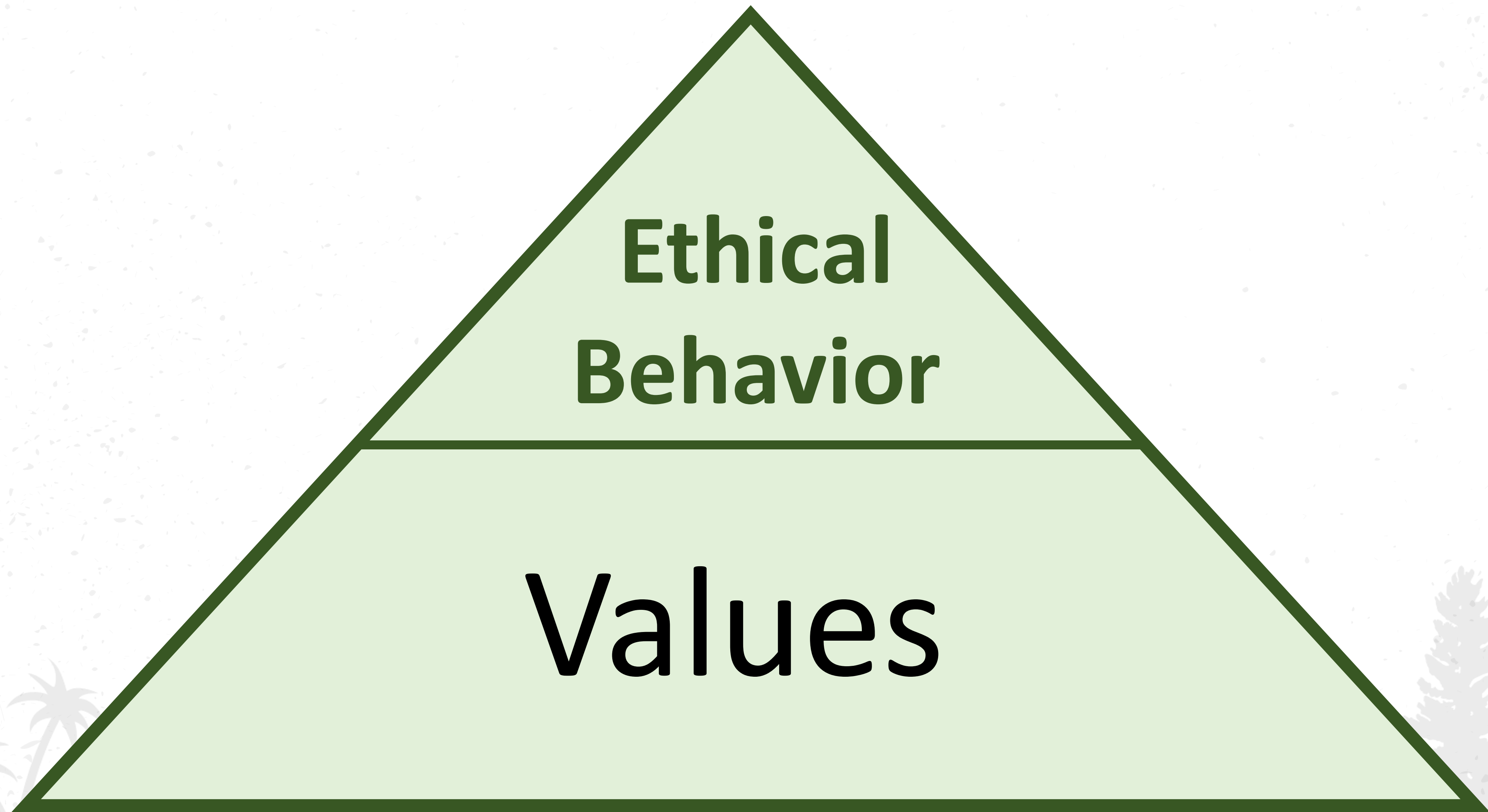
www.ApologeticsOnMission.org



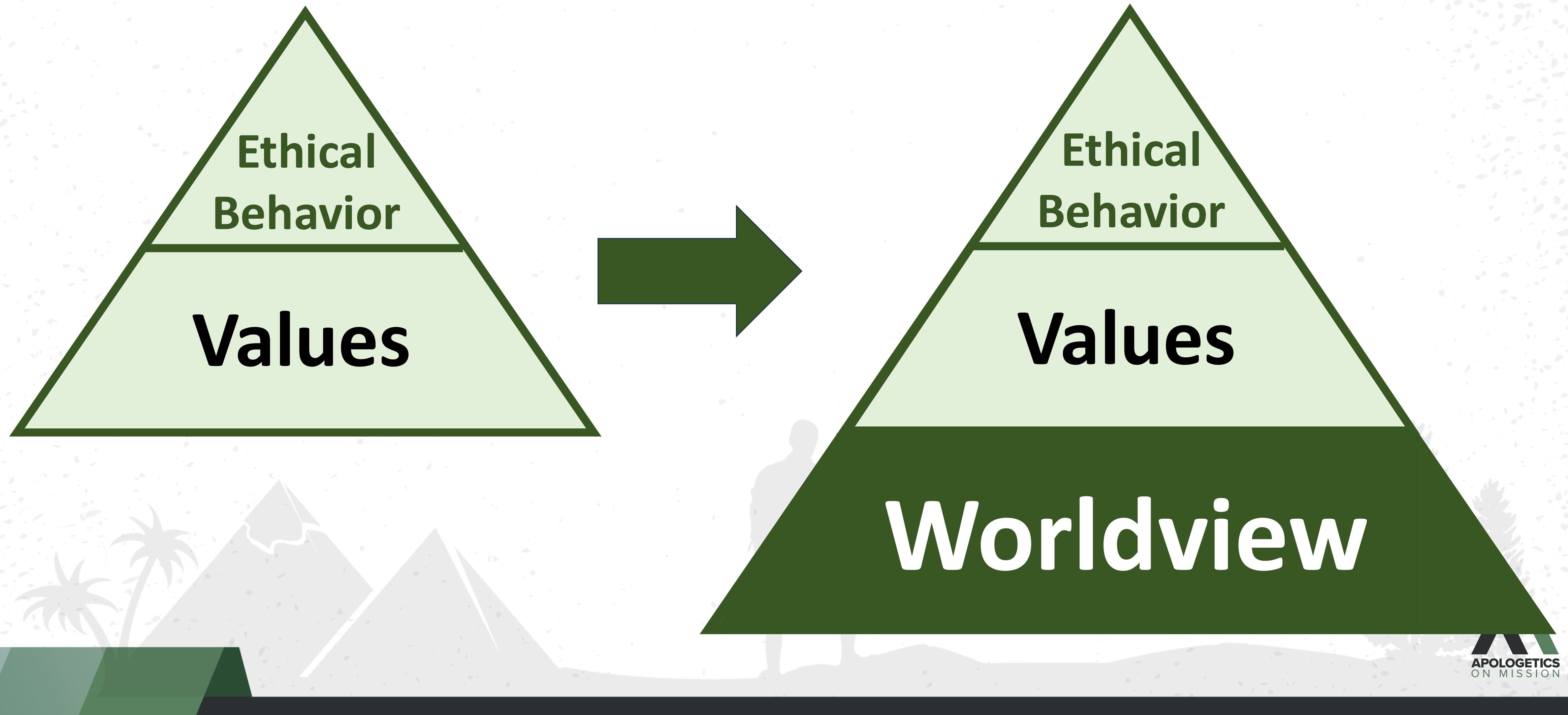
Over 140 short articles by 100+ authors addressing apologetic issues including:

- Biblical Reliability**
- Religious Pluralism**
- Problem of Evil & Suffering**
- Historicity of the Resurrection**
- Islam, Mormonism, JW, ...**
- Science & Faith**
- Abortion, Euthanasia, Sexuality**
- Worldviews**

Where Does Ethical Behavior Come From?



Where Do Values Come From?



Worldview Defined



Worldview Defined

*A system of beliefs about the world and myself
that influences the way I live.*

Probe Ministries International



Worldview Defined

It is a blueprint, or a map, for reality.

*It is the framework of our most basic beliefs that shapes
our view of and for the world*

... it is the basis for our decisions and actions.

Phillips, Brown, & Stonestreet
Making Sense of Your World

Why Worldviews Matter



***While worldviews can be dissected intellectually,
they also reflect and address
the orientation of one's innermost being –
that is, the heart.***

Doug Groothuis

*Christian Apologetics: A Comprehensive
Case for Biblical Faith*

The Christian Worldview

- 1. Sets us apart from the world. (Rom 12:1-2)***
- 2. Aids our spiritual transformation. (Rom 12:2a)***
- 3. Helps us know how to live. (Rom 12:2b)***

Trevin Wax

“An Introduction to a Christian Worldview”
Christian Worldview Handbook

Scriptural Reference to Worldviews

Paul proclaims the gospel to Jews and Pagans. His approach varies according to the worldviews of his audience.

Acts 17:16-34



Questions Worldviews Must Answer

Ultimate Reality: *What kind of God, if any, exists?*

External Reality: *Is there anything beyond the cosmos?*

Knowledge: *What can be known and how can anyone know it?*

Origin: *Where did I come from?*

Identity: *Who am I?*

Questions Worldviews Must Answer

Morals: *How should I live?*

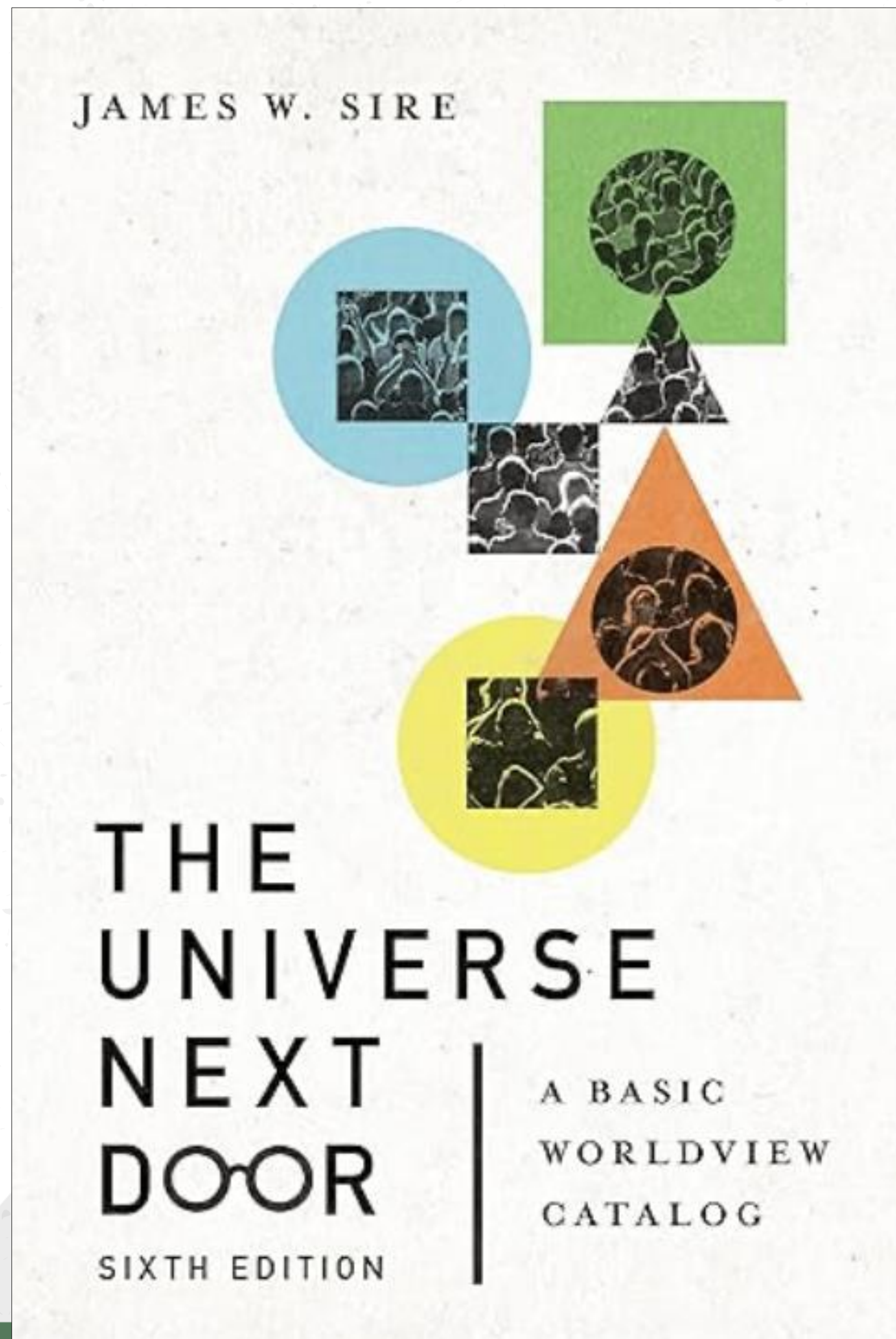
Values: *What should I consider of great worth?*

Predicament: *What is humanity's fundamental problem?*

Resolution: *How can humanity's problem be solved?*

Past/Present: *What is the meaning and direction of history?*

Destiny: *Will I survive the death of my body and, if so, in what state?*



**Excellent book that compares
Worldviews including:**

Christian Theism

Islamic Theism

Deism

Naturalism

Pantheism

New Age Spirituality

Postmodernism

Others . . .

Worldviews & ACCTS' Ethics Program



An ACCTS Worldview Class

Objective: Students understand worldviews – their own and those around them – and their relationship to ethical behavior

Outline:

- ✓ **Worldview Defined**
- ✓ **Why Worldviews Matter . . .** *including their relationship to ethical behavior*
- ✓ **“Big Life Questions”**
- ✓ **Worldview Comparisons . . .** *including behavior that emerges from various worldviews*

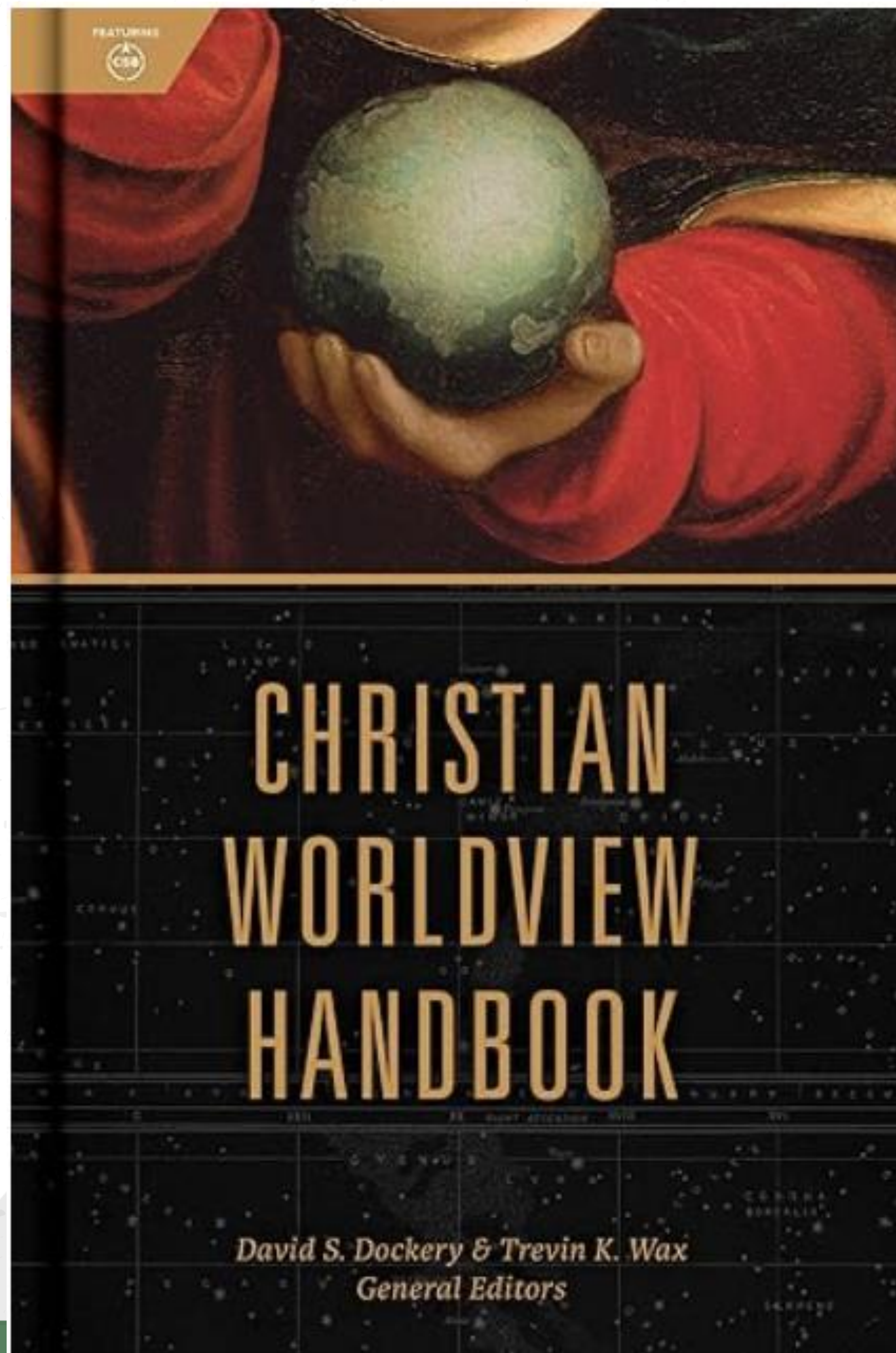
REFERENCES

A World of Difference: Putting Christian Truth-Claims to the Worldview Test,
K. Samples, 2007

Christian Worldview Handbook, ed. D. Dockery & T. Wax, 2019

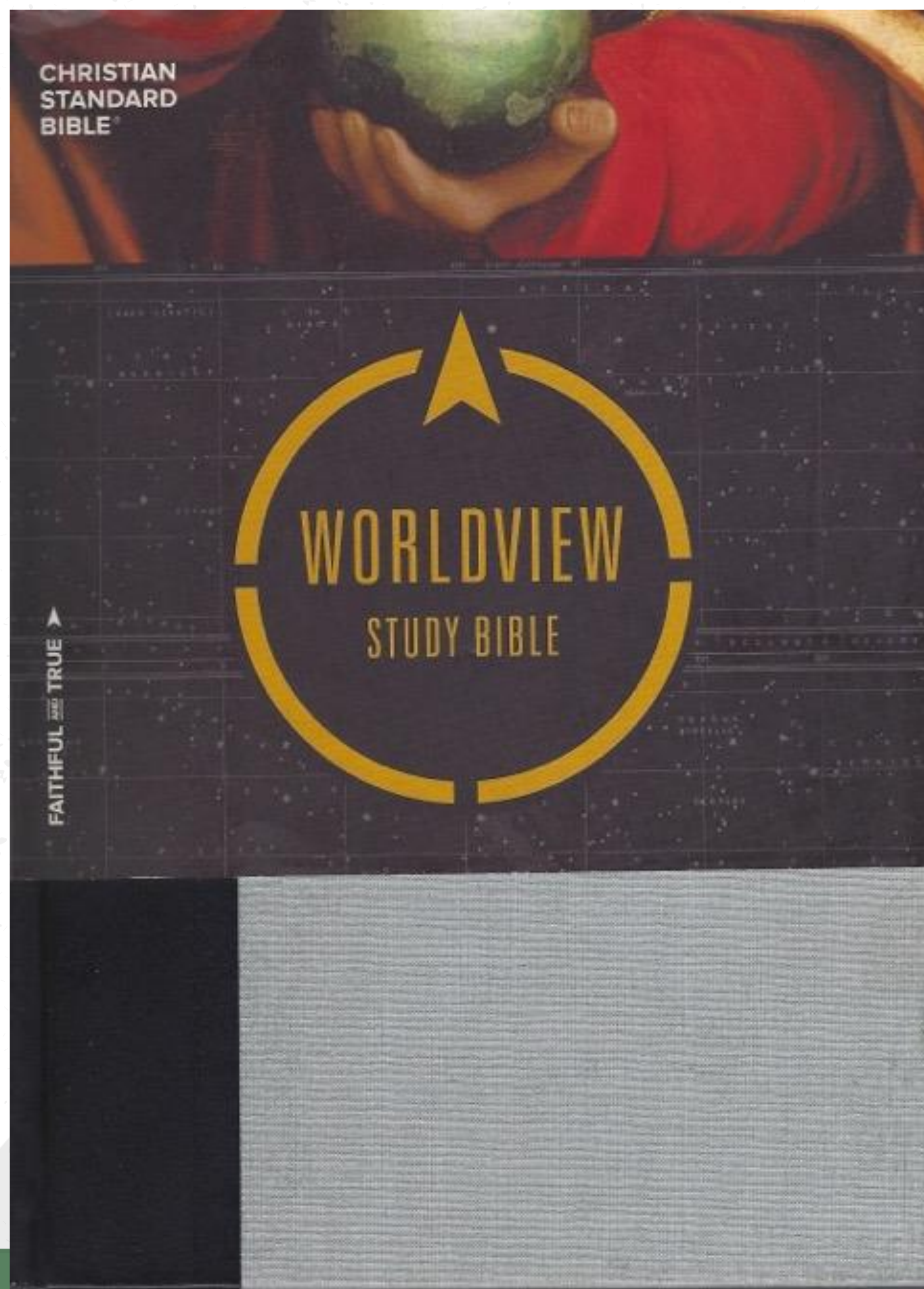
The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalogue, 6th ed., J. Sire, 2020

Worldview Study Bible, ed. Dockery & Wax, 2018



100+ short articles addressing topics including:

- Christian Worldview Formation**
- World Religions & Competing Worldviews**
- Christian Worldview & Cultural Engagement**
- Leadership & Biblical Ethics**
- Ethics of Personal Evangelism**



**125+ short articles
throughout the Bible
on apologetic topics
from a Christian
Worldview perspective**



In Partnership With . . .

