

The *why, what, who* and *how* of

Think Again!

Workshop

**Making a difference in the way people live,
by making a difference in the way people think.**

Think Again! is available in DVD format or in live seminar format taught by Dr. Christian Overman. For information on the DVD option, see the last page of this document. For the live seminar option, please request "How to Host a Think Again! Workshop" through one of the contact means below.

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Feedback from workshop participants:

"The whole thing was meaningful to me. I want everyone I know to experience it!"

"Repeat it as often as possible."

"This was the best seminar I've ever attended. And I've been to a lot of them!"

"My daughter needed this in high school."

References:

"I pray the Lord will continue to open every door for Worldview Matters to get your message to the masses. As the cultural sweep toward postmodern thinking continues to infect our educational institutions, home and churches, the need for what you are doing is greater today than ever."

Chuck Colson, Founder, Prison Fellowship and BreakPoint

"While we've heard the term 'Christian worldview,' we really needed to take time as a faculty to comprehend what it really meant, and to understand that our view of the world is based upon what we assume to be true about God, and about creation, humanity, moral order and purpose.

We spent several months viewing the Think Again! DVDs, reading the 'Assumptions' book, and discussing it. What resulted was a faculty who understands what a Christian Worldview really is, and how to integrate Biblical truths into our curriculum.

Dale Moncrief, Principal, Valley Christian Academy, Aurora, OH

"We were so impressed that we brought Christian and Kathy Overman to Houston to videotape their course for our Distance Learning modules. It is so important that we are making it the core required course..."

Dr. Ralph. W. Neighbour, Jr., President, GLOCAL Training Center, Houston, TX

"...the unnoticed influence of the secular worldview in which we have all grown up is so powerful that we need all the help we can get to make the shift to a Christian worldview. The Overmans' Think Again! workshop is a real help in this direction, and I recommend it heartily."

Dr. Albert E. Greene, Jr., author and educator

What and Why

People of the Western world are said to be living in "postmodern" times. Yet, much of what we see happening in Western culture bears a striking resemblance to life in ancient Greece, during her latter stages of decay.

There is an important difference, however, between our present situation and that of dying Greece. Namely, the West has the benefit of a Judeo-Christian memory. The Greeks did not. And because of this memory, it is possible to hope for a future much brighter than that of ancient Athens.

Yet, while there may be hope, there are no guarantees. The West's Judeo-Christian memory is growing dim. And while many have forgotten what a biblical worldview really is, many others have never heard this view clearly articulated in the first place.

Psalm 11:3 tells us, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" While the foundations of biblical thought haven't been destroyed, they have certainly been obscured. If there ever was a time to re-articulate the foundations of biblical thought in the marketplace of postmodern ideas, it is now.

Even for Christians, the lens through which we view the world, or the grid through which we interpret life, has been clouded by the dust of competing worldviews, some of which have been blowing soot in the air since ancient times.

Our purpose in Think Again! is to clean off the lens of the mind, so we can make better connections between every part of our life and the bigger picture of ultimate reality that a biblical worldview provides.

It is a workshop you will "think again" about--long after it is over!

Think Again! Workshop Content

This workshop is presented in common language understandable to general audiences age 17 and above. No background in history or philosophy is required.

Part I: Examination of assumptions regarding God, Creation and Humanity, as perceived through the worldview of secularism and pantheism compared with biblical theism. Specific topics include:

- a) the role of assumptions in all thought and action
- b) how assumptions affect culture
- c) what "secular thought" is and where it began
- d) how "naturalism" is expressed in our culture today
- e) contrasts between naturalism with theism
- f) evidence for a Designer in creation
- g) the biblical view of God as a "Person" and the effects of this idea on culture
- h) the biblical view of the Creator as a "Sustainer"
- i) the biblical view of humans as "image-bearers of God"
- j) the logical consequences of the "image-bearing" quality of humanity

Part II: Examination of assumptions regarding Moral Order, contrasting biblical Christianity with naturalism, and the effects of this thought in the moral realm. Specific topics include:

- a) the effects of Naturalism upon the idea of "moral order"
- b) contemporary views of moral order
- c) historic views of moral order
- d) roots of moral relativism
- e) the biblical basis of moral order
- f) the difference between "free will" and "free choice"
- g) the postmodern approach to moral order in contrast to biblical Christianity

Part III: Examination of biblical worldview assumptions regarding Purpose. Specific topics include:

- a) the roots of Western 'dualism' and the development of the sacred/secular compartmentalization of life out of the "form" and "matter" ideas of Plato
- b) the negative effects of dualism in Christian thought
- c) the biblical alternative to Western dualism
- d) illustrations and examples of Christians who have been successful in integrating their faith with their work
- e) the applications of the biblical view of work as an act of worship in contemporary culture

Part IV: Practical tools for making connections between all of life and the bigger picture of ultimate reality that a biblical worldview provides.

Seattle Pacific University Course Evaluation Summary

INSTRUCTOR NAME: Chris Overman
COURSE TITLE: Comparing Worldviews
CRN #, DISC No: A 181B
QUARTER & YEAR: Autumn 2001

Total # of Evaluations: 10

<i>SA</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	5
<i>A</i>	<i>Agree</i>	4
<i>N</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	3
<i>D</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	2
<i>SD</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	1

1. This course met my expectations.
2. The instructor was well prepared.
3. The syllabus was easy to understand.
4. The course content was consistent with the statement of purpose written above.
5. The instructor modeled effective teaching methods.
6. The course maintained my interest until completion.
7. The instructional techniques provided an appropriate amount of active learner participation.
8. The instructor effectively assessed acquisition of skills/knowledge.
9. I would recommend this course to my colleagues.
10. The course content matched the description in the course marketing information.
11. I acquired new skills/knowledge as a result of taking this course.
12. The instructor was knowledgeable about the topics presented.
13. The objectives for this course were clearly identified.
14. The instructor made effective use of class time.
15. The learning from this course will be useful in my current or future work.
16. The amount of work required was appropriate for the number of credits.
17. I would be interested in taking other courses on this topic.

Mean	SA	A	N	D	SD
4.90	90	10	0	0	0
5.00	100	0	0	0	0
4.90	90	10	0	0	0
5.00	100	0	0	0	0
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4.90	90	10	0	0	0
5.00	100	0	0	0	0
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NOTE: *From time to time, the Overmans teach Think Again! for college credit through Seattle Pacific University's Continuing Education program. This is the Course Evaluation Summary from one such class. The average mean score, inclusive of all questions asked, is 4.92 on a 5-point scale.*

Who?

Dr. Christian Overman, Founding Director of *Worldview Matters* and developer of the *Think Again!* workshop, did his undergraduate studies at the University of Washington, receiving a B.A. in Music in 1972, and a B.A. in German Language and Literature in 1976. In 1984, he was granted a Master of Education degree from Seattle Pacific University, with an emphasis in the philosophy of Christian education, studying under Dr. Albert Greene, Jr., and in 2007, a Doctor of Ministry degree from Bakke Graduate University, in Seattle, Washington, studying under Dr. Ray Bakke. Christian is also a commissioned Centurion, studying under Charles W. Colson.

After teaching school at elementary and secondary levels for several years, with experience in both public and private setting, Dr. Overman served as the principal of a Christian school in Seattle for fourteen years. In the year 2000, Christian and his wife, Kathy, founded *Worldview Matters*. Since this time, he has presented workshops throughout the United States, as well as in Central America, Europe, Africa and Asia. Dr. Overman has worked cooperatively with such organizations as the Association of Christian Schools International, Campus Crusade for Christ, Prison Fellowship Ministry, and The Biblical Worldview Institute. Dr. Overman is an adjunct faculty member of Seattle Pacific University.

His first book, *Different Windows*, was published by Tyndale House Publishers in 1989. This book is now titled, *Assumptions That Affect Our Lives*. In 2002, his book, *Making the Connections: How To Put Biblical Worldview Integration Into Practice* co-authored by Don Johnson, the Director of The Biblical Worldview Institute, was published. Dr. Overman has also written a Book-and-DVD curriculum for small groups, called, *God's Pleasure At Work*, which helps followers of Christ to make relevant connections between their faith and their daily work.

Christian and his wife, Kathy, have been married since 1970. They reside in Bellevue, Washington, where they attend Westminster Chapel, a Christ-centered, interdenominational church. They have four adult children and ten grandchildren.



Think Again! / Assumptions That Affect Our Lives DVD Curriculum for individual study or small groups

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 1 Participant Guide } \$119 _____
 Series of 3 DVD discs }

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