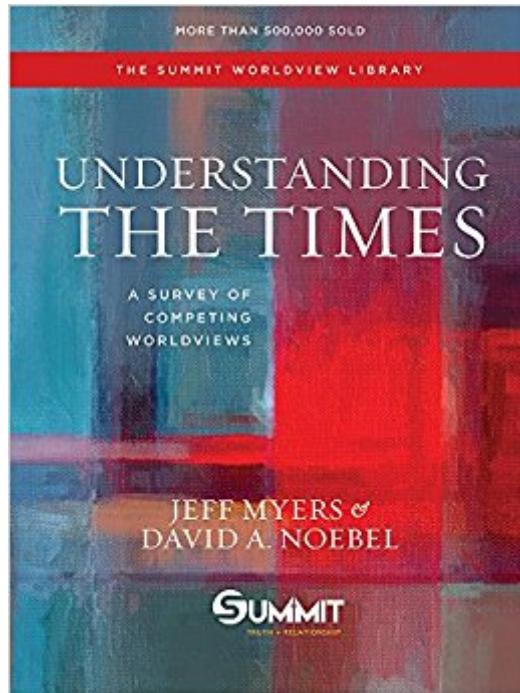




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# **Understanding The Times: A Survey Of Competing Worldviews**



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## Customer Reviews

Over the last 20 years Dr. Jeff Myers has become one of America's most respected authorities on youth leadership development and has equipped thousands of people to champion the Christian worldview. In addition to authoring *Grow Together*, *Cultivate*, and *Handoff*, the founder and retired president of Summit Ministries, David Noebel is an author, editor, public speaker, ordained minister, and recognized expert in worldview analysis and spirituality in Western Civilization.

To be fair, I am not finished with this book. Then, why post a review? Because this book has already

been so meaningful to me! I have family and friends that hold world views different from mine. These are people I care about deeply, but there's always been something that bothered me that I could not put a finger on. I searched for answers and prayed on this subject. Finally, I came upon a 7-day Reading Plan in my Bible app called Worldviews 101. It was a fascinating introduction to different worldviews from a Christian perspective. At the end of that plan was a link to this book. I jumped on it! No regrets with that decision. Six major worldviews are explored: Christianity, Islam, Secularism, Marxism, New Spirituality (what was once called New Age), and Postmodernism. There is A LOT to read here! But, you will want to highlight passages and read carefully. This book has cleared up a lot of misconceptions I've had for years and given me a structure with which to better understand the folks that I mentioned earlier. It is very interesting to me to see the foundations of each view and how each views the other worldviews. Personally, this book addresses an issue I have struggled with for a long time. I can't recommend it highly enough.

Excellent comparative examination of world views that are taught through academic disciplines and world religions. Clear and pertinent arguments presented that leaves readers wondering the extent to which colleges and universities have replaced religious moral reasoning (which gave birth to such institutions of higher learning) their with own interdisciplinary world views that act as pseudo-religious proxies. Sobering analysis given the impact that such instructional practices can have on society.

Great edition. Shorter than the first edition, but doesn't lack necessary content and it will still take you some time to read. My only complaint would be technical - every great once in a while I caught a minor typo. Ultimately irrelevant though. As a believer greatly interested in worldview analysis, apologetics and evangelism, this was a great tool. Also refreshing was the fact that it wasn't negative or pejorative to nonchristian views whatsoever - it offered a fair and academic approach to understanding worldviews comparatively, and an endless supply of footnotes followed each chapter - each was thoroughly cited and supported. I appreciated the heart of the authors - that is, to equip believers and grow intellectually responsible disciples of Jesus. This definitely helped me!

I hesitated about writing a review of Understanding the Times because I have not finished reading the entire book. In fact, I have read several sections more than once. It's not because the book is so difficult to read, but because the content is so thought provoking. I found myself reading awhile and then thinking about what I have seen and experienced in relation to what

Jeff Meyers wrote about these different worldviews. The book is well-written and, at the same time, thought provoking. I thought the presentation of worldviews was done in non-judgmental ways so as to give the reader a fair assessment of the basic concepts of these views. As a Christian, it was extremely helpful to have an honest presentation of these views held by people with differing views of God. I found it particularly interesting to learn of how these differing views are being introduced to unsuspecting people who may not even know they are being shaped by them. I applaud the work that went into the writing of this book and I can recommend it without reservation.

This is an excellent, comprehensive document that helps you to better understand what is going on in the world and why your worldview matters. I think this document has been well researched and is exceptionally reliable. Although I am still in the process of reading it all the way through, I think this is a document that I will refer to frequently to refresh my ideas. This book is worthy of study!

This book is well thought out and a great addition to my library. It answers many questions concerning differing world views in a very understandable way.

Wonderful book, and very good for gaining a comprehensive overview of various world views. I initially bought this as a gift, and began to read it, then had to buy myself a copy. Highly recommend.

An excellent book for reviewing competing worldviews. Compares and contrasts current ideologies and how they will play out in our cultures. I would say that it is a must read to help understand the times that we are in today. Poor choices and good choices are shown and hopefully the reader can identify on the correct direction.

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