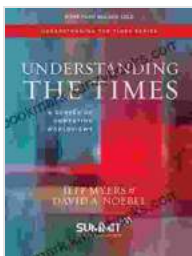


# Understanding The Times Survey Of Competing Worldviews: A Comprehensive Guide to the Book

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In today's rapidly changing world, it is more important than ever to understand the different worldviews that people hold. These worldviews shape our values, beliefs, and behaviors, and they play a major role in the way we interact with others and the world around us. *Understanding The Times Survey Of Competing Worldviews* provides a comprehensive overview of the major worldviews that are prevalent in today's society.



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## **The Book**

*Understanding The Times Survey Of Competing Worldviews* is a groundbreaking work that provides a unique and insightful look at the different worldviews that people hold. The book is based on a survey of over 5,000 people from all walks of life, and it provides a detailed analysis of the different worldviews that emerged from the data. The book is written by a team of experts in the field of worldview research, and it is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to understand the different ways that people see the world.

## **The Times Survey**

The Times Survey of Competing Worldviews was conducted by the University of Virginia's Center for the Study of Religion and Society. The survey was designed to measure the prevalence of different worldviews among Americans. The survey found that there are seven major worldviews that are prevalent in America today: Secular Humanism, Moralistic Therapeutic Deism, Evangelical Christianity, Agnostic Atheism, Gnostic Atheism, Eastern Mysticism, and Orthodox Christianity.

## **The Competing Worldviews**

The seven worldviews that emerged from the Times Survey can be divided into two main categories: secular worldviews and religious worldviews. Secular worldviews do not believe in the existence of God, while religious

worldviews do. The three main secular worldviews are Secular Humanism, Moralistic Therapeutic Deism, and Agnostic Atheism. The four main religious worldviews are Evangelical Christianity, Gnostic Atheism, Eastern Mysticism, and Orthodox Christianity.

**Secular Humanism** is a worldview that emphasizes the importance of human reason and experience. Secular Humanists believe that there is no God, and that the universe is governed by natural laws. They believe that the best way to live a good life is to follow the principles of reason and compassion.

**Moralistic Therapeutic Deism** is a worldview that believes in a God who is benevolent but not actively involved in the world. Moralistic Therapeutic Deists believe that the best way to live a good life is to follow the moral teachings of Jesus Christ. They believe that God will reward people who are good and punish people who are evil.

**Agnostic Atheism** is a worldview that does not believe in the existence of God, but does not claim to know for sure whether or not God exists. Agnostic Atheists believe that there is no evidence to support the existence of God, and that it is therefore unreasonable to believe in God.

**Evangelical Christianity** is a worldview that believes in the Bible as the inerrant Word of God. Evangelical Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation, and that all people who do not believe in Jesus Christ will be condemned to hell. Evangelical Christianity is the most popular worldview in America today.

**Gnostic Atheism** is a worldview that believes that there is a God who is evil or malevolent. Gnostic Atheists believe that the universe is a prison,

and that the only way to escape the prison is to achieve enlightenment. Gnostic Atheism is a relatively rare worldview, but it has been growing in popularity in recent years.

**Eastern Mysticism** is a worldview that believes that there is a divine reality that is beyond the reach of human reason. Eastern Mystics believe that the best way to experience the divine reality is through meditation and other spiritual practices. Eastern Mysticism is a popular worldview in Asia, but it is also becoming increasingly popular in the West.

**Orthodox Christianity** is a worldview that believes in the Nicene Creed. Orthodox Christians believe that God is Triune, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. Orthodox Christianity is a minority worldview in America, but it is the dominant worldview in Eastern Europe and Russia.

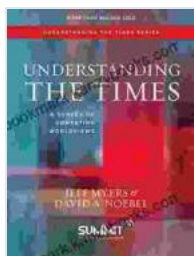
## **The Implications**

The different worldviews that people hold have a significant impact on the way they live their lives. For example, Secular Humanists are more likely to be involved in secular activities, such as volunteering or working for social justice. Evangelical Christians are more likely to be involved in religious activities, such as attending church or praying. Gnostic Atheists are more likely to be involved in spiritual practices, such as meditation or yoga.

The different worldviews that people hold also have a significant impact on the way they view the world. For example, Secular Humanists are more likely to believe that the world is a good place. Evangelical Christians are more likely to believe that the world is a sinful place. Gnostic Atheists are more likely to believe that the world is a prison.

*Understanding The Times Survey Of Competing Worldviews* provides a comprehensive overview of the different worldviews that are prevalent in today's society. The book is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to understand the different ways that people see the world. By understanding the different worldviews, we can better understand ourselves and others, and we can better navigate the complex world around us.

**Image Alt Text:** A group of people from different backgrounds and cultures are sitting in a circle, discussing their different worldviews.



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