



BUILDING A BIBLICAL WORLD AND LIFE VIEW | *A Select Bibliography*

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“CONSTRUCTION” OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

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Sets forth the Biblical case for faithful thinking as a necessary element of faithful discipleship.

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Guinness, Os. *The Dust of Death*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1973.

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Best study of the relation of a Christian worldview to popular culture available.

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Example of a freshman year of a Christian student facing individualism, pluralism, relativism, etc.

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Examines the typical errors of interpretation by cults and points out why they're wrong. Many of the same kinds of mistakes are typically at root of mistaken worldviews.

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