

THY 531, Worldviews and the Gospel
Fall 2008
Assignments

A. Discussion Board Discussions (120 points)

-by Sunday evening, except for the Sundays of August 23, September 28, and November 2, post a discussion board discussion to that week's question/statement

August 31	October 5	November 9
September 7	October 12	November 16
September 14	October 19	November 30
September 21	October 26	December 7

B. Chat Room Discussions (80 points)

-on the designated Monday evening, participate in the eight Chat Room conversations

-we will log on at 10:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 9:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, 8:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, and 7:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

August 25	October 6	November 17
September 8	October 20	December 1
September 22	November 3	

C. Papers (300 points)

-paper #1 (due August 23, 2008)

This 4-5 page paper should be based upon your responses to the posting by Dr. Steinbronn titled "interview questions concerning worldview understanding." Your responses should be organized under these basic worldview categories: the nature and orientation of God, the nature and origin of the world around us, the nature and orientation of humankind, and truth and ethics. **THIS ASSIGNMENT IS PASS OR FALL.**

-paper #2 (due September 28, 2008)

This 10-12 page paper should briefly outline the history of the concept of worldview (7-8 pages), develop your own understanding of worldview based upon your readings of Hesselgrave and Naugle, along with the notes posted by Dr. Steinbronn on selected writings by Charles Kraft and Paul Hiebert (2-3 pages). **The CONCLUSION OF YOUR PAPER should be YOUR DEFINITION of worldview in one paragraph. THIS ASSIGNMENT IS WORTH 100 POINTS.**

-paper #3 (due November 2, 2008)

Using the knowledge and skills developed in assignment #1 and #2, and after reading the book “Worldviews: A Christian Response to Religious Pluralism,” write a 10-12 page paper that consists of two parts: (1) an etic understanding and description of the worldview that you have chosen to communicate the Gospel within (5-6 pages) and (2) an emic understanding and description of this same worldview through the notes received from your personal interview of someone who adheres that worldview (5-6 pages). **THIS ASSIGNMENT IS WORTH 100 POINTS.**

-paper #4 (due December 11, 2008)

This 8-10 page paper should clearly identify those areas of your selected worldview that you believe offer the best opportunity for Biblical conversation and witness AND also those areas which could become obstacles and barriers to Biblical communication (5-6 pages). Next, describe your conversation with the person that you interviewed and their responses/reactions to your message (2-3 pages). Finally, evaluate the effectiveness of your cross-worldview communication (1 page). **THIS ASSIGNMENT IS WORTH 100 POINTS.**