

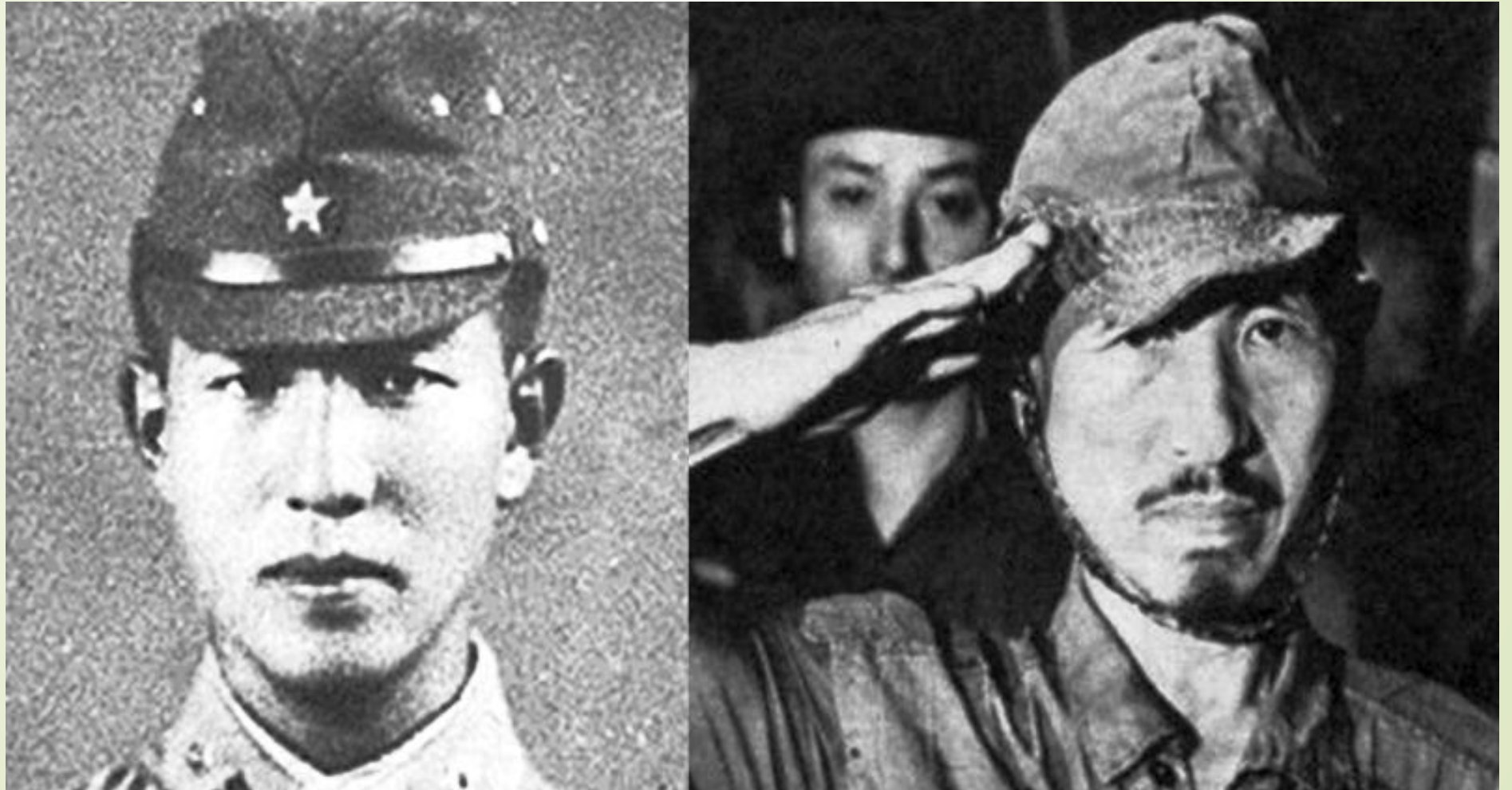


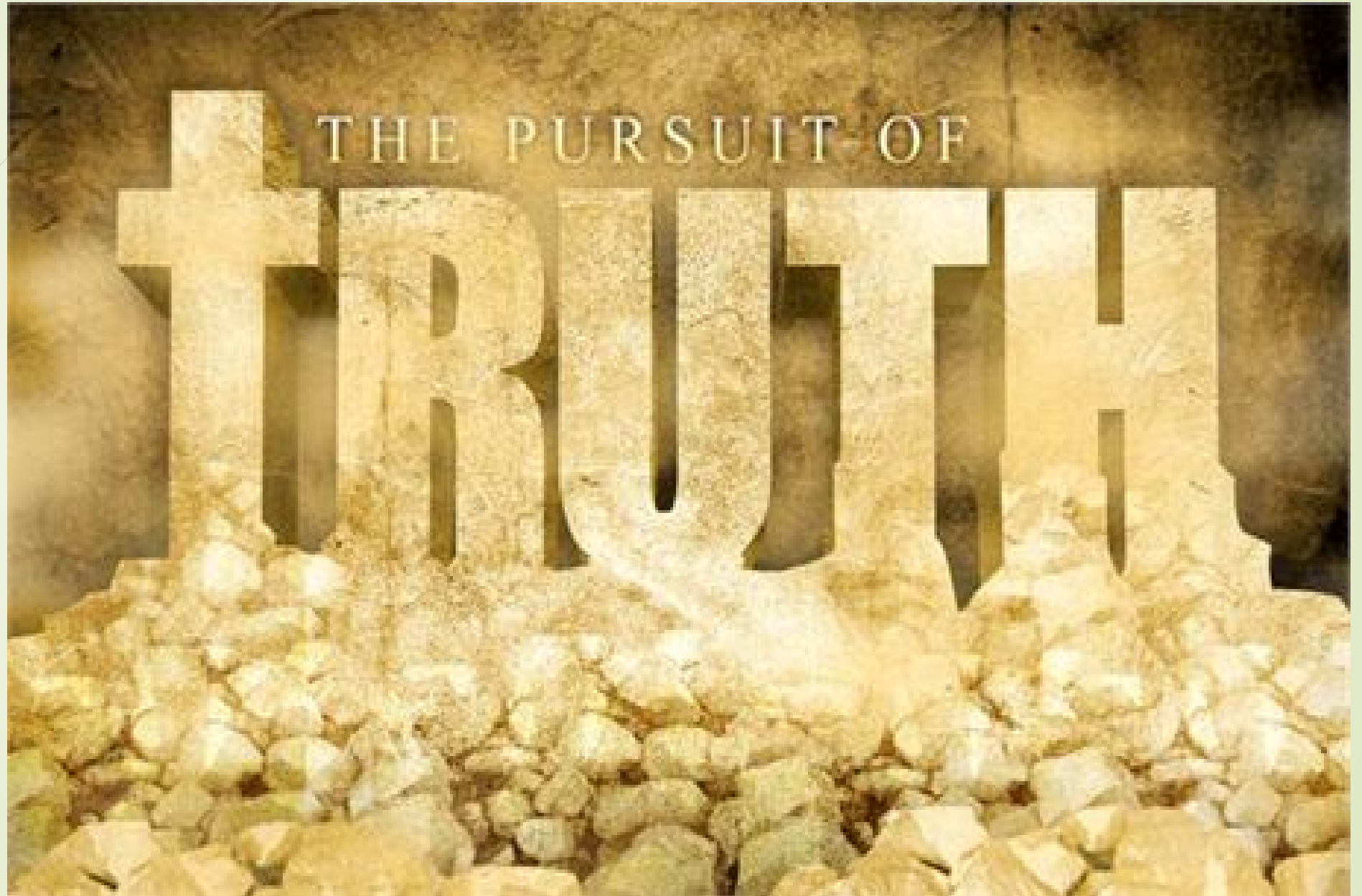
Introduction to Apologetics and Worldview

The path to somewhere...



Hiroo Onoda: A mistaken view of reality!





What? This isn't calculus class?





Apologetics elective schedule

- **February 23:** Introduction to apologetics and worldview
- **March 1:** Engagement: A tactical approach
- **March 8:** Christianity: The Story of Reality
- **March 15:** Evidence for the Christian worldview
- **March 22:** The reliability of Scripture
- **March 29:** Scripture twisting
- **April 5:** JW/Mormonism
- **April 19:** Islam



Apologetics

- ***Apologia***: a reasoned statement or a verbal defense.” (Sproul)
- ***Evangelism***: from the Greek word *euaggelion*, meaning “gospel” or “good news”



GOSPEL



G: God is righteous and holy



O: Obedience, which man owes to God, is lacking

S: Sin is the name for this disobedience and it's penalty is death.

P: Paid in full on the cross of Jesus

E: Eternal...

L: Life is granted to those who turn from their rebellion and trust in Jesus

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- Apologetics can be used to show that Christianity is true and that all non-Christian worldviews are false.

R.C. Sproul



Argue?

“Come now and let us reason together...”
(Isaiah 1:18)

We *should* seek to argue, in the sense of reasoning with, not quarrelling



A Sower Went out to Sow

- **Matthew 13:3-4** “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path and the birds came and devoured them.”
- **Matthew 13:18-19** “Hear, then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and **does not understand it**, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.”

The heart is deceitful above all things, and is desperately sick...




Hold still so that I can shoot you!

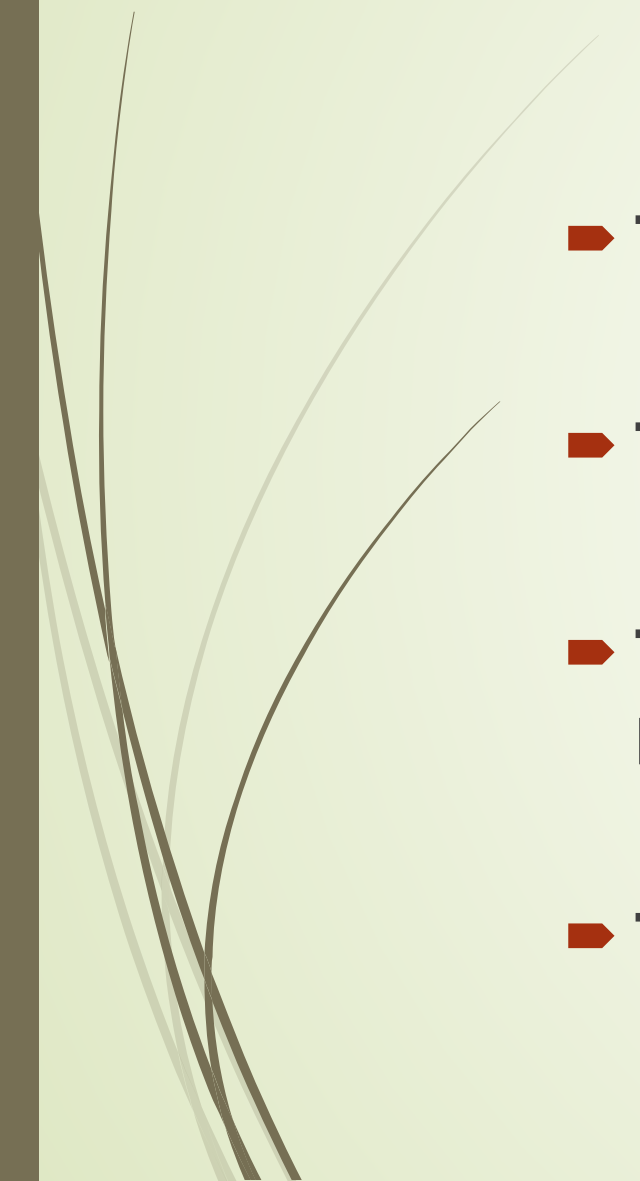


Speaking to man as image bearers God said, “Come now, let us reason together!”





Four nonnegotiable principles when dealing with truth claims.

- **The law of non-contradiction:**
 - **The law of causality:**
 - **The basic (although not perfect) reliability of sense perception:**
 - **The analogical use of language**
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Approaches to apologetics

Fideism

Presuppositionalism

Pragmatism

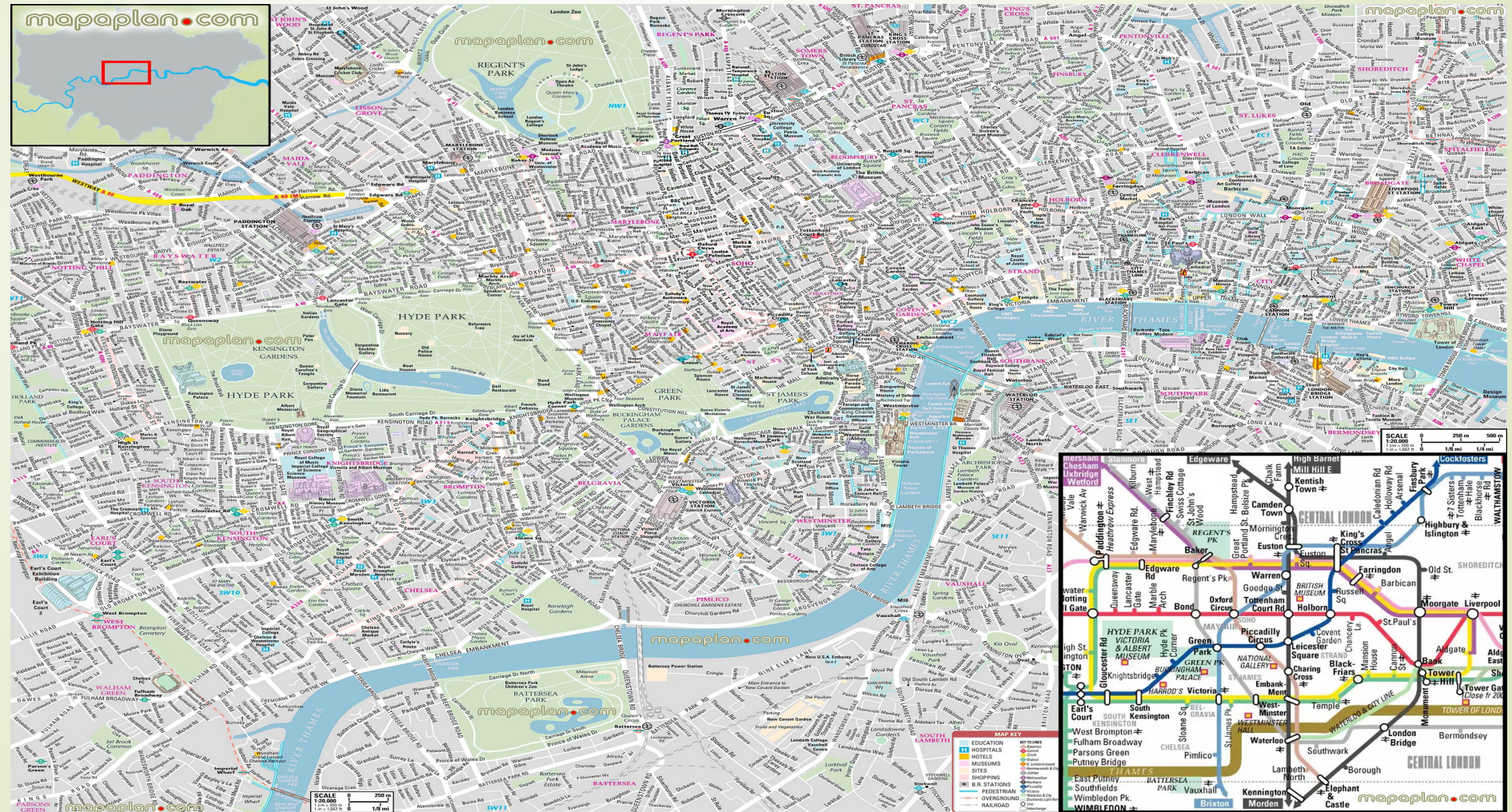
Classical apologetics

Rationalism



Mapping Reality:

Your worldview represents your most fundamental beliefs and assumptions about the universe you inhabit!



The world is blue!



We all say that you're the black sheep!





**IF SOMETHING DOESN'T FIT
THE PICTURE**

**YOU EITHER GOT THE WRONG PIECE OR
THE WRONG PUZZLE**


Do the pieces fit the box top?





Religion and the Box Top:

The 5 most consequential questions in life


- ➡ **Origin:** Where did we come from?
 - ➡ **Identity:** Who are we?
 - ➡ **Meaning:** Why are we here?
 - ➡ **Morality:** How should we live?
 - ➡ **Destiny:** Where are we going?
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Review

Apologetics: Giving a reasoned defense for our Story of Reality.

Worldview: Our Story of Reality

1. Everyone has one
 2. Understand our own worldview and be able to give reasons
 3. Help others to understand their own worldview and expect them to give reasons.
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- ***Apologetics*** John Frame
 - ***Defending Your Faith*** R.C. Sproul
 - ***Christian Apologetics*** Douglas Groothuis
 - ***Understanding the Faith: A Survey of Christian Apologetics***
 - ***Understanding the Times: A Survey of Competing Worldviews*** Jeff Myers
 - ***Mapping Apologetics*** Brian Morley
 - ***Covenantal Apologetics*** Scott Oliphant
 - ***What's Your Worldview*** James Anderson
 - ***The Universe Next Door***
 - ***Naming the Elephant*** James Sire
 - ***The Apologetics Study Bible*** Holman