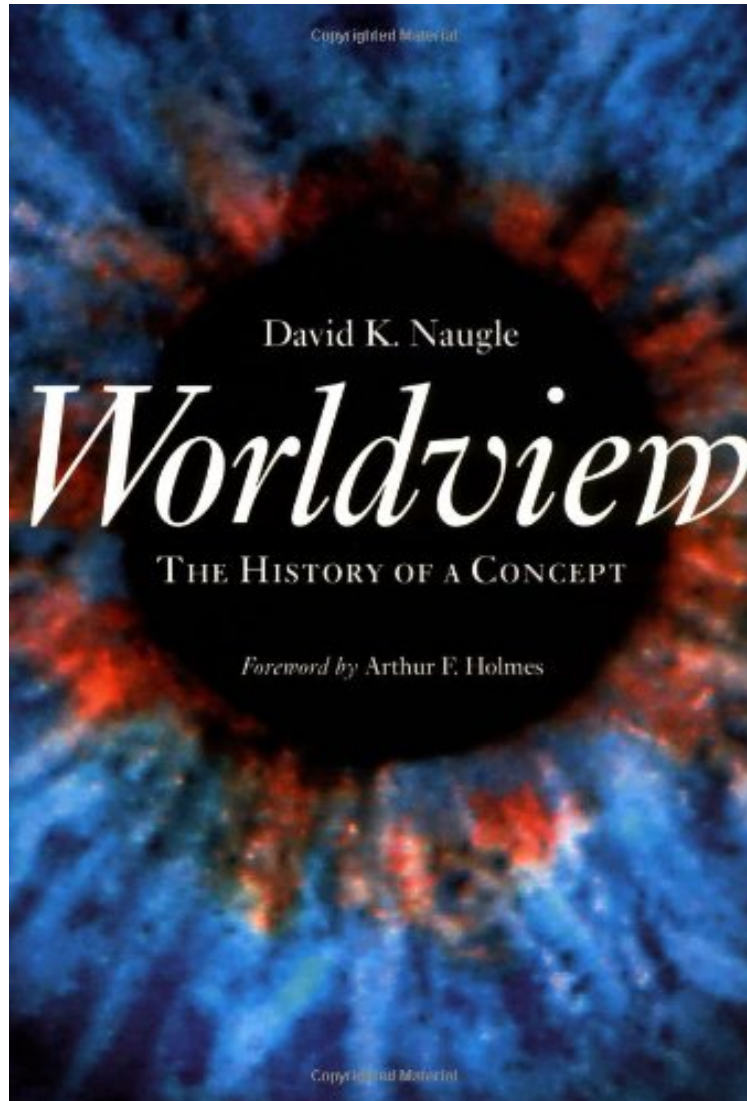


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major Western philosophers on the subject of worldview and offers an original examination of the role this concept has played in the natural and social sciences. Finally, Naugle gives the concept biblical and theological grounding, exploring the unique ways that worldview has been used in the Evangelical, Orthodox, and Catholic traditions. This is an outstanding book not just the subject of worldview, but specially when it clarifies Christianity as a worldview. The author suggests that a worldview is best understood as a semiotic phenomenon, especially as a system of narrative signs that establishes a powerful framework within which people think (reason), interpret (hermeneutic) and know (epistemology). The strong point of the book is that it provides summaries of an additional contribution to evangelical reflection on worldview and offer a biography of Christian books on the topic. If I have to lay a weakness in the book will be on leaving a question to Naugle of how we can influence or straightening the Christian worldview in order that it will be more effective in conveying the relevance of Christ. As for my personal life and ministry, I will carry this question which I raised as the main target of my evangelist work. I do not know how it can be performed, but I think that the educational system is an open door for us to try.

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By Adam This book is foundational to the subject of worldview analysis. It is less popularly written than most other books on this subject, yet it is still very well written (often remarkably so as in the chapter on spiritual warfare). It also does a very good job in answering criticism from Christians on the subject of worldview. Chapters 9 and 11 are worth the price of the book alone. Extreme high recommendation. Read along with Sire's *Universe Next Door*, and Pearcey's *Finding Truth*, and you will have a strong grounding in this subject that is so able to increase understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

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By Cheryl Gaver 'Worldview' is a term that gets thrown around quite a bit and in many different contexts. Naugle's book provides a well-organized exploration of the term: its beginnings and evolution, as well as debate surrounding the term, in many different disciplines. It's easy to read and has lots of references for those who want to explore the topic in more detail. It's well organized so if you are looking for a philosophical or anthropological perspective, you can focus on those chapters without having read the rest of the book. The book may be confusing for those who are not as familiar with history or with key figures in the various disciplines. What is amazing is all the varieties and different interpretations of the term within any given discipline. A must-read for anyone who wants to understand people and where we are coming from.

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s in Religion and Theology [Naugle] wins the reader over with an engaging, informal style which is always accessible without making undue concessions. The range of scholarship on display is sufficiently impressive, and if what it gains in scope is inevitably bought at the expense of depth, most of the time he manages to get the balance just about right.