

# Validity Information for the Worldview Index

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The Worldview Index is a series of twelve statements that estimates to what extent one ascribes to a Biblical worldview. In particular, the premises of this instrument are that, among other things, a Biblically-consistent worldview maintains:

- God is the first cause of all that exists, the Creator
- God is unique and immutable, the One True God who has always existed and will always exist in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- God is transcendent: God is not part of the creation, but exists over and above the creation. God is omnipotent and omniscient
- God is immanent: Notwithstanding God's transcendence, God remains involved in His creation, providing for it, loving it without favoritism, guiding people, responding to prayers, and supernaturally effecting His purposes here on earth.
- The nature of man is sinful; that is, people are naturally inclined to do things their own way, rather than God's way
- God will hold us accountable for how we use our time here on earth and desires that we use it for His purposes
- God desires us to reject sin and to do His will, moving increasingly toward Christ-likeness with the help of God's Holy Spirit
- God teaches us what is sin and what is His will through His two-testament Word, the Bible, a book written by agents of God's choosing under the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit
- God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, "one in being with the Father," to teach us how we should live, and to be crucified as the atoning sacrifice for our sins
- God resurrected Jesus and Jesus is alive today
- God has prepared a place in heaven for those who believe in Him and who put their faith in Jesus' sacrifice
- God will send Jesus a second time, at a moment that we cannot know, to bring believers to heaven

For each of the bullet-pointed beliefs above, respondents are presented with three statements and asked to select the one that comes closest to their beliefs. In each group of three, there is one statement that represents a Biblical worldview position (two points), one that represents a secular worldview position (zero points), and one that represents a middle ground between the two (one point). The respondent's worldview score is then calculated by summing the points, and dividing that sum by 24 (the maximum number of points obtainable on this 12 item survey), and multiplying that fraction by ten (so it will be on a more interpretable zero to ten scale, rather than a zero to one scale).

## Factor and Reliability Analysis for the Worldview Index

We collected data from 1,594 respondents anonymously via our website, [www.assess-yourself.org](http://www.assess-yourself.org). The demographics of this sample are as follows:

- 70.7% Female
- 9.9% Black, 79.3% White, 3.5% Asian, 3.5% Hispanic, 2.3% other races, (1.6% unknown)
- Average age 44.3
- Age range: 13 to 84
- Average years as a Christian 23.8
- Respondents represent 50 countries. Eighty-six percent of the sample is from the USA, with 49 states represented (largest state representation is from California: 6.2%)

The Scree Plot below demonstrates clearly that there is one factor in the Index, a factor that we have termed “worldview.” This is the only Eigenvalue in the analysis that is greater than 1.0. Factor loadings for the twelve items ranged from 0.352 to 0.853.

The reliability analysis yielded a Cronbach’s Alphas of 0.854, well above the standard threshold of 0.7, evidence that all items are measuring the same latent construct.

