**THE WORLDVIEW PAPER: CHOOSING YOUR PHILOSOPY OF ETHICS**

**You must follow these instructions very carefully to get a good grade on this essay!**

*Make sure that your paper contains each and every section outlined below and that every question is fully answered.* This is primarily an essay, not a research paper. Nevertheless, you will need to use the class handout *Worldview Comparison Chart* as a reference. Other references will also need to be used. (See Part IV).

I. DESCRIBE YOUR WORLDVIEW. Describe your worldview on the following questions, using the Worldview Comparison Chart: What is the nature of ultimate reality? What is the origin of the universe and of life? What is the nature of material reality? What is the nature of humanity? What is the identity of humanity? Why is it possible to know anything at all? How do we know what is right and wrong? What is morality? What is the meaning of human history? What is wrong with the human race? How are we saved? What is the nature of God? What is the meaning of life?

Your worldview does not have to be strictly from one category.

II. DESCRIBE THE CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW. Describe the Christian Worldview on the following questions, using the Worldview Comparison Chart: What is the nature of ultimate reality? What is the origin of the universe and of life? What is the nature of material reality? What is the nature of humanity? What is the identity of humanity? Why is it possible to know anything at all? How do we know what is right and wrong? What is morality? What is the meaning of human history? What is wrong with the human race? How are we saved? What is the nature of God? What is the meaning of life?

You may quote the chart or use your own words, but use standard referencing techniques if you quote. *However, I am expecting more than simply cut and paste*.

III. DEFINE THE PHILOSOPHIES DISCUSSED IN CLASS. Each philosophy should contain a definition of two to five sentences. The philosophies that you must define are:

A TELEOLOGY Teleological ethical systems include:

1 EGOISM

2 UTILITARIANISM

B DEONTOLOGY Deontological ethical systems include:

1 CLASSICAL VIRTUES

2 RIGHTS

3 JUSTICE AS FAIRNESS

C ETHICAL RELATIVISM

D POSTMODERNISM

This will require nine definitions of seven philosophies (define teleology separately, although it includes egoism and utilitarianism, and define deontology separately, although it includes classical virtues, rights, and justice as fairness.

IV. CHOOSE YOUR PHILOSOPHY. Based on your worldview as described in Part I, choose one of the seven philosophies listed in Part II. Select the one that is most compatible with your values and beliefs. This philosophy should guide you in your career as an accountant and enable you to make moral and ethical choices that are compatible and consistent with your worldview. Explain carefully why you choose this philosophy. You should cite relevant source materials:

If your worldview is naturalism, cite naturalistic or rationalistic philosophers.

If your worldview is postmodern, cite postmodern or deconstructionist philosophers.

If your worldview is animism, cite shamans or new age philosophers.

If your worldview is eastern, cite eastern philosophers or gurus.

If your worldview is Jewish, cite a Jewish philosopher, the Tanakh, or the Talmud.

If your worldview is Muslim, cite the Quran, hadith, or Islamic philosophers.

If your worldview is theistic, cite theistic philosophers.

If your worldview is deistic, cite deistic philosophers.

If your worldview is Christian, cite the Bible and Christian philosophers.

If your worldview came from multiple categories, you may need to cite multiple sources.

If you don’t know where to find sources to support your philosophy, come to me for help. It may indicate that you haven’t clearly yet thought through your worldview.

V. LIST OF SOURCES. Any source you used to write the paper, whether or not you quoted from it, should be listed here. Follow the directions given in your research paper assignment.

*The grading rubric*

**A detailed rubric is in the handout entitled *Rubric Spreadsheet Integration Paper.***