

**Wretched Worldview**

**Politics:  
The Christian's Response**

**Essay Test Answer Key**

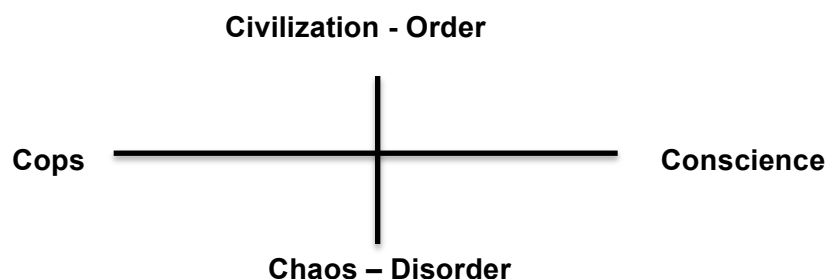
## Essay Test Answer Key

*These answers are not meant to be comprehensive, but to serve as a general guideline.*

1. List and describe the four realms of authority God has given us. Include range of authority and scope of influence for each realm.
  - 1) **The Government:** God has given it authority to protect and punish. Narrow authority over large group of people. Very limited influence.
  - 2) **The Economy.** God doesn't tell people how to engage in business, except to be fair in treatment of employees, wages, etc. Thus a little authority over a large sector of society.
  - 3) **The Church:** Given authority to teach and exercise discipline over a fair amount of people. The depth of influence over people is much greater than the government's influence.
  - 4) **The Family:** Large authority over very small group of people. Depth of influence is the greatest of all four realms of authority.

2. Explain Chuck Colson's 4 C's of Culture. Include the diagram that was drawn on the chalkboard.

**There are two ways to keep a civilization from descending into chaos. Either individuals control themselves internally based upon their consciences informing them of right and wrong, or they must be controlled by external forces imposing values upon them. When a society's conscience becomes dulled, or when it changes its values of right and wrong, then more external force must be used to maintain order. This can be done through kings, dictators, or increased law enforcement.**



3. Summarize what you learned about how these principles apply to America. Begin with how our Founding Fathers understood the connection between conscience and freedom, and then outline the situation in America today.

**Answer should be similar to:** Our Founding Fathers recognized that in order for a society to operate with as much freedom as possible, the conscience must be informed. People must know how to govern themselves internally in order to live without the heavy hand of government upon them. Historically, the church and Christianity informed Americans' consciences. Thus, there was little need for heavy governmental oversight as individuals moderated their behavior according to biblical principles. (More conscience, less cops; more civilization, less chaos.)

Today however, Christianity is being pushed aside and people's consciences are being influenced by other beliefs, most notably secular humanism. Because secular humanism's main teaching is that there is no God and therefore no submission to a universal or higher authority, man is then considered the highest authority. Therefore, whatever an individual deems best is more or less considered right. Because everyone is being taught to do what is right in their own eyes, we're moving from civilization to chaos. In response to this, more governmental control is needed. (Less civilization, more chaos; more chaos, more government.)

4. In Chapter 1, there was listed 10 reasons why Christians should focus more on the gospel than on politics. List at least 5 of those reasons.

**10. Politics Change. The gospel doesn't.**

**9. The gospel will transform our politics, not vice versa.**

**8. It's what Jesus calls us to do.**

**7. We are citizens of a different kingdom.**

**6. It's what the early church focused on.**

**5. It attacks the root of evil and not just the fruit of it.**

**4. Politics can divide the body of Christ while the gospel can unite us.**

**3. The gospel calls us to pray for politicians we disagree with, not hate them.**

**2. The gospel brings political action soaked in love and humility, not pride and arrogance.**

**1. Politics are a reflection of the moral compass of a society. The gospel gives society a new compass that is accurate.**

5. Fill in the chart below with verses regarding the Christian's responsibility in this world. You may use your Bible for this. You can use Scripture that was referenced in this DVD or your own.

## The Christian's Responsibility

To God	To Fellow Believers (The Church)	To Unbelievers (Society)
Rom. 12:1-2: Present your bodies as a living sacrifice; do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.	Phil. 1:27: To conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel – standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the gospel	Acts 4:23-31: Speak the word of God with boldness in the power of the Holy Spirit

<b>Acts 1:6-8: Be Christ's witnesses throughout the world</b>	<b>Rom 13:8: Love our neighbor.</b>	<b>I Tim. 2:1-4 &amp; Titus 3:1: Make entreaties, prayers, petitions and thanksgivings on behalf of all men, for kings and those in authority.</b>
<b>Phil. 3:20: Eagerly wait for our Savior</b>	<b>Titus 3:2-5: Not to malign anyone; to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.</b>	<b>Rom. 13:1-8: Be in subjection to governmental authorities; pay taxes; love our neighbor.</b>
		<b>Titus 3:2-5: Not to malign anyone; to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.</b>

**Note: These are the Scripture used in the DVD.**

6. Based upon everything you learned in this DVD, what is your opinion about how Christians should engage in politics? Be thorough in your answer and be sure to support it with Scripture!