

# How Dense is the Worldview Noise in Your Host Culture?

## Host Culture Worldview

How would you describe the dominant religious worldview in your host culture?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelical "Christian"                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim    | <input type="checkbox"/> Shintoist                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liberal "Christian"                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish    | <input type="checkbox"/> Postmodern                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu     | <input type="checkbox"/> Secular Materialist (Atheist) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Christian" cultists (Mormon, JW, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist  | <input type="checkbox"/> New Age                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox – Eastern/Russian              | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritist | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                  |

## YOU and the People in Your Culture

(Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for *everyone who believes...*)

Counts cost of a faith response	-1
Confronted with a faith response	-2
Senses personal spiritual conviction	-3
Understands some gospel concepts*	-4
Interested in Jesus and the gospel	-5
Exposed to other Christian concepts	-6
Realizes there is only one true God	-7
Vulnerable to false religious beliefs	-8
Seeks to fill personal spiritual void	-9
Senses personal spiritual emptiness	-10
Aware of higher Power or powers	-11
Born with a God-vacuum	-12

1. Knowing what you know about the people who live in your host culture, where would a typical adult be on the Good Soil E&D Scale when you begin evangelizing?
2. Of the eight gospel concepts given below, which of these would a typical adult in your host culture already understand fairly well?
3. Where on the E&D scale would you need to begin?
4. With which gospel concepts would you need to begin?

- God     Man     Sin     Death<sup>1</sup>     Christ     Cross<sup>2</sup>     Faith     Life<sup>3</sup>

## Worldview Noise and False Beliefs:

The greatest worldview noise problem is not what people do not know, but the untrue things they believe they know—their *false beliefs*.

**First:** On a scale of 0 (low) to 10 (high) how clearly & how completely do they understand each of these gospel concepts?

**Second:** Identify the common false beliefs of these people as compared to the eight essential gospel concepts taught in Scripture.

<b>God</b>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	<b>Christ</b>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
<b>Man</b>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	<b>Cross<sup>2</sup></b>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
<b>Sin</b>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	<b>Faith</b>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
<b>Death<sup>1</sup></b>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	<b>Life<sup>3</sup></b>	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

<sup>1</sup>Death = as divine judgment for sin

<sup>2</sup>Cross = including the resurrection of Jesus

<sup>3</sup>Life = spiritual & eternal life

# Gospel Knowledge Deficiencies

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What gospel-related knowledge do people NOT possess at each of these three major stages?

**First:** Think of people who are at the -4 level on the scale.

**Second:** Think of people who are at the -7 level.

**Third:** Think of people at the -11 level.

Counts cost of a faith response	-1	<b>Level 3:</b> <b>Reaping Evangelism</b>
Confronted with a faith response	-2	
Senses personal spiritual conviction	-3	
Understands some gospel concepts	-4 ←	
Interested in Jesus and the gospel	-5	<b>Level 2:</b> <b>Planting Evangelism</b>
Exposed to other Christian concepts	-6	
Realizes there is only one true God	-7 ←	
Vulnerable to false religious beliefs	-8	<b>Level 1:</b> <b>Tilling Evangelism</b>
Seeks to fill personal spiritual void	-9	
Senses personal spiritual emptiness	-10	
Aware of higher Power or powers	-11 ←	
Born with a God-Vacuum	-12	

## The Crucial ETERNAL LIFE & DEATH Question:

How much **Bible content** and **Biblical context** for that content does each unbeliever need in order to make a "good soil" faith response?

Initiate conversations that may become redemptive relationships. *Colossians 4:2-6*