

## Review of Psychology: A Christian Perspective, High School Edition

As the Christian parent of a daughter who is a freshman at a secular college and a home educated son who is in high school, I was extremely interested in this textbook. I graduated from an excellent Christian school and then attended a state university. It was difficult to evaluate the worldview of the required Psychology courses on my own. I would have welcomed such a course to prepare me for what I would face in college.

Psychology: A Christian Perspective would be an excellent course to offer in a Christian high school or in a Christian homeschool. This one semester course would be helpful to prepare Christian students for college classes, especially since many home educated high school students take college classes from secular colleges while still in high school for dual enrollment credit. Psychological concepts are woven into other college courses as well as popular books, magazines, television programs and lectures. It is important for Christian students to be prepared to evaluate what they will hear from a Biblical perspective.

This textbook offers a comprehensive overview of Psychology. It has an appropriate level of depth for high school students. It is challenging, but understandable, with interesting case studies and examples. It is a 15 chapter, 265 page book. There are review questions at the end of each chapter with answers available in a teacher's guide that may be purchased or downloaded free online. There are also fill-in-the-blank quizzes with answers, and links to information for further study (articles, demonstrations, and videos) for each chapter.

The Christian aspect of the textbook comes in brief explanations of the Christian worldview on the various topics. He also states where Christians have differing views on aspects of Psychology, such as diagnosis and treatment. These are helpful springboards that would allow a parent or teacher to discuss their particular views in more detail with their students. While a high school home educated student could certainly do this course on his own, I would recommend that the teacher or parent be available to discuss each topic with the student. There are serious subjects addressed that would be best approached together.

I look forward to using this textbook with my own children.

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