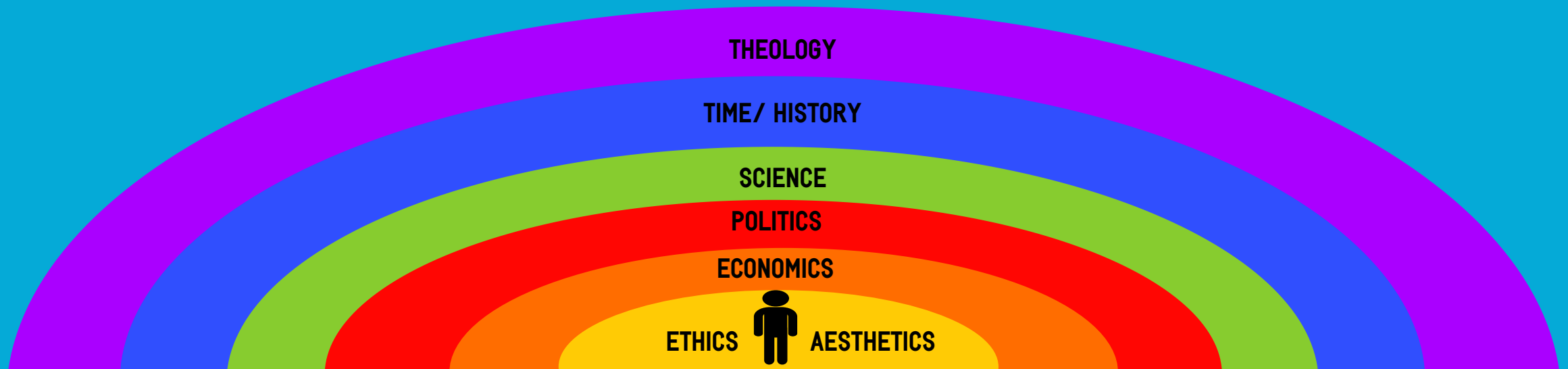


# CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

A worldview is the way the one views the world. If one believes in God and the Bible, then, there is objective truth and objective values (ethics and aesthetics). Theology affects the way that one understands all of the natural order (time and science) and the social order (politics, economics and ethics). They are parts of a system that God has created. These disciplines are not separate from each other. Instead, they are intertwined in such a way that they cannot be separated. The value of this system is greater than the sum of its parts. If one does not believe in God, then he might view all of these things as completely separate and unrelated.



## Components of a Worldview

1. **THEOLOGY** is the study of God, the Creator and His created order. The created order makes God known, by reflecting His power, justice and righteousness. Orthodox Christian theology is revealed in the Bible and in the creeds.
2. **TIME/ HISTORY** is created by God for the purpose of revealing His justice and righteousness. This is why **TIME/ HISTORY** are linear, rather than circular. If they were circular, **TIME/ HISTORY** would be meaningless.
3. **SCIENCE** is the empirical- inductive study of God's created order. This study includes both the natural order and the social order. Because we live in a created order, rather than a chaos, the world can be understood. **SCIENCE** reveals God's justice and righteousness.
4. **POLITICS** is the study of the largest aspect of the social order. It includes government, law and society. To the degree that a society is in line with the law of God, it will be more successful. Societies should reflect God's justice and righteousness.
5. **ECONOMICS** is the study of the household (or family). The household is the basic building block of society. Households create firms, which produce wealth and employment. Both households and firms should reflect God's justice and righteousness.
6. **ETHICS** and **AESTHETICS** are values, which are tied together. **ETHICS** is the study of goodness and the character of an individual. **AESTHETICS** is the study of beauty and art. These values are aspects of each worldview component, because they reflect God's justice and righteousness. To be good means to be orderly, fitness, beauty, according to purpose, function or genre.