**Biblical Worldview**

**Letter to a Christian Nation**

**Summer Reading Assessment Form**

**- fill out using your laptop, but turn in as a paper copy -**

Your Name:

Date when you finished reading this book:

**Understanding:**

*One cannot truly agree or disagree until one first understands.*

1. The Book as a Whole: please write ***a synopsis, of at least five sentences,*** for this book – in your own words.
2. The Book’s Parts: please construct a ***thorough outline*** of the content of this book – its structure, line of argument, etc. Use words and phrases, not full sentences. This is the “skeleton” of the entire book.
3. Please explain what Harris means by the term “Christian Nation”?

**Evaluation:**

*Do you Agree or Disagree with the author, or are you Suspending your Judgment?* **CHOOSE ONE.**

1. If you **Agree**, you must explain ***why you agree*** using *at least seven* quoted references – with page number citation – from the book. For each reference, please briefly annotate / explain why it leads you to agree. Also, for each reference, you MUST provide ample reasons, evidence, and/or argument explaining **Why it is True**.
	* REMEMBER: agreement is not “he’s an Atheist / Scientist, so I have to agree with him” or “I like this”.
	* REMEMBER: truth is not “he’s an Atheist / Scientist” or your personal feelings, opinions, or preferences.
2. If you **Disagree**, you must specify how you disagree by choosing one or more of the following:
	* The author is **Uniformed** about the facts – he is incorrect about X.
	* The author is **Misinformed** about relevant matters – he is misunderstands or misrepresents X.
	* The author has **Reasoned Poorly** – the structure and/or chain of his argument about X has 1+ errors.
	* The author’s **Reasoning is Incomplete** – he stopped short; there are missing pieces; there are further, obvious conclusions regarding X.
	* However you disagree, you must explain ***why you disagree*** using *at least five* quoted content references for each reason you chose (the four above) – with page number citation. For each reference, please briefly annotate / explain why it leads you to disagree, AND offer a potential correction to the problematic issue.
	* REMEMBER: disagreement is not “I don’t like this” or “he’s an atheist, I must disagree with him”.
3. If you are **Suspending your Judgment**, meaning that you do not *yet* Agree or Disagree, you must ***carefully explain what is missing***. You must point out the gaps in the book’s content and/or the author’s line of reasoning. And, you must explain what you think should be added into those gaps, and how those additions would then allow you to Agree or Disagree with the author. If you use an content references, please include page numbers.

**Reflection:**

*How did this book impact or affect you? Please answer each question with* ***at least one paragraph****.*

1. How did reading *Letter to a Christian Nation* impact your thinking, your emotions, and/or your Christian faith?
2. In your opinion, how effective would *Letter to a Christian Nation* be on a Christian who had never thought about what he/she believed and why he/she believed it?

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**The End of Reason**

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2. The Book’s Parts: please construct a ***thorough outline*** of the content of this book – its structure, line of argument, etc. Use words and phrases, not full sentences. This is the “skeleton” of the entire book.
3. Please explain what Zacharias means that Reason has “Ended”?

**Evaluation:**

*Do you Agree or Disagree with the author, or are you Suspending your Judgment?* **CHOOSE ONE.**

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**Reflection:**

*How did this book impact or affect you? Please answer with* ***at least one paragraph*** *each.*

1. How did reading *the End of Reason* impact your thinking, your emotions, and/or your Christian faith?
2. In your opinion, how well did Zacharias answer Harris’ *Letter to a Christian Nation*? Was he thorough and effective? Why? Or, could Zacharias have strengthened his argument? How?