

The Trinity Foundation  
*is pleased to announce the Eighth Annual*

# CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW ESSAY CONTEST

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First Prize \$3,000  
Second Prize \$2,000  
Third Prize \$1,000

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The topic of the 2012 Christian Worldview Essay Contest is the book *Without a Prayer: Ayn Rand and the Close of Her System* by John W. Robbins. Each person who enters the contest must read this book and write an essay about it. The book is available for \$10.00 (retail price: \$19.95 for trade paperback) per copy, postpaid to U. S. addresses.

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## Essay Submission Rules

Each person who enters the contest must be no younger than 17 years of age and no older than 23 years of age on January 1, 2012.

Essays entered in the Christian Worldview Essay Contest

- ▶ may be of any length
- ▶ must be written in English
- ▶ must be type-written or computer printed on one side only, double-spaced, with one inch margins and page numbers
- ▶ must be submitted on white paper, in triplicate, stapled, with pages in order
- ▶ must arrive at the offices of The Trinity Foundation by September 1, 2012
- ▶ must be accompanied by a completed and signed entry form (available at [www.trinityfoundation.org](http://www.trinityfoundation.org))
- ▶ become the property of The Trinity Foundation.

# Explanation of Contest Rules:

1. There is no entry fee or charge for the Christian Worldview Essay Contest.
2. No purchase is necessary to enter the Christian Worldview Essay Contest. Each year The Trinity Foundation makes the Contest book available at a fraction of its retail value as a convenience to those who would like to purchase a copy, but the book may also be borrowed from family, friends, churches, and libraries.
3. Each contestant must read the specific book that is the focus of the Christian Worldview Essay Contest and write an essay about that book. Essays not about the Contest book, but about a topic, or a person, or about another book or books, do not qualify for this Contest. Essays originally written for other purposes and not written about the specific book chosen by The Trinity Foundation are not valid entries in this contest.
4. Each qualifying essay shall be conversant about the Contest book and show familiarity with that book by accurately quoting from it (for discussion or criticism), by discussing its major ideas, and by relating those ideas to the contestant's general knowledge. Incidental mention of the Contest book in the course of an essay is not sufficient to qualify an essay for prize consideration.
5. Each qualifying essay shall not be simply a summary of the book, or a book report, but shall attempt to explain and discuss the ideas and arguments expressed in the Contest book in the contestant's own words.
6. Each Christian Worldview Essay Contest lasts about ten months, from November to September. This is ample time for Contestants to read, digest, and write an essay about the Contest book. Consequently, the September 1 deadline for entries will be strictly enforced.
7. Each essay submitted to the Christian Worldview Essay Contest shall become the property of The Trinity Foundation. This means that essays will not be returned to Contestants, and The Foundation shall have the exclusive right to publish and distribute, in whatever form it deems best, the essays entered into the Contest.
8. The Trinity Foundation shall have the right to announce the Contest winners and publish their essays, in whole and in part, in whatever manner it deems best.
9. First Prize winners of previous Christian Worldview Essay Contests shall not be eligible for prizes in subsequent Contests.
10. A panel of Essay Contest judges (a minimum of three) decides which prizes to award. If, in the judgment of the judges an unusual situation arises in which fewer than three essays are worthy of prizes, the judges shall announce the winner(s) of the Contest, and all decisions of the judges shall be final.