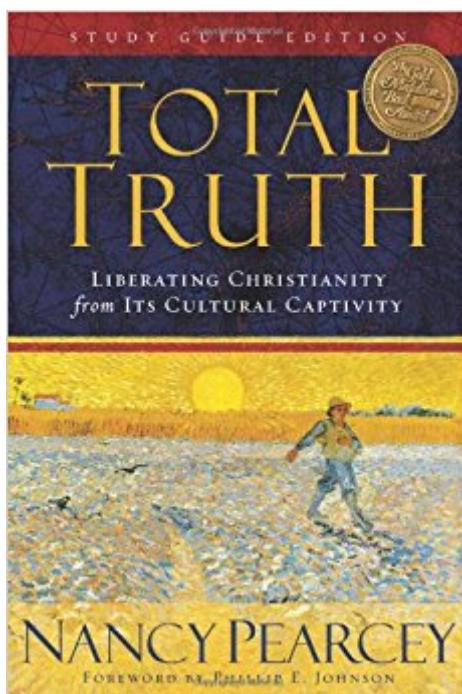


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Total Truth (Study Guide Edition): Liberating Christianity From Its Cultural Captivity



Synopsis

Does God belong in the public arena of politics, business, law, and education? Or is religion a private matter only personally comforting but publicly irrelevant? In today's cultural etiquette, it is not considered polite to mix public and private, or sacred and secular. This division is the single most potent force keeping Christianity contained in the private sphere—stripping it of its power to challenge and redeem the whole of culture. In *A Total Truth*, Nancy Pearcey offers a razor-sharp analysis of the public/private split, explaining how it hamstrings our efforts at both personal and cultural renewal. Ultimately it reflects a division in the concept of truth itself, which functions as a gatekeeper, ruling Christian principles out of bounds in the public arena. How can we unify our fragmented lives and recover spiritual power? With examples from the lives of real people, past and present, Pearcey teaches readers how to liberate Christianity from its cultural captivity. She walks readers through practical, hands-on steps for crafting a full-orbed Christian worldview. Finally, she makes a passionate case that Christianity is not just religious truth but truth about total reality. It is total truth. This new study guide edition is filled with fresh stories, examples, and illustrations. Based on questions and comments raised by readers of the book, it is ideal for individual or group study.

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"This book continues the Schaeffer-inspired project that Nancy Pearcey and Chuck Colson began in How Now Shall We Live?-awakening evangelical Christians to the need for a Christian 'worldview,' which Pearcey defines as 'a biblically informed perspective on all reality.' This is the rare long book that leaves one wanting to read more." *•Publisher's Weekly* On one level, this book is a lucid, easy-to-understand manual for worldview thinking. But it also breaks new ground in worldview analysis. *•World Magazine* Pearcey is an outstanding writer with the ability not only to express deep thoughts in a very readable way, but one who also understands a biblically reformed world and life view. If you buy only one book this year, this would be at the top of the list. *•Equip For Ministry* Equip For Ministry Pearcey helps readers see how many modern Christians unwittingly accept a sacred/secular split, which allows them to relegate faith to the private sphere of life. She then clearly puts forth a Scriptural picture of integrating all of life under the liberating Lordship of Christ and shows what that truth means for the areas of public policy, family life, science, business, law, education, and more. *•Covenant Magazine* Covenant Magazine Total Truth questions the modern American cultural attitude of keeping religion a private matter, claiming that Christianity's truth is best served by being brought into the public sphere to maximize its influence. *•Midwest Book Review* Thoroughly researched, well-written and well-argued, Total Truth will prove to be a useful and easily accessible guidebook for many who seek to develop a comprehensive biblical worldview that affects not only beliefs but actions. *•CaliforniaRepublic.org* CaliforniaRepublic.org

This is a very informative book on the cultural divide that we have in the United States. Nancy Pearcey gives a very good explanation of the various worldviews that is present in our culture and what the effects they have in our everyday lives. This is a must read for anyone that is interested in or studying apologetics. Pearcey brings to light the challenges that we face in this multi-cultural society that we live in today.

C.S. Lewis said "If all the world were Christian, it might not matter if all the world

were uneducated. But, as it is, a cultural life will exist outside the Church whether it exists inside or not. To be ignorant and simple now ÂfÂ¢Â ª Â• not to be able to meet the enemies on their own ground ÂfÂ¢Â ª Â• would be to throw down our weapons, and to betray our uneducated brethren who have, under God, no defense but us against the intellectual attacks of the heathen. Good philosophy must exist, if for no other reason, because bad philosophy needs to be answered.ÂfÂ¢Â ª Â•Nancy Pearcey puts a stake in the heart of the anti-intellectual demon that has plagued the Church, and has called out a feeble, feckless, feminized Church. Total Truth provides the intellectual weapons to cross swords with secular philosophies. The "God said it. I believe it. That settles it" faith doesn't cut it in the intellectual arena. Christians have to be equipped to wage war on secularism and other vain philosophies. Nancy Pearcey helps us do just that.

Excellent book for those who are serious about knowing the truth. If you can't stomach the truth, this book is not for you. Please don't deceive yourself saying you want to know the truth, i.e., thinking you already do; because will not be pleased with what you read. However, if you are brave and sincere it will open your eyes and heart. Good reading to those who hunger and thirst for the truth.

Nancy Pearcey's intellectually and philosophically rigorous, and biblically sound scholarship is well-presented, and serves to fill up one's toolbelt with the Truth needed to stand on solid ground in the face of a culture that wants to steamroll all believers in a Judao-Christian worldview out of existence. Get it and read it! You will not be sorry, but will instead find your feet placed on a very firm foundation to stand strong in the current culture of widespread deception and pressure. Truth always wins!

Clearly makes the case that Truth and absolutes are now thoroughly concealed behind PC agenda. Truth is a rare as those that take a stand for it. Opinion has replaced it and survival of the fittest is a large part of the reason why. When you understand this, science is itself also *very* concealed behind personal and political agenda.

This book, "Total Truth", provides a cognitive basis for Christianity that removes Christianity from the second story of value and opinion, "True for me and not you." to combine with the lower floor of fact and scientific truth into a worldview that encompasses all of life. A few years ago, I moved from being a "believer" to actually believing Christianity to be true, grammatically, historically, geographically. Nancy Pearcey makes the search for truth so compelling and important that I am

drawn to read and live differently. Highly recommended.

This book is so very helpful in providing insight on the importance of thinking rightly and the danger of allowing our minds to be affected by ubiquitous worldly philosophies rather than shaped by the Word of God.

Total Truth is a must read for those who want to understand how our world thinks, and how secular non belief had entered through college teaching and culture. Our world is the way it is because because of what has been taught.

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