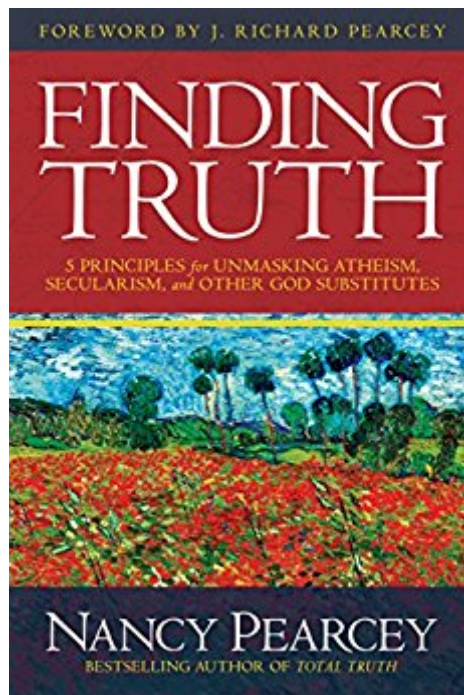




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Finding Truth: 5 Principles For Unmasking Atheism, Secularism, And Other God Substitutes



Synopsis

Don't Think, Just Believe? That's the mantra in many circles today--whether the church, the classroom, the campus, or the voting booth. Time for a Reality Check Nancy Pearcey, bestselling and critically acclaimed author, offers fresh tools to break free from presumed certainties and test them against reality. In Finding Truth, she explains five powerful principles that penetrate to the core of any worldview--secular or religious--to uncover its deepest motivations and weigh its claims. A former agnostic, Pearcey demonstrates that a robust Christian worldview matches reality--that it is not only true but attractive, granting higher dignity to the human person than any alternative. Finding Truth displays Pearcey's well-earned reputation for clear and cogent writing. She brings themes to life with personal stories and real-world examples. The book includes a study guide shaped by questions from readers, from teens to college professors. It is ideal for individual or group study.

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Customer Reviews

I often wondered: How would Francis Schaeffer address the postmodern turn? In Nancy Pearcey's astute observations, I believe I hear Mr. Schaeffer speaking within a new intellectual climate. Revealed Truth perfectly corresponds to creational norms. That very correspondence, she insists, not only validates Scriptural teaching, but manifests the fact that every sphere of ultimate Truth must be the starting point for evaluation and critique of positions posited in all the spheres of human cognition, investigation, and moral judgment. A tremendous read as a preliminary to a liberal arts education. A tremendous corrective to errant cultural ideas which have denied the existence of ultimates or absolutes altogether!

Wow! Such a thought provoking yet practical book. I had to read a chapter at a time to process as it was so full of insight and wisdom. Nancy Pearcey is a brilliant critical thinker who has much to show us about the Total Truth of Scripture and how to discern world views and their pervasive influence. I am now feeling much better equipped to discuss other world views and help myself and others discern Truth. This is what I needed to understand when engaged in discussions of God and world philosophies. Heartily recommend so that we can be critical thinkers and not get sucked into world views that are ever evolving & impacting lives. Outstanding!

An insightful, clear thinking and practical guide to the field of worldview from Nancy Pearcey, author of Total Truth and Saving Leonardo. This book continues the trend set by her previous books by far surpassing my expectations. Pearcey is a gifted writer and thinker and this book is a powerful aid to those struggling to navigate the questions arising around truth in the context of numerous conflicting fundamental worldviews. For the audio book version, the narrator does a fine job in delivery yet there are a couple critical mistakes in pronunciation, particularly in at least two spots when (a variation on) the word "deify" is read as "defy". This changes the meaning and as a listener is confusing unless you catch the substitution. Regardless, those minor issues do not outweigh the valuable insight and clarity of thought in the rest of the book. I highly recommend this book! It is well worth the read!

Dr. Pearcey provides great insights on the fallacies of world views that have been introduced into society as a substitute for Christianity. She demonstrates rational arguments that expose the deficiencies of competing world views, along with an understanding of why Christianity represents

the world more completely and effectively. The tools contained in this book are great for any generation of adults interested in rational arguments for truth and defending the Christian Faith. Whether a person is a seeker of truth, or a mature believer in Christ, the book will provide answers to many of the challenging Questions that often get swept under the rug. I highly recommend this book.

A must book for those who are serious about their faith in Christ, who interact with those outside of the Christian faith and who want to intelligently discuss life's important questions with them. This should be required reading for leaders in churches, youth workers and high school seniors as they either look to attend college or enter the work-a-day world and rub shoulders with those influenced by worldviews that can only ensnare and captivate their minds and hearts with ultimately what is futility. We believers in Jesus Christ do have the answers to life and the cries of the heart. This book helps the reader to understand why non-biblical worldviews do not. You will not be sorry in acquiring this book and be glad it is on your shelf.

Nancy Pearcey is the director of the Christian Worldview Center at Houston Baptist University. She is the author or coauthor of six other books, including *Total Truth*, *Saving Leonardo*, and *How Now Shall We Live* (with Chuck Colson.) Many Christian philosophers and apologists have written effective critiques of worldviews that compete with Christianity in the marketplace of ideas. In that sense there is nothing new in Pearcey's book. The beauty of *Finding Truth* is in how Pearcey offers a systematic way to evaluate these worldviews in a way that exposes their weaknesses, and shows Christianity to be a viable alternative. Working from the text of chapters 1 and 2 of Paul's letter to the Romans, Pearcey outlines a five-step process for evaluating worldviews that compete with Christianity. She notes that every worldview has an ultimate concern, or something that has the status of divinity, hence the first step is to identify what this is for the worldview. What stands in for the God the worldview denies? Every God-substitute turns out to be something within the created order, and therefore smaller than the God who is. Pearcey shows how all competing worldviews entail some form of reductionism. She then helps the reader identify it. If you think of a worldview as a box, only Christianity has one big enough to contain reality. All others are too small, and therefore they must deny, dismiss, or ignore aspects of reality that do not fit in the box. Having noted the aspects of reality that must be denied, the third step is to compare the view with how one experiences the world. How well does the worldview make sense of the world as we find it? In the next step, we examine the worldview to see if it passes its

own test. Ultimately, worldviews contrary to Christianity are self-refuting. For example, materialism denies the existence of free will. However, some form of free will is necessary for rationality to be possible. If rationality is not possible, the materialist cannot affirm or defend materialism. In the final step, the case is made for the Christian worldview, noting how the competing worldview is already borrowing from Christianity while denying it at the same time. Pearcey closes by arguing for an integrated faith that applies critical thinking, rather than shuns it. Finding Truth is a must read for parents of high school students contemplating college, college students, youth pastors, and anyone else who wants to think carefully about faith and be able to share their faith more effectively.

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