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TOTAL TRUTH

Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity

By Nancy R. Pearcey

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“COMPELLING . . . EXCEPTIONAL . . . This is a rare long book that leaves one wanting to read more.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

In an era of Islamic terror, rampant secularism, false piety, aggressive homosexuality, and Darwinian materialism comes a breakthrough book of stunning insight and reach.

In *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity*, bestselling, award-winning author Nancy Pearcey answers questions that for millions have become pressing and unavoidable: Does God belong in the public arena of politics, business, law, and education? Or is religion strictly private—personally comforting but publicly irrelevant?

We all know the ACLU line on this, shared by the mainstream press, the academic elites, and Hollywood: Christianity should be locked away in the closet—a purely private consolation for people who need that kind of crutch.

But who says we have to play by the ACLU’s rules? Pearcey digs deep to expose the underlying seismic shifts that created the split between public and private in the first place: It stems ultimately from a division in the concept of truth itself. Modernity has been built on a “two-story” view of reality—with scientific *facts* on the ground floor and *values* up in the air of postmodern relativism.

This divide is now the single most potent force keeping Christianity safely domesticated in the private sphere, stripping it of power to challenge and redeem the broader culture. Which is exactly what secularists want.

With razor-sharp analysis, Pearcey exposes the way this deadly new definition of truth functions as a gatekeeper to rule Christian principles out of bounds in the public arena. She equips readers to detect the strategies that secularists use—and then to overcome them for personal and social renewal. In this great refusal to secularism, *Total Truth* shows readers how to unify their lives and recover spiritual power.

With examples from the struggles and successes of real people, past and present, Pearcey takes readers on a thought-provoking, often surprising journey of liberation. In the process, she uncovers the destructive impact of the Darwinian worldview, reveals unexpected new angles on feminism, revives Francis Schaeffer’s remarkably effective method of apologetics, and exposes the surprising relation of New Age spirituality to Islam.

Courageous enough to be culturally incorrect, Pearcey builds a passionate case that Christianity is not just religious truth, but truth about total reality. It is total truth.

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*Author, **The Universe Next Door***

“Pearcey takes us into truer and worthier witness in our increasingly secularized world.”

—J. I. PACKER

Professor of Theology, Regent College

“Pearcey’s knowledge, insight, and faith place her among the top handful of relevant Christian thinkers of our time.”

—DAVID LIMBAUGH

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