



The Truth About Human Sexuality in a Confused and Chaotic Culture

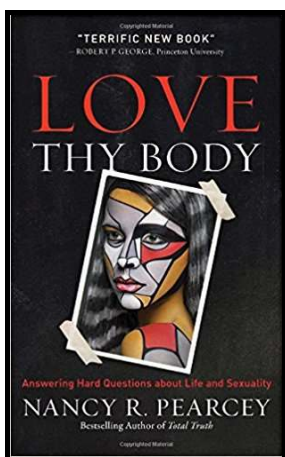
Insights and challenges from the new book by Nancy Pearcey, "Love Thy Body"

Human life and sexuality have become *the* watershed moral issues of our age. Every day, the twenty-four-hour news cycle chronicles the advance of a secular moral revolution in areas such as sexuality, abortion, assisted suicide, homosexuality, and transgenderism. The new secular orthodoxy is being imposed through virtually all the major social institutions: academia, media, public schools, Hollywood, private corporations, and the law.

It is easy to get caught up in the latest controversy or breaking news story. But current events are merely surface effects, like waves on the ocean. The real action happens below the surface, at the level of worldviews. These are like the tectonic plates whose movements cause the roiling surface waves. In *Love Thy Body...* we uncover the worldview that drives the secular ethic. By learning the core principles of this worldview, you will be able to engage intelligently and compassionately on all of today's most controversial moral challenges.

As a former agnostic, I give an insider's road map to postmodern moral theories, showing how they devalue the human being and destroy human rights.

Dissenters to the politically correct orthodoxy are accused of intolerance and discrimination, branded as bigots and misogynists, and targeted for campaigns of shame and intimidation. In its 2013 *Windsor* decision, the U. S. Supreme Court ruling struck down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), a federal law recognizing that marriage is between one



man and one woman. The majority accused DOMA supporters of being motivated by "animus" (animosity, hostility, hatred). It claimed that their purpose was to "disparage," "injure," "degrade," "demean," "humiliate," and "harm" people in same-sex unions... and to "deny them equal dignity."

Those who disagree with the prevailing secular ethos plead a right to religious liberty. But the chairman of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights wrote disdainfully that "the phrases 'religious liberty' and 'religious freedom' will stand for nothing except hypocrisy so long as they remain code words for discrimination, intolerance, racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, Christian supremacy or any other form of intolerance."

The next stage will be to deny citizens their religious liberty – and it has already begun....

Many people who identify as religious or Christian are being co-opted by the secular worldview....

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The Areopagus Calendar

Areopagus Forums

Nancy Pearcey

Best-selling author of *The Soul of Science*; *Total Truth*; *Love Thy Body*; and co-author with Charles Colson of *How Now Shall We Live?*

Defining and Defending SEXUAL TRUTH In a Secular Culture



Wednesday, May 16th
7:00 PM

Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
The Chapel

— and —

Thursday, May 17th
7:30 PM

Perimeter Church
Fellowship Hall

Nancy Pearcey's new book, *Love Thy Body*, and her Areopagus Forum presentations address a broad range of issues related to the sexual revolution that are wreaking havoc on American society and culture including the radical LGBTQ agenda, the 'hook-up' culture, and abortion.

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C. S. Lewis put it this way: "The Christian and the Materialist [or secularist] hold different beliefs about the universe. They can't both be right. The one who is wrong will act in a way which simply doesn't fit the real universe." My goal in *Love Thy Body* is to show that a secular morality "doesn't fit the real universe."

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In every decision we make, we are affirming a worldview. We may think we are just acting on our feelings of the moment, but in reality we are expressing our convictions about the cosmos. Either we are expressing a biblical worldview or we are being co-opted by a secular worldview. The secular moral revolution is built on the conviction that nature has no moral meaning, and that we are inherently disconnected, autonomous atoms connecting only by choice.

Christianity offers a genuine alternative to an empty, pointless cosmos. It says that we are not alone, that the universe is meaningful, that we do have intrinsic value, ...and that there is objective truth, goodness, and beauty. Most of all, we are not products of mindless change but the creation of a loving Creator.

Each of us was loved into existence, and we have the high calling of inviting others into the astonishingly rich experience of living in a cosmos centered in love....

The biblical doctrine of creation tells us that marriage and family is a social pattern that is original and inherent in human nature itself. Its essential nature cannot be remodeled at will. Any utopian scheme that seeks to cast the family into the dustbin of history will find itself working against human nature itself.

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- New York City, the center of liberal mainline Protestantism and home of the National Council of Churches;
- Washington D.C. and the Museum of the Bible;
- And many other significant sites.

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— Registration deadline is —

FRIDAY, MAY 18th