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John MacArthur, along with the leadership team at Grace Community Church, where John has been the pastor for over 40 years, addresses one of the greatest challenges facing all believers: the powerful influence of secular culture on their hearts and minds. When it comes to every issue imaginable, Christians face a constant barrage of unbiblical worldviews, making it very difficult to know what they should think or where they should stand.

This book will equip believers with a biblical perspective on today's most talked-about issues—enabling them to see the controversies and concerns of this world through God's eyes. The subjects include:

in vitro fertilization

homosexual marriage

the cult of celebrity

entertainment and escapism

political activism

environmentalism

radical terrorism

the economy

disasters and epidemics

God and the problem of evil

Also included is a topical guide to Bible verses that speak to contemporary issues, arming readers with right thinking and biblical responses to challenging questions.

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Chris says

Solid. Every serious thinking person - those who are Christian in particular - should pick up a copy and read it carefully. Packed full of (biblical) truth about many of today's most controversial and hot-button issues.

Daniel says

"The Bible is an ancient book and has no significance in today's society."

This is a statement of an average person who may or may not be acquainted with biblical Christianity. They think that the Bible is one of those books that has no significance in the modern world. To them I can recommend this book.

This book, produced by the elders of Grace Community Church, offers a sound biblical response to the most controversial issues that Christians inevitably will encounter. From video-games and online dating to contraceptions and even immigration issues, what we thought to be "gray areas", the Bible can offer guidelines as to how we can glorify God and live as true Christians amid these affairs of the modern world.

What is even better is that this is not just a cold, running commentary on issues and relating it to various passages on your Bible. This book also provides a pastoral perspective to show how pastors can apply it on their local congregation, and individual Christians to their daily walk.

Personally, I am excited to study more about this and teach it to my fellow believers.

Annalisa says

This is an excellent source, because it isn't just good advice; its principles are saturated with Scripture. It is easy to read, which would make it an excellent source for teens. This is the type of literature that youth groups should be studying in addition to plain Biblical exegesis. Buy a copy, read it, and pass it on.

Adrienne says

FAN-TAST-IC! Such a relevant book today and it makes clear so many gray issues. I loved the section on homosexuality because it has helped me reach out to a friend of mine who struggles with this issue. Highly, highly recommended!

Lidia Diaz says

I think Mr. MacArthur should go back to praying because most of the things he said were based on his personal belief rather than God's will. He is very harsh with guys and illegals. God hates the sin, not the sinner, and the Bible is filled with references of hospitality.

M.L.S. Weech says

I like having an official list of views on a lot of issues. I like that the fact that love, respect, and (most importantly) the desire to spread the Gospel so that all may be saved is the primary goal, and Biblical doctrine is the source of each view.

Full review to appear on my website in time.

Sally says

This is an immensely convicting book that all Christians should read. It covers a multitude of issues, and reminds us of certain Biblical truths.

Where it falls short is dealing with specifics within the issues. For example, the writers cite the two Biblical circumstances in which divorce is permitted, but nowhere in the section on divorce is there a suggestion on what one party should do if they are being abused by the other. Abuse is not listed as a Biblical circumstance, but does that mean it is wrong to divorce due to abuse? The writers make exceptions in other chapters - citing that certain situations are not forbidden in the Bible. That would have been useful here.

And perhaps that lack of consistency is due to the number of authors involved in this book. Although MacArthur is listed as the author of the book, other ministers from his church contributed to it.

Another part where it fell short was in the chapter of homosexuality. The writer concentrated only on Christians who are wrestling with this thorny issue. There was no advice on how to reach out to non-Christians who might be in our environment.

I still think all Christians should read it. There are plenty of Biblical references given to support the arguments presented. Ultimately, however, if a Christian needs advice on one of the many situations, this book is not the ultimate answer. Prayer, Bible study, and godly counsel are probably better.

Pamela says

Highly recommended.

Pamela Poole says

"The simplest Christian knows a lot of things that many scholarly unbelievers do not know (Psalm 119:99)." This is a good quote to summarize the theme of *Right Thinking in a World Gone Wrong*, found on page 11 in this book's Introduction. Readers who look up the verse referenced in scripture will find this truth: "I have more insight than all my teachers because Your decrees are my meditation." HCSB.

MacArthur and other contributing pastors to this book point out the painfully obvious -most people, even Christians in churches, look to psychology and sociology for their morality, ethics, and questions, rather than the pages of the Bible. They use fault-free labels for sin and look to failed formulas in self-help books to find the peace and prosperity they feel they deserve. The authors give examples to show how an unbiblical tolerance of right and wrong, veiled in the name of love, has left churches and their members soft on truth and sin. God's word is no longer viewed as the final source of truth about God, creation, life, death, men, women, children, families, friends, and enemies. (2 Peter 1:3, John 8:31-32).

I picked up *Right Thinking in a World Gone Wrong* in my church's library to find some encouragement about my own personal weariness in doing good (Galatians 6:9) and keeping my mind set on things above (Colossians 3:2). Many Christians will know what it's like to struggle against the spiritual warfare that happens when we stand firm on scripture in our daily walk while people around us label us as "judgmental." The book did not disappoint me in that goal, for it backs up every view or claim with scripture to affirm that God's word is timeless and universal for real life.

Most readers who pick up this book will find conviction within its pages, as I did, but they will also find encouragement. A Christian ethic is only possible with the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within a believer, and that believer will eagerly desire to learn and follow God's word. In that regard, this book will be best enjoyed by those who have an open heart to think from a Biblical worldview instead of the opinions of society. They must also prepare themselves to pay a cost for their faith - and to reap the blessings!

The only reason I didn't give this book 5 stars is that because technology and other worldly trappings have morphed in our culture since it was published in 2009, a book of this type could be updated with helpful topics that today's generations could relate well to.

Mark Garland says

Great book on how to handle different issues that are plague our society today.

Sverre says

==God has control??!==

Here is a detailed guide for American conservative, fundamentalist, evangelical Christians about how to conduct themselves in every conceivable personal and social situation. To the authors' credit they have meticulously referenced all advice and directives with Scriptural backing. This is serious stuff. The amount of good and useful advice offered by the team of authors is considerable but some of it will not rest easy with biblical nonliteralists. There is hardly any room for ambiguity, or humour for that matter. There is a useful topical reference guide, with scripture references, in the appendix.

From a theological and doctrinal liberal, or even centrist standpoint--and definitely from an atheistic one--

this book can represent the scary, immovable fanatical side of Christianity. These authors are people who leave no room for metaphorical, symbolic or allegorical interpretations of the Bible. So, this book can be a refuge for the insecure seeker. To the writers every word in the Bible is indisputably the WORD of God, as if dictated verbatim from on High. Theological legalism (i.e. the acceptance or rejection of personal conduct in terms of adherence to precise doctrinal laws) is abjured by the authors but reading this book could suggest otherwise. Many would call its tone oppressively legalistic. And, their assertion is that the Word of God trumps any scientific or academic evidence to the contrary.

There is a passivity about how or whether we choose to act. Here is the conviction that leaders and governments are put in place by God and their laws must be followed. Hence even tyrannical regimes [Mao's, Stalin's and Hitler's come to mind] must be obeyed. Seemingly the democratic process is not essential because the results are foreordained. Concerning saving the planet from man's ecological destructiveness, it ultimately does not much matter because the earth's fate is apocalyptic. Its destruction is preordained. Free will may also seem redundant when God is proclaimed to be in total control of all, everyone and everything at all times. These are themes that for some may raise the spectre of "God the puppeteer."

"The earth we inhabit is not a permanent planet. It is, frankly, a disposable planet--it is going to have a very short life....(it) was created 10,000 years ago, and its end may be very close at hand. When God's purposes for it are fulfilled, He will destroy it with fire..." p. 148

"...we would necessarily reject any conservationist position that opposes population growth, gives a higher priority to environmental concerns than to the well-being of human beings, unduly restricts the cultivation of the earth for food, or mandates a vegetarian diet." p. 153

"God did not completely destroy the earth with the Flood, but there will be an ultimate destruction in the Creator's plan in which everything sin has contaminated will be consumed." P. 218

Ruthe Turner says

Many books that deal with the concerns of a rapidly changing culture are obsolete within 5 years. Yet this book (published almost 10 years ago) remains relevant, since the solution to every issue is found in the one book that is always relevant, the Word of God. MacArthur's book doesn't simply refer to a few verses, it is jam-packed with verses. MacArthur begins with the heart of the Christian ethic simplified in one short verse "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15." Imagine our culture, if we simply followed that verse. Of course, it would take the power of the Holy Spirit within a Christian. MacArthur also defines what a Christian is not (not just a moral person) and goes on to say what a Christian is, and all backed up by verses. Lots of great verses!

While the "Big" issues of our changing culture are dealt with, the book starts with Biblical answers to the seemingly lesser "Gray Areas," such as internet use, video games, and celebrity influence.

Even the notes in the back of the book are full of interesting information, not to mention the section that introduces all the contributors to the book, plus a topical Reference.

Ben Zajdel says

John MacArthur's latest book tries to answer some of the most controversial and engaging questions that Christians are asking today. MacArthur isn't the only author of this book. It's more of a compilation of essays by MacArthur and his leadership team, which includes Rich Holland, Nathan Busenitz, and Jonathan Rourke. Some of the chapters aren't written specifically by one author; they are adapted from staff discussions.

The topics covered in this book are diverse, and it seems as if the Grace Community team left no stone unturned. Some of the issues discussed include homosexuality, internet dating, video games, celebrity, divorce, birth control, in vitro fertilization, capital punishment, environmentalism, suffering, and many more. Each chapter is written by a different author, who usually specializes in the topic covered. The writing is concise and organized, but never very lively. If you want doctrine, Biblical quotation, and clear-cut answers, this book is for you.

I was unhappy, however, with their treatment of certain issues, or rather their lack of treatment. Abortion is discussed, but cases of rape, mental and physical handicaps aren't mentioned at all. I'm assuming that because of their pro-life stance that they articulate clearly, they didn't feel the need to include those subjects. But I feel that in a book of this genre, every inch of the issue should be covered, and the author's omission of critical questions and information severely undermines the book's overall theme.

MacArthur and his team use the Bible as their authority, and though I don't agree with some of their interpretations, they are consistent. This is a thoughtful read that will help many Christians who are unsure of God's perspective on certain topics.

David says

A good book by Grace Community Church Leaders. It covers every topic for about 10 pages. Not enough to really cover anything well, but good enough to give you an overview of the topics. I read the whole book, but I would probably suggest choosing sections that you are interested in and just reading those.

Brenten Gilbert says

RATING 4.25

I was in a small group discussion the other day and it seemed that every comment made was preceded by, "this is from [something]" or "I heard/read this in [something]". But none of [something]'s was the Bible. They were all some sort of workshop or DVD series or commentary of some sort. And that's fine that everyone is getting a lot out of these types of programs and publications. But I just had to wonder...

If we are a people who profess the Bible as our guide to life, shouldn't at least SOME of our thoughts, opinions, responses, etc. recall something we read in the Bible? Granted, a lot of the resources available through church classes, workshops, and church bookstores are heavily influenced by the Bible and often include passages from the Bible, but they should just be a jumping off point. One that inspires you to dive

into the Bible.

All that to say this (possibly ironic/hypocritical) statement. This book is a great reference for how the Bible speaks to many cultural quandaries. It does not replace the Bible by any means and it doesn't try to, but it serves as a series of sermon-like essays that encourage readers to dig into the Bible for guidance, because guidance is really there. (That's the first hurdle to overcome - believing that the Bible has relevant wisdom for today's issues.)

Chalk it up to the fact that I appreciate MacArthur and enjoy his writings, but this book was intriguing and inspiring and full of practical advice. As I said, it's a great resource as a reference book. It shows (by example) you how to apply scripture to every day life and may best serve you as a topical refresher now and again (as opposed to reading it straight through). It's definitely well done, but no, it's not the Bible, so don't forget to cross reference as you read.
