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Welcome to the new tyranny "If it feels good, do it." "That's your opinion, and this is mine." "I don't want to impose my beliefs on others."

And thus the Dictator of Relativism speaks as he has always spoken to seduce humanity into a false sense of freedom.

Pope Benedict XVI, Christ's personally chosen defender of the Truth is fighting back. He recognized this in his homily on April 18, 2005, "We are building a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of one's own ego and desires."

Through a down-to-earth, easily accessible Question-and-Answer format, Stefanick's book shows:

Why relativism inherently contradicts its own claims.

What makes it one of the worst ideas in the history of ideas.

How relativism has a direct influence on the morals and virtues of a nation.

Why relativism doesn't even work "in real life."

How relativism is counterproductive to the true practice of tolerance

Why religion which makes claims to absolute truth is finally more tolerant than relativism.

What Christianity has almost singlehandedly done to foster true tolerance in the world.

How all laws legislate morality

What the true meaning of "open-minded" means it's not what you think

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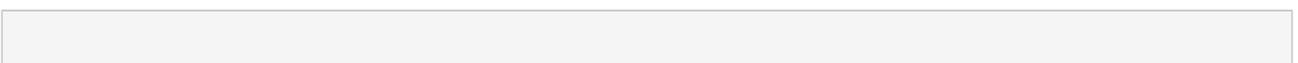
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Katrina Best says

I just started this 60 pg. booklet this evening and finished it. Yes, I finished it in the same evening. Even though the author suggests passing it out--I don't think I personally would. I felt that at times the author stood on a soapbox. While he tried to use 'real-world' examples and articles, I would not hand this book to any of my atheist or agnostic friends--because I'm pretty sure they wouldn't finish reading it. I am planning on loaning it to a catholic friend of mine. With the 2012 presidential debates taking place right now, this was a good book to read to 'understand' the catholic vote.

Melissa says

nice reiteration of his talk at Steubenville. will have to read more of his work

James Andersen says

This book is short, concise, and to the point. It is organized perfectly as almost a *Catechist on Truth and Falsehood*. This book is very useful for the sake of material to use to inject into a debate with those on the other side of the isle. The last "Question" is very helpful as well as a means to combat relativism, but each "Question-Response" is a veritable little gold nugget that can certainly help one either re-establish their own minds and De-program themselves from the indoctrination we often receive from education and society on one hand or to help clear the mind of those who still indoctrinated, and enslaved to this "*dictatorship of relativism*."

Joe says

I agree with much (but certainly not all) of what the author says, although at times I think he is overly alarmist - I would say calling the trend toward absolute relativism a "dictatorship", for example, is unnecessary and an exaggeration. Still, this was an interesting read.

Andrew Waring says

This book was great. I found it so helpful in explaining relativism and then how as Christians to address it. I would recommend it for anyone who does ministry, or for anyone who is looking to find answers to the problem of relativism.

Katie says

"What is truth?" asked Pontius Pilate. Truth is an elusive thing these days and many do not believe it exists. Those who do believe in the concept of truth are often labeled "judgmental" or "intolerant." This booklet gave a very thorough and reasoned discussion of relativism and how it is the most damaging philosophy of our time.

Karen says

A must read! You will see yourself in this book!!

Spencer says

Written in clear, concise prose with true fervor for the truth, Stefanick lays out clearly the case against a relativistic mindset in a manner which would force even the most ardent of relativists to submit. Presented with charity and grace to a troubled world, Stefanick's words offer hope that those afflicted by relativism will be freed and will relish in the understanding of truth. An absolute must-read, regardless of background.

Brian says

Great read! Short and to the point. Really makes you stop and think about what's going on in our society and in the world today.

Ryan says

Pope Benedict has called "the dictatorship of relativism" the "greatest problem of our time." As Stefanick explains, "relativism is the idea that there is no universal, absolute truth but that truth differs from person to person and culture to culture. In other words, truth is relative to what each person or culture thinks." As the title points out, this idea contradicts itself! "Nothing is absolutely true... except that truth is relative." Oops.

Stefanick's booklet on the subject is simple, but brilliant. I plan on having my 8th graders read it as an intro into our semester of morality.

A few other quotes: "It is assumed that we CAN progress scientifically; however, there seems to be less and less regard for whether or not we SHOULD. Science like this can no longer claim to be at the service of humanity. Rather, it puts human life at the service of science - or the helpless at the service of the wealthy and strong. Such 'progress' is actually regress - a return to survival of the fittest. Life at its weakest is no longer safe when relativism reigns."

"Tolerance is the one virtue a relativist society seems to value... That would be a good thing if we all knew what tolerance was. Relativists seem to think that tolerance means not strongly disagreeing with anyone on

moral and religious issues... But the irony... is that [disagreement] is a prerequisite for tolerance... So to be able to tolerate something, you first have to disagree with or dislike it!"

"The passage of time doesn't make an ethical concept wrong or obsolete. You don't use ethics to tell time. Using a clock to judge moral issues is just as foolish."

He also quotes one history's most famous relativists: "There is no such thing as truth, either in the moral or in the scientific sense." ~Adolf Hitler. Perhaps the best example of where moral relativism leads!

Shelley says

Even if you "think" you are a realist, you will see the slippery slope where relativism has slipped into everyones daily life, so very subtly ... by sheer force of the culture ... amazing and an eye-opening read.

Erin Servey says

Amazing!

Thadeus says

This book did a great job of laying out the problems with relativism and how to answer questions brought to bear on Christians in a relativistic, secular world. I appreciated both the format (Q/A) and the length and size of the book. It is something that everyone frustrated with the relativistic trend should read to empower you to speak the truth in love to all those you come in contact with.

Highly recommended.

Jenn says

This was a great little book that made a solid argument against relativism and pointed out the flaws in some of the common arguments espousing it. The argument was very accessible and interesting and did a good job of presenting it's case without being condescending.

Charl(ie|es) says

Disclaimer: The book is obviously written for christians who belong to a certain school of thought and beliefs, so I am not the target audience.

There were a few interesting bits in the book but what kept me reading this short pamphlet were the unintentionally humorous parts and the horrendous parts. An example of the humor, he claims the existence of some type of divine being is proven by science from the likes of Thomas Aquinas and Aristotle. This makes me seriously question how he perceives science and scientific principles. An example of the horrendous, he says a family with a child who identifies as female though was born male shouldn't indulge such behavior and should put the child in therapy. This is a good example for the book as a whole, viewing human behavior and morality in black and white terms while ignoring the truths we do know since it doesn't fit into preconceived beliefs.

The most annoying part of the pamphlet was the fact that he often didn't answer his own questions he proposed. Instead responding to a slightly different question that is easier to answer.
