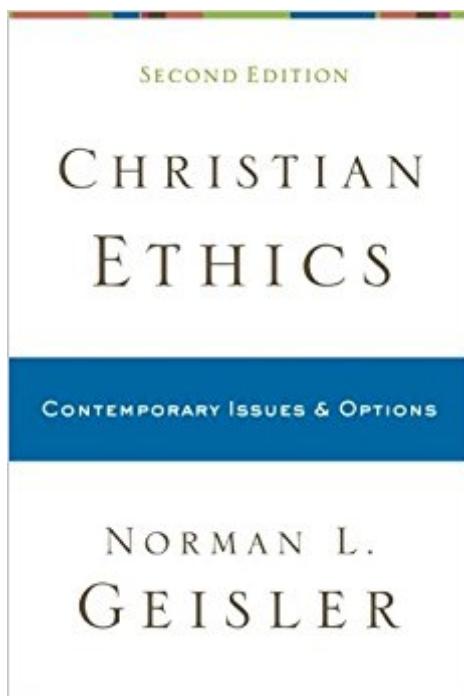


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# Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues And Options



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In this thorough update of a classic textbook, noted Christian thinker Norman Geisler evaluates contemporary ethical options (such as antinomianism, situation ethics, and legalism) and pressing issues of the day (such as euthanasia, homosexuality, and divorce) from a biblical perspective. The second edition is significantly expanded and updated, with new material and charts throughout the book. There are new chapters on animal rights, sexual ethics, and the biblical basis for ethical decisions, as well as four new appendixes addressing drugs, gambling, pornography, and birth control. The author has significantly updated his discussion of abortion, biomedical ethics, war, and ecology and has expanded the selected readings, bibliography, and glossary.

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Norman L. Geisler (Ph.D., Loyola University of Chicago) has taught at top evangelical schools for over fifty years and is distinguished professor of apologetics and theology at Veritas Evangelical Seminary in Murrieta, California. He is the author of more than seventy books, including the Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics.

Dr. Geisler's work is exceptionally well-researched, well-documented and well-written. His arguments are both powerfully supported and rationally coherent. While his detailed, in-depth analyses of complex issues, and his introduction of numerous, abstruse concepts (such as emotivism, reconstructionism, selectivism and solipsism) might render the book more appropriate as a university textbook for use at the graduate, if not the undergraduate level, it nevertheless commends itself as an exceptional resource for those readers seeking a thorough, comprehensive, and up-to-date reference in the field of Christian ethics. As arguably the most reasoned, comprehensive and authoritative, general text on Christian ethics to date, it speaks extensively to the world's current state of rampant and callous depravity. Thus it deserves a prominent place in the library of every serious student of Christian ethics, apologetics or theology.

Norman Geisler does a great job of presenting various different philosophies and worldviews. Here, the reader will find the worldviews of Secular Humanism, Darwinian Evolution, Antinomianism, Situationism, Generalism, Unqualified Absolutism, and Conflicting Absolutism. The author addresses how these views affect one's basis for ethical decisions. The author then goes on to

tackle abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, biomedical issues, capital punishment, war, sexuality, marriage, divorce, ecology, and animal rights. He presents fundamental biblical based answers to these issues. This book is ideal for any Christian who desires to go deeper in their understanding of current issues from a biblical worldview. It is not "lite" reading; however, it is very logical. Geisler presents in a systematic way which provides academic building blocks for the next point he makes and the conclusions he draws. I would recommend this book for any Christian who desires to give a reasonable defense of the Faith--being always ready to give an answer for the hope within.

Other books on Christian Ethics were disappointing. This one is not. Geisler's research on the subject seems thorough and written in way that even laypersons can understand. The book is for every believer that wants to deepen their understanding of contemporary ethical issues that are challenging the Christian worldview and bombarding our faith. Whether Catholic or Protestant their is great apologetic value in what he has to say. Read it; you will like it!

Geisler's book is a foundational study on Christian Ethics. It is both concise and very readable. Geisler defines ethics from a biblical perspective by evaluating several currently held perspectives then defending scripture against popular belief. His work may evoke emotional responses from those holding different viewpoints, however it is difficult to fault his stance from a purely Christian perspective. This book provides an excellent textual reference for the biblical scholar or a thought provoking read for general readers.

This book is wonderful, it's giving me a better understanding and look into more ethical situations. I love it!

Nobody tells it like it is with such compelling logic and thorough research. This man is always under control and fears no challenge but takes them all on with grace, respect, and the truth.

Good book, very new and I like it very much.

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