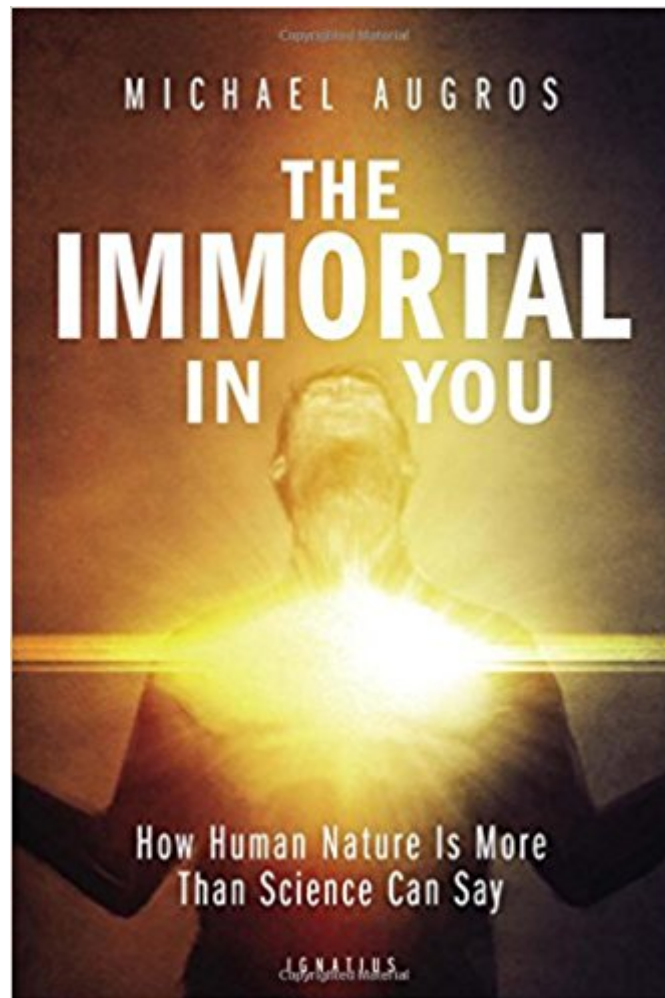




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The Immortal In You: How Human Nature Is More Than Science Can Say



Synopsis

Many scientists and philosophers believe that you are no more than a machine. By their account there is no afterlife and you are no better than any other kind of animal. The existence of mankind, according to such thinkers, is purely the outcome of chance events. There never was any tendency, natural or supernatural, to produce life and the human mind. The universe is hostile or indifferent toward you, and you occupy no special place within it. At the heart of this story of mankind lies not science but a rarely expressed philosophical assumption that modern science, at least in principle, tells all there is to know about you and the world. With his unique blend of cogency, clarity, and charm, philosopher Michael Augros hauls that assumption out into the light and demolishes it. The Immortal in You demonstrates how an astute use of common sense and a study of common human experience reveal that there is more to you--much more--than science could possibly say. From the author of *Who Designed the Designer?*, this modern response to the ancient exhortation "Know thyself" delivers a wealth of fresh, powerful, and uplifting ideas about what it is to be human, which will engage thoughtful readers regardless of their beliefs.

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--Brandon Vogt, Author, *Saints and Social Justice*

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Steve Trevor clutched the book, *The Immortal in You* by philosopher Michael Augros. He had stolen it from Doctor Elizabeth Maru, head of the Chemistry Department at the local university where the philosophy department had invited a speaker to discuss that book. Unfortunately, the university was very politically correct, and Dr. Maru and a group of students were bullying the guest speaker to prevent him from speaking. Steve Trevor watched as the guest speaker gave up and left. "God, what do I do?" Steve said in exasperation. He felt a tap on his shoulder, and there stood a beautiful woman clad in a stunning, shining white dress that seemed to glow. "Wow!" Steve responded. "Who are you?" "I am Sophia, Lady Philosophy, here to aid you," she replied. "So you know philosophy, huh? Why are the students protesting this book?" "It's because it's true and has powerful arguments that they don't want to hear." "What arguments?" Steve asked. "That human beings can understand universals, and

animals can't be material, and since universals aren't material, then our intellects can't be material, so we have immaterial souls. And since souls have no parts, they can't be destroyed, so we have immortal souls. And if we have immortal souls, that implies there is a God, and if there is a God, there is objective right and wrong. Those politically correct students are all moral relativists, and there's nothing they hate more than someone who claims that morality is objective and real.

Thanks for explaining that, Sophia. But why is Dr. Maru involved in this demonstration? She's a chemist. Why would she care about a philosophy speaker?

Because she believes in political correctness and in scientism, and this book demonstrates that science can't disprove the existence of God or of a human soul.

Sophia replied. But why all the fuss about a philosophy book?

Steve asked. It's because the main reason people in America are losing faith in God is because the media constantly promotes scientism, which is a false, bogus science, and they denigrate religion, calling it superstition. This book exposes the false claims of scientism, and even worse, gives cogent arguments that man has an immortal soul, and that God created man and the universe. This truly is an important book that needs to be read in order to save America, and the world, from decadence. So I'm here to help. I'm going to cross that quad and go to the lecture hall and talk about this book to the students there.

Sophia, I admire your spirit. But the quad is filled with ranting students. It's a no man's land for anyone trying to cross it and promote that book. The mob will tear you apart.

You're right, Steve. No White, Male European can cross it, but I can,

Sophia responded, and then she started walking through the crowd, loudly stating that she would be giving the talk to promote the book. Steven watched in amazement as several members of the crowd threw rocks at her, which she easily batted off with her bracelets, and then easily repulsed those trying to block her way. In the lecture hall, Steve listened to Sophia's summary of the book, which was clear, cogent, and full of common sense. Steve also noted that the head of the Philosophy Department, Professor Mars, who was the chief atheist, was getting very angry and challenged Sophia to a debate. Sophia accepted, and Mars got on stage with her, and started ranting. Mars claimed that science proves that man there is no God, and man has no soul, and free will is an illusion.

How can you say that?

Sophia asked. How can you believe such nonsense?

Sophia then calmly and methodically refuted all his statements using logic and common sense, which only enraged Professor Mars even more. They verbally sparred, and it was clear from the audience's reaction that Sophia was demolishing Professor Mars, at which point he physically attacked her, whereupon Sophia punched Mars's light out, ending the

debate to the cheers of the audience. Walking out of the lecture hall, Steve thanked Sophia for saving the day. "I wish we had more time, Steve, but I've got to go now," Sophia said, handing him Michael Augros' book. "I hope you'll read *The Immortal in You* by Michael Augros. It's truly an outstanding book on philosophy." Steve took the book and read it. And so should you.

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