

# The Sexual Gospel

*A Review of **Victims of the Revolution: How Sexual Liberation Hurts Us All** by Nathanael Blake*

by Joshua Pauling

**T**he rolling revolution of sexual liberation is accumulating a growing number of discontents. Or, as Nathanael Blake calls them, *victims*. Blake persuasively argues that the sexual revolution has failed, both on the individual and cultural levels. Moreover, he demonstrates how the growing dissatisfaction with the sexual landscape, as well as the longing people have for something better, points toward what Christianity has upheld for thousands of years. This book is perfect for understanding our moment. It not only provides a natural-law case for why the sexual revolution fails; it goes further by holding up the Christian alternative, which has revolutionized the world before and could do so again.

## Documented Failures

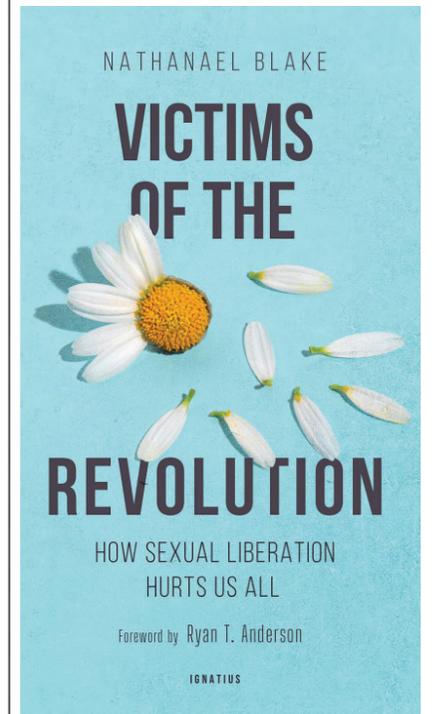
*Victims of the Revolution* compiles mountains of data to show the failures of the sexual revolution on a variety of fronts, from metrics of personal happiness to family formation to actual satisfaction in and frequency of sexual activity. The promises of free love objectified women and shoehorned them into a template of male sexuality, while also drawing men away from commitment and virtue and towards sexual barbarism. Add into the mix online pornography, gender ideology, abortion, contraception, and artificial reproductive technologies, and we have a recipe for the societal conditions we now are facing.

Blake makes an intriguing case that the sexual revolution is a logical outworking of liberal individualism in the sexual sphere. If an individual is autonomous and

sovereign in the political realm and in daily life, then why not in the bedroom, too? And, as many have argued, what's the big deal what consenting adults do in the privacy of their own bedrooms? But as Blake documents, it actually is a very big deal with very public consequences that can dissolve the fabric of human society and culture.

## The More Beautiful Alternative

The last few years have seen a barrage of books in this genre, questioning the sexual revolution from a variety of perspectives. But what sets this book somewhat apart is the way that Blake puts all his cards on the table for Christianity. Throughout he paints a compelling and beautiful alternative picture of what true sexual expression aligned with God's design can look like. In employing natural law



and Scriptural arguments, his case has broad appeal.

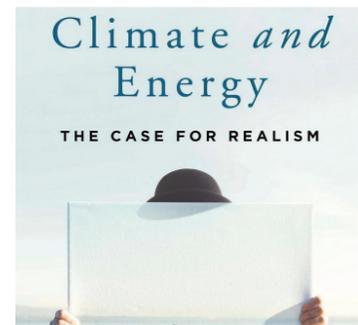
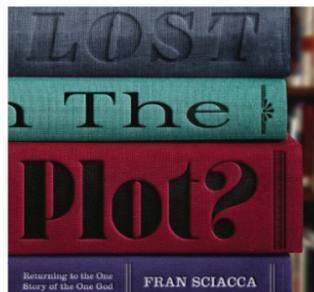
In Christianity we have a full celebration of the goodness of human sexuality properly ordered in accord with our nature. When Christianity burst onto the scene in the ancient world, it was indeed a sexual revolution in the best sense of the term, one where women were honored as full persons and men were called to honorable standards of fidelity and devotion to one wife. In the pagan atmosphere of sexual promiscuity and male instrumentalization of female (and male) bodies for sexual pleasure—whether they were slaves, prostitutes, or spouses—Christianity's message of male-female dignity and holy sexuality was truly freeing. And most of all, the Christian sexual ethic grounded in covenant love provided a stable setting for raising children, thus fostering overall societal flourishing.

Now, in the wake of our culture's enthronement of sexual expression and transgression, Christianity's message can be freeing and stabilizing once again. ☺

**Have We Lost the Plot? Returning to the One Story of the One God**  
by Fran Sciacca

It's possible to be a professing Christian but a practical postmodernist, one who doesn't know the scriptural metanarrative, the single storyline that gives meaning to life. Sciacca says the Bible is about more than "how to get to heaven." It

reveals a Story, and to make sense of life, we must understand the Story that is playing out. We are not the center of it, but we are invited to find our place in it, and it is in that Story that we will find life, meaning, and salvation. •



**Climate & Energy: The Case for Realism**  
edited by E. Calvin Beisner & David R. Legates

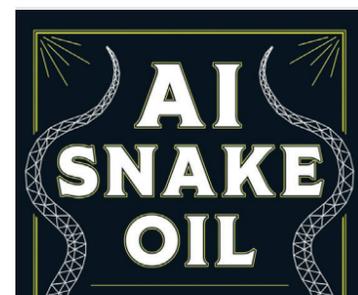
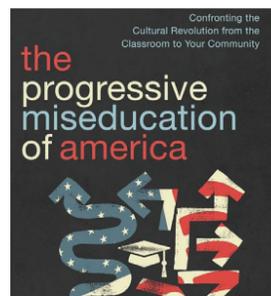
A panoply of climate scientists, engineers, environmental economists, and a theologian weigh in on global warming; how the sun, oceans, clouds, and rain interact to affect climate; the benefits (yes, *benefits!*) of human-generated CO<sub>2</sub>; and the ethics of climate and

energy policy. Not only would abandoning fossil fuels risk impoverishing developing countries, but climate change may benefit humankind. At a minimum, the authors argue that the costs of abandoning fossil fuels are far higher than the costs of adapting to change. •

**The Progressive Miseducation of America: Confronting the Cultural Revolution from the Classroom to Your Community** by Corey Miller

"As go the universities, so goes the culture. As goes the U.S. university, so goes the world," writes Miller. Academia has been ground zero in a century-long, now well-advanced ideological takeover by a materialist, postmodern cultural Marxism. Miller

charts out how that happened and makes a robust case that the biblical worldview offers a sound rationale for not just winning this "war of ideas" but for restoring the university to its proper role in a free society. He closes out with action points for Christians to take. •



**AI Snake Oil: What Artificial Intelligence Can Do, What It Can't, and How to Tell the Difference**  
by Arvind Narayanan & Sayash Kapoor

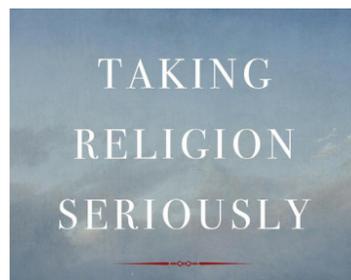
Two Princeton University computer scientists demystify AI by identifying the different types, explaining how they work, and illustrating through case studies how AI has been deployed in marketplaces

including healthcare and social media. This is a remarkably accessible guide for cutting through media hype and understanding AI as a software tool that can be used for good or ill (or any point in between). •

**Taking Religion Seriously** by Charles Murray

Having adopted the propositions of a "secular catechism" without investigating the factual validity of any of them, octogenarian Charles Murray began adult life as a happy agnostic intellectual for whom religion was a benign

social curiosity. In this intellectual, though also personal, memoir, he hashes out his decades-long pilgrimage toward religion in hopes that "overeducated agnostics" will consider taking both religion and Christianity seriously. •



**Universe Designed**

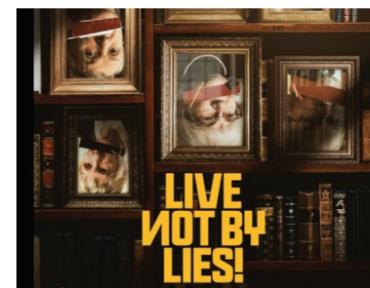
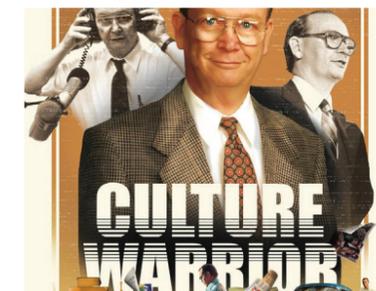
This visually stunning documentary presents a virtual tour of the arguments and evidence that convinced director Michael Ray Lewis of the truth of Christianity: the origin of the universe, its fine tuning from the beginning, the uniqueness of planet Earth, the complexity of

biological life, and the utter insufficiency of Darwinian theory to account for any of it. The film culminates in a comprehensive case for Jesus of Nazareth as the truth, origin, cause, and designer of it all—the very embodiment of life, logos, and God. Viewing options at UniverseDesigned.com. •

**Culture Warrior: Don Wildmon & the Battle for Decency**

Don Wildmon (1938–2023) founded the National Federation for Decency (later renamed American Family Association) in 1977 and American Family Radio in 1991 to inform and motivate the church to advocate for family-friendly values in the

marketplace. This documentary chronicling those efforts highlights his prescience and courage in the face of opposition while also (sadly) demonstrating the largescale success of anti-Christian forces to change American culture. Available at CultureWarrior.movie. •



**Live Not by Lies**

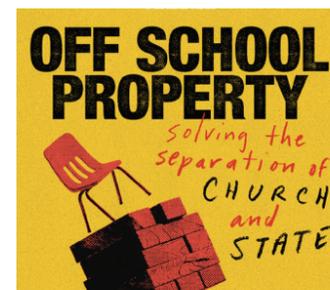
As soft totalitarianism has been encroaching upon Western liberal democracies for decades. Based on Rod Dreher's 2022 book of the same name, this four-part documentary surveys dissidents and survivors of 20th-century totalitarianism. How did they

withstand the brainwashing? How did Christians preserve and pass on their faith? What can 21st-century Westerners learn from them, and how can we rein in today's would-be tyrants? This series addresses those questions and more. Available at Angel.com. •

**Truth Rising**

O's Guinness defines a "civilizational moment" as "a period when a civilization loses touch with what made it great." Western civilization grew out of Christianity, but the Enlightenment, which grew out of Western civilization, posited reason and "progress" without God.

We now face just such a civilizational moment, one in which "Either there's a renewal of the Christian faith, or the West is declining and will fall." This film is a call to Christians to take courage and serve as agents of renewal for the benefit of posterity. Available free at TruthRising.com. •



**Off School Property: Solving the Separation of Church and State**

A 1952 Supreme Court case carved out a compromise whereby public-school students, with parent permission, can be released from school and taken off property for religious instruction. LifeWise Academy has now created a step-by-step plan citizens can follow

to legally bring Bible instruction to students in their area, and an estimated 350,000 youth are participating. This film tells the story of how it all happened and how you can get involved for the young people in your community. Viewing options at LifeWise.org. •