

BREAKPOINT

with Chuck Colson

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Are Christians losing the culture war? Find out what you can do--request your copy of a book I highly recommend.

Dear Friend,

Because of our shared concern about what's happening in our culture, there's a new book I'd like you to read. It's called *Postmodern Times*.

Rarely has a book influenced me so profoundly. I based a nine-part *BreakPoint* series on it. I've referred to the book in speeches. I've sent copies to my closest ministry associates.

Postmodern Times is written by Gene Edward Veith, a first-rate thinker who has assisted me with *BreakPoint* for nearly two years. I believe it's such an important book that I'd like to send you a copy to thank you for your gift in support of *BreakPoint*.

This book clearly explains the roots of the culture war raging in our nation. But it doesn't stop there. It goes on to explain how Christians can present biblical truth to a new generation.

You see, the culture war really is not about which political party a person belongs to or which laws Congress enacts. It is about much deeper questions: about whether there is truth, how we find it, how it is defined. It is the question asked by the Jews of old: "How then shall we live?" Fundamentally, the culture war is about the values by which people live.

Two hundred years ago, at the beginning of what has become known as the modern era, people began to reject Christian truth because they believed that they could find the answers to life through reason, through scientific rationalism. Though modern thinkers rejected Christianity, they still believed there was truth and that it could be found through reason.

But today we have entered what Ed Veith describes as the postmodern era, in which the very idea of truth itself has been cast aside. Many believe truth cannot be found by biblical revelation nor by reason. Hence there are no longer principles by which we live, there are only preferences. And if there are only preferences and no absolute truth, then all of life degenerates into a power struggle: a question of who can impose their views on everyone else. This also explains why there is such intense hostility toward Christianity. We hold that there is absolute truth, that Christ Himself is the Truth. But

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the postmodern mind says there is no such thing, and it resists anyone who argues there is.

It doesn't do us any good to fight the war over homosexual rights or abortion or family values unless we understand what is at the heart of the struggle. It is a deep, philosophical issue: the issue of truth.

Living as we do in postmodern times demands a new, fresh, Christian apologetic. Christians must be prepared to defend the concept of truth to answer life's major questions. We must learn to present the Gospel to a new generation.

We must be prepared to defend the importance of Christian truth in American culture. Our society is breaking down into small groups, each with its own concept of truth. The "political correctness" movement is no joke. It's a sad commentary on postmodern times. If this insidious factionalism continues, I believe we will lose the common moral understandings that bind our society together.

So the stakes are very high in the culture war. And to engage in it wisely--whether it's with our colleagues at the office, our neighbors next door, or as a citizen volunteer in local government--we must understand today's prevailing ethos. And that's why *Postmodern Times* by Ed Veith is such an important book--and why I'd like you to have a copy.

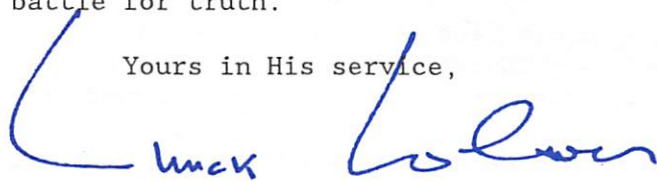
Teaching and making known high-quality material is central to BreakPoint's ministry of equipping Christians to make an impact in the battle for truth. It's just one reason I believe *BreakPoint* is vital in these postmodern times.

As you know, this ministry is made possible through the generous voluntary gifts and involvement of friends like you who find *BreakPoint* helpful for fighting the culture war right where they live. I'm asking that you send a gift to *BreakPoint* today, as the Lord leads, to help this ministry fulfill its crucial function of teaching people to practice and proclaim truth in a society that's abandoning it.

You can help greatly with a gift of \$25, \$50, or even as much as \$100 or more. And when you send your gift, I urge you to request your copy of *Postmodern Times*.

Thanks for helping to make this ministry possible through your generous gifts, and for joining me in the battle for truth.

Yours in His service,



Charles W. Colson

P.S. Your gift will enable *BreakPoint* to equip Christians to uphold truth in these postmodern times of moral crisis. Today I hope you will send the most generous gift you can. The battle is real; the stakes are enormous. When you send your gift, please accept a copy of *Postmodern Times* as my thanks for your support. It's recommended reading for understanding the times and for making an impact for Christ.