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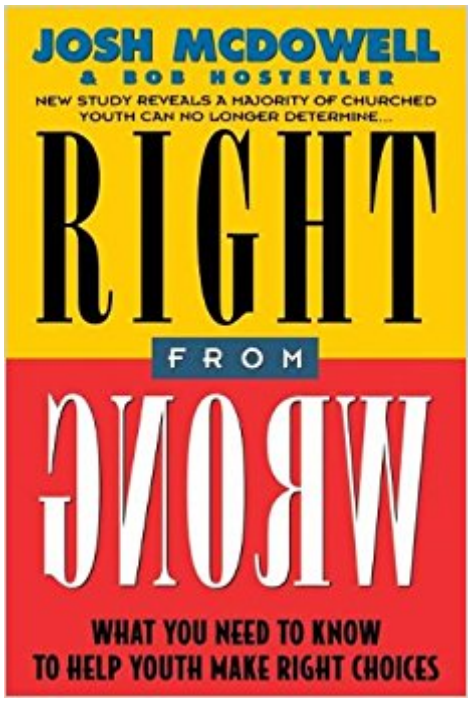

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Synopsis

According to Josh McDowell, our children are being raised in a society that has largely rejected the concepts of truth and morality. In Right From Wrong, McDowell offers hope and provides families and the church with a sound, thorough, biblical and workable method to clearly understand and defend the truth.

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Customer Reviews

As a young man, Josh McDowell considered himself an agnostic. He truly believed that Christianity was worthless. However, when challenged to intellectually examine the claims of Christianity, Josh discoveredÃ Â compelling and overwhelming evidence for the reliability of the Christian faith. After trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, JoshÃ¢â ¬â„¢s life changed dramatically as he experienced the power of GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s love. After his conversion, Josh committed his life to telling a doubting world about the truth of Jesus Christ. After studying at Kellogg College, Josh completed his college degree at Wheaton College and then attended Talbot Theological Seminary, graduating magna cum laude with a Masters of Divinity. Working with Campus Crusade for Christ and founding the youth outreach, Josh McDowell Ministry, Josh has shared the gospel with more than 25 million people in 125 countries. He is the author or co-authored of 147 books.

Every household should have a copy of this book, it is relevant to all, should be mandatory in public school but that won’t happen. Parents get a copy to your older children so they can prepare their own children for Truth that will benefit the raising of there children in the truth about sex.

What we need right now is to understand Right from Wrong!

This book is a book every parent, youth leader, teacher, rather regular school or Sunday school, should read. It is definitely a real eye opener for me. The statistics are mind blowing. I would recommend this book to anyone who is dealing with teenagers in this day and age!

This book was a requirement for a Christian Ethics class and usually I'll skim a book for info pertaining to a specific topic but I could not put this book down. Josh McDowell hit the nail on the head with this book. I recommend it for teens and beyond.

I would recommend this book to all parents who care about the moral health of their kids. This will help the parent to teach them why certain things are right or wrong. Easy read.

Excellent illustration and explanation of the basis of God's laws related to the person of God. Recommended for all seekers

Joslin "Josh" McDowell (born 1939) is a Christian author best known for his many works of apologetics, such asÃ Â Evidence that Demands a Verdict, etc.; he has been affiliated with Campus Crusade for Christ (now "Cru") since 1964. But particularly as he and his wife began raising a family of their own (his son Sean now works with Josh on apologetics; e.g.,Ã Â The Unshakable Truth), he began writing books more along the lines of "Christian Living," such asÃ Â The Secret of Loving,Givers, Takers and Other Kinds of Lovers,His Image, My Image, etc. Josh's life story was told in Joe Musser's bookÃ Â Josh: Excitement of the UnexpectedÃ Â and also in the DVDÃ Â Undaunted.This 1994 book (Josh and coauthor Bob Hoestetler also wroteThe New Tolerance: How a cultural movement threatens to destroy you, your faith, and your children,Don't Check Your Brains at the Door, andÃ Â The Love Killer: Answering Why True Love Waits) preceded a national speaking campaign at churches. Josh wrote in the first chapter, "if you are like most Christian parents ... your number one fear these days is that you will not be able to pass your values on to the next generation. You fear the influence of the public school system... You wonder if the influence of home and church will be sufficient to counter the forces that threaten your children. As it turns out, there is ample cause for concern." (Pg. 7) They add, "It is painfully apparent that many of our own youth have lost the ability to distinguish right from wrong. Many no

longer pursue their parents' dreams and values but instead absorb the warped values of a sick society... I believe it is a problem that will never be solved until we identify its source and deal with the root causes." (Pg. 9-10)He points out, "movies and television present a totally unrealistic model of actions and consequences... For example, of all the television and movie characters who have engaged in illicit sex, can you name any who have contracted chlamydia or HPV... or one of the other fifty-seven sexually transmitted diseases? Probably very few, because television and movie characters seldom ... suffer the consequences of their immorality." (Pg. 36)He states, "The vast majority of teachers, principals, and church youth workers that I know are crying out for parents to become more involved in the academic and spiritual educations of their own children; that is a tragedy, one that has contributed immensely to the decline of biblical values among our youth." (Pg. 41)He observes, "I have often been asked, 'Is AIDS the curse of God on homosexuality?' I answer, no, I don't believe it is; for one thing, the overwhelming majority of people around the world who have AIDS are not homosexual. But I do believe that God's commandments are like an unbrella... if you choose to move out from under that umbrella during a storm, you're bound to get wet... Therefore, though I can't say that AIDS is a curse from God, I do believe it's among the many consequences of immoral behavior God wishes us to avoid." (Pg. 110)He suggests, "You and I have a golden opportunity to step in and stand up with an answer that can protect our communities and children from the anguish and grief of a society gone mad. We can provide an answer that takes us back to bedrock morals. But we must be careful to choose our issues wisely---particularly in the beginning. A campaign to remove lurid magazines from the local convenience mart may not be the place to start, for example, purticularly if an adult book store is selling child pornography just a few miles away. Both are promoting immorality, of course, but the latter is obviously the wiser place to start." (Pg. 244)Christians raising children, or just concerning about moral values among youth, will certainly be interested in this book.

This book is based on a Churched Youth Survey performed in 1994 involving 3,795 youth from thirteen denominations. The eight-page survey questionnaire included 193 questions spread across four categories: Love and Sex; Marriage and Family; Faith and Religion; and Attitudes and Lifestyles. While there is no statistical weighting of the data, the results are weighted according to the responsiveness of the denomination's churches, which the authors' believe reflects a good cross-section of evangelical churches.A discussion of truth proceeds from the halls of history beginning in "the Garden of Eden, when the serpent induced our first parents to trust their own reason instead of simply obeying God's command" up to this present day. In the Renaissance, man

(not God) became central, the Enlightenment found man's reason to be transcendent, the Industrial Revolution caused man to think of himself as self-sufficient, and Darwin's theory of evolution provided an alternative to a theistic understanding of origins. "God was no longer `needed' to explain or understand how the worldÃ â Â and manÃ â Â came to be." The result is that man believes himself "free to reach his own conclusions about right and wrong independent of God and His decrees."Truth as God defines it in Scripture is radically different from what many define truth to be today. "Absolute truthÃ â Â that is, that which is true for all people, for all times, for all places" is no longer consistently believed, defended, and applied in the lives of people. This book examines why this crisis exists in each of these three areas in detail.Be aware that realistic, hard-hitting anecdotes provide illustrative examples of the topics discussed. While many are fictional and some are drawn from factual personal experience, the authors' selections of these accounts are true-to-life and some readers may find them disturbing.This volume also offers chapters which deal with truth as it specifically relates to sex, honesty, family, love, justice, mercy, respect, and self-control. Truth is defined for each topic, a test for truth is given, and evidence for that truth. A full chapter is dedicated to recovering truth in the home, church, and community.In addition, data from the survey upon which this text was written are included in tables with summary statements and comprise the latter third of the book. Following is a section of additional resources for adults as well as youth. Included are listings of ministries that can also be enlisted to help.While providing specific information and instruction to parents and Christian leaders, this book is also valuable to all those who want to understand why and how biblical truth has become irrelevant to people today. For this reason, steps are given which can be taken to restore belief in absolute truth in the lives of all people of all ages in this generation.Reviewed by D. Garland.

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