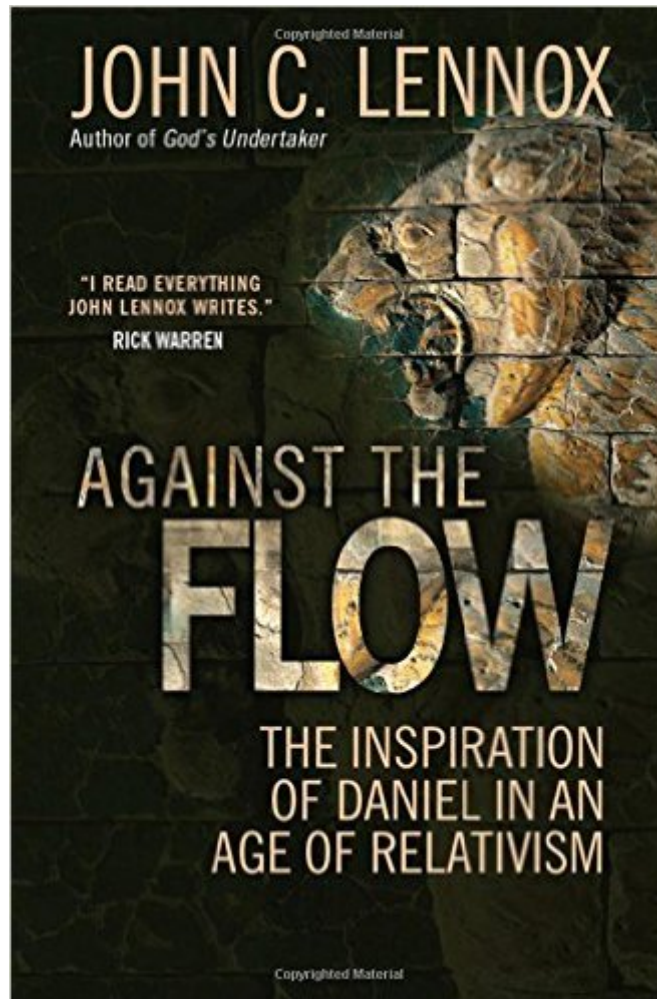


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Against The Flow: The Inspiration Of Daniel In An Age Of Relativism



Synopsis

A wide-ranging discussion of the place of Christianity in the public square, Daniel's story is one of extraordinary faith in God lived out at the pinnacle of executive power. It tells of four young men, born in the tiny state of Judah around 500 b.c., and captured by Nebuchadnezzar, emperor of Babylon. Daniel describes how they eventually rose to senior positions of administration. Daniel and his friends did not simply maintain their private devotion to God; they maintained a high-profile witness in a pluralistic society antagonistic to their faith. Their story carries a powerful message for us today. Society tolerates the practice of Christianity in private and in church services, but increasingly it deprecates public witness. If Daniel and his compatriots were with us today they would be in the vanguard of public debate. This is a lucid and erudite examination of the life of Daniel from a leading expert on faith and science. In his first biblical work, Dr. Lennox provides a unique perspective on both Western society and biblical exegesis that will make *Against the Flow* an instant classic encouraging Christians to speak out in our modern Babylon.

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What grabs your attention when looking for a book to read? Is it the title, subtitle, picture, author or content? When I first was offered the opportunity to read, review and post about this book, I was super excited! Why? Well, for one a friend and I have been studying the book of Daniel in depth for awhile now. Another reason is that I believe the title is a call to do just that, go against the flow. Finally, it is a well-developed apologetic or commentary on the book of Daniel in the Old

Testament. Now, am I still as excited as I was at first? Absolutely, if not more so! The Body of Christ needs to return to preaching the Old Testament and not solely the New. There are many examples we can learn from those who have gone before us as to how to stand firm and against a raging flow. Society as the author states a couple of times and in different ways is okay with people practicing their faith in a church building or privately. They are threatened when people live their beliefs in the full view of the public and hence why we hear, read or see many examples of those who want to silence the voices. Daniel lived in a different society, time, and culture than we do today, but the message of Daniel is as relevant now as it was then. What message? Well, there are many, and God will speak to your heart if you read Daniel along with John C. Lennox's *Against the Flow* as an aid to understanding and applying sacred writ. There is a cost to standing up and being counted as a Christ follower. Words of hatred are always being spewed forth without restraint in either written or spoken form. Sometimes it can even be detected through music or movies. Regardless of how the real question is put forth, will you stand against the flow or be swept up by the flow?

"Babylon is the ancient version of our secular society." *Against the Flow* is a book that combines theology, apologetics, and Christian living - and I simply cannot state how powerful a book this is! Most people are familiar with the fiery furnace and lions' den stories, but not until reading Dr. Lennox's compelling book did I realize how relevant the book of Daniel is for us today. Just like the young Daniel, we live in a pluralistic, tolerant society that is becoming increasingly antagonistic to the Christian faith. Rather than becoming paralyzed by the move toward political correctness, there is much to be learned from the pages of Daniel, and Dr. Lennox has done an incredible job in this book that informs, challenges and inspires. *Against the Flow* explores the book of Daniel from theological, historical and cultural aspects. While it's not light reading, Dr. Lennox writes in a style that is easy to understand and I often found it hard to put down. There is a wealth of valuable insight - these thoughts about tolerance, for instance . . . "Tolerance asserts the right to have convictions, to make judgments about right and wrong, which differ from those of others. Tolerance does not demand that we accept the opinions, beliefs, and lifestyles of others, but only that we learn to live without forcing them to line up with us. . . . The new tolerance, however, is completely different. It seizes on the idea of offence and holds that I must not ever offend anyone else by expressing disapproval of any aspect of his or her behaviour or ideas. . . .

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