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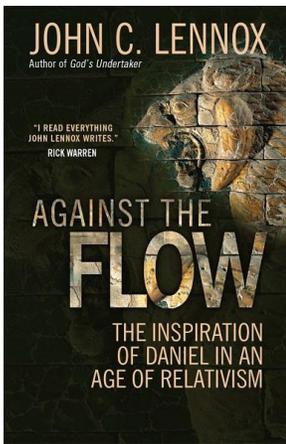
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# PRESS RELEASE

## **Does Christianity have a place in today's world?**

Professor and seasoned debater brings important discussion about God and the public square



**Seattle:** The concepts of tolerance and political correctness are having a chilling effect on the public practice of Christianity. That's why readers will find Dr. John C. Lennox's new book ***Against the Flow: The Inspiration of Daniel in an Age of Relativism*** (Monarch Books/March 27, 2015/ISBN: 978-0857216212/\$19.99) incredibly timely. Lennox, who has defended the Christian faith in debates against the likes of Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens, gives every follower of Christ the intellectual foundation they will need to argue the role their faith should have in the public discourse.

While anyone who has spent time in a Sunday-school classroom is familiar with the biblical story of Daniel, Lennox mines this classic historical account to encourage cultural bravery in Christians trying to find their place in a postmodern society. The story of these four young men born in the tiny state of Judah around 500 B.C. and captured by Nebuchadnezzar, the emperor of Babylon, is one of extraordinary faith in God lived out at the pinnacle of executive power. The book of Daniel describes in detail how

each of them eventually rose to senior positions of administration.

Yet despite their lucrative positions, Daniel and his friends were not content simply to maintain their private devotion to God. Instead they maintained a high-profile witness in a pluralistic society that was highly antagonistic to their faith, and they would eventually be forced to face the possibility of paying the ultimate price for their religious bravery. Lennox proposes their story carries a powerful message for us today as Christians living in a society that tolerates the practice of Christianity in private homes and in church services, but increasingly deprecates and in some cases even punishes public witness.

"Strong currents of pluralism and secularism in contemporary Western society, reinforced by a paralyzing political correctness, increasingly push expression of faith in God to the margins, confining it if possible to the private sphere," Lennox says. "It is becoming less and less the 'done thing' to mention God in public, let alone to confess to believing in anything exclusive and absolute, such as the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as Son of God and Savior." Lennox believes if Daniel and his compatriots were with us today they would be in the vanguard of public debate.

*Against the Flow* is a truly fascinating 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.

**Learn more about John C. Lennox and *Against the Flow* at [www.johnlennox.org](http://www.johnlennox.org) or on [Twitter](#) ([ProfJohnLennox](#)).**

## Advance Praise

"I read everything John Lennox writes because of his amazing blend of rigorous scholarship with practical insights and applications for all of us. You cannot afford to miss this important book! Read it, then pass it on to a friend."

~ Dr. Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*

"John Lennox has done it again. Combining deep thought, pervasive research and a keen eye on contemporary Western culture, Lennox has managed to draw tight, informative parallels between Daniel's life and circumstances and the contemporary believer's life and circumstances. . . . Finally, Lennox offers wise advice and practical application for how we can become modern-day Daniels. I highly recommend this book."

~ J. P. Moreland, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, Biola University, La Mirada California

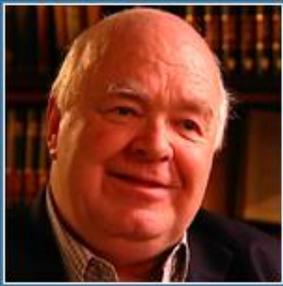
"I cannot think of a more important book for a secular, pluralist age. . . . This book is a huge encouragement to all Christians who long to live faithfully and usefully for God in a hostile world."

~ Amy Orr-Ewing, Director of Programmes, Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics

"John Lennox has a unique gift as a Bible teacher. He applies text to today's world and its prevailing philosophies in penetrating ways. . . . Every reader of this volume will see the depth and coherence of the book of Daniel in a new way."

~ Dr. Peter J. Williams, Warden, Tyndale House, Cambridge

## About the Author



**Dr. John C. Lennox** is Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford and Fellow in Mathematics and Philosophy of Science at Green Templeton College. He studied at the Royal School Armagh, Northern Ireland, and was Exhibitioner and Senior Scholar at Emmanuel College, Cambridge University from which he took his MA, MMath and PhD. He also holds an MA and DPhil from Oxford University and an MA in Bioethics from the University of Surrey.

Lennox lectures on faith and science for the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and has traveled throughout North America, Eastern and Western Europe and Australasia lecturing on mathematics, the philosophy of science and the intellectual defense of Christianity. He has debated Richard Dawkins at the University of Alabama (2007) and the Oxford Museum of Natural History (2008), as well as Christopher Hitchens at the Edinburgh Festival (2008) and at Samford University (2010), among others.

Lennox's hobbies include amateur astronomy, bird-watching and walking. He and his wife, Sally, have three grown children and seven grandchildren. They make their home near Oxford.

**Keep up with John C. Lennox and read more about *Against the Flow* at [www.johnlennox.org](http://www.johnlennox.org) or on [Twitter \(ProfJohnLennox\)](#).**

## Suggested Interview Questions

- You have studied and lectured on a number of different biblical topics. Why did you choose to write *Against the Flow* about the biblical story of Daniel?
- Why should every Christian be familiar with the themes found in the story of Daniel?
- Babylon, where Daniel was captive, was a hub for commerce, culture and education. How was this possible when it was built on false religions and moral ambiguity? What can modern Christians learn from this juxtaposition?

- Why do you call the times in which we live a “modern Babylon”?
- Why do you think Daniel and his friends were able to rise to power in the midst of such a corrupt culture?
- What should the focus be for Christians who have found themselves placed in positions of power and influence?
- It would be hard to find a child who grew up in church who has not heard the story of Daniel in the lion's den—but this is more than just a thrilling story. What does it tell us about the relationship between law and religion, specifically the Jewish religion?
- What has been the effect of political correctness on the public practice of the Christian faith? Could Daniel have identified with this?
- You say in *Against the Flow* there is one point Richard Dawkins has made that you completely agree with. What is that point, and what does it mean for Christians?
- Why do you think our culture has accepted the idea faith has little or no place in the public discourse?
- What is the proper place of Christianity in today's postmodern society?
- Do you see the stand for righteousness in a wicked culture as being in competition with Christian compassion?
- You have debated well-known atheists such as Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens; what was one of your most challenging debate moments? Most rewarding?
- What is the single most-important lesson for the Christian from the life of Daniel?

**To request a review copy of *Against the Flow*, schedule an interview with John C. Lennox or for more information, please contact Audra Jennings, [audra@liffusegroup.com](mailto:audra@liffusegroup.com).**