

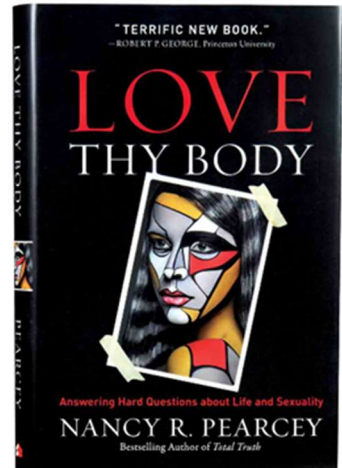
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Dear friends and family,

What is your worldview? A worldview is like a set of glasses through which you see, understand and explain the world around you. Everybody has a worldview. Most people are not aware of the colour of the glasses they are wearing. Does it matter? Yes! Very much! Every important decision you make is based on your worldview. A worldview without God will have a way of explaining nature and moral choices. A secular worldview that is growing in popularity and becoming rather aggressive and dominant disconnects the 'person' from his or her 'body'. The 'person' is seen as the 'true authentic self'. The body is seen as 'only biology'. Those who accept this worldview usually have little difficulty with abortion (the foetus is not a 'person' yet), euthanasia (he is no longer a 'person'), with homo-sex and free-sex (the body may be used to satisfy the longings of the 'person') and transgender procedures (operations and hormones may be used to adjust the body to the perceived deep longings of the 'person'). This secular worldview presents a *fragmented view* of the human being: it disconnects body, gender and sexuality. The subjective experience of the 'person' is considered more real than the biological facts.



The Biblical worldview, however, invests the human body with dignity and significance. Our bodies are part of who we are. We do not live inside our bodies but are 'embodied souls'. That is why the *bodily* resurrection of Christ and also of the rest of us is so often



mentioned in Scripture. Yes, these bodies of ours will be redeemed and transformed (Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 15:42-52). The Biblical worldview presents a *holistic view* of the human being: our body, gender and sexuality are designed and created with a purpose and they form an interconnected unity. We are then encouraged to live in harmony with God's visible design in creation. If you want to think more about this, I strongly recommend Nancy R. Pearcy's recent book 'Love Thy Body'. It is a good read. You may enjoy some of her talks on YouTube.



**Family matters:** At the beginning of 2020 Anneke was delighted to spend 2 weeks with Vikki and Steven and our grandchildren in Peru. We were all thankful when she returned home before Covid-19 travel restrictions were introduced. Last month they also came back to the Netherlands for a 5 month break. We enjoy seeing them



around and also little Lenna, our 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild. Robert and Elsa are expecting their second child next February. Edward and Arinda announced their engagement last August, with wedding plans for September 2021. Julie and her boyfriend Jizri continue happily with their work and studies. We feel thankful and blessed with the children the Lord has given us.

**Zoom instead of travels:** In September we managed to get away to help at a youth camp in Switzerland. Even under covid-19 limitations, it was still a joy to meet with others, sing praises and study God's word together. Like many others, Philip has been involved in Bible teaching via Zoom and Skype. From his office he has spoken in conferences and congregations in Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, North America, India, Norway, France and here in Holland. It is clearly time and cost-effective, but it is much less fun. Technology will never replace the joys and encouragement of actually meeting each other and being together. With Edward's help, we have set up a 'Philip Nunn' YouTube channel with a number of messages.



**Local church:** Currently churches here are allowed to have a maximum of 30 visitors. This allows us to have a limited Sunday service which is livestreamed to those who can't come. It also allows for a number of courses. Anneke and Philip are currently helping to run a parenting course in our local church in which we seek to share some insights with the parents of 10 young families. We also try to serve in others ways within the restrictions, inviting couples for

a meal or going for walks in a park. You must have also noticed how the Covid-19 rules slowly turn local church life into self-focused household islands. We need to focus on what is still possible, explore new opportunities and try to keep fellowship alive.



**Publishing:** During this last year we have helped with the publication of a Dutch version of Vaughan Roberts book titled 'Transgender'. It is a good introductory book. We have also been helping Mirjam Both with writing and publishing a new book for parents. Through stories and suggested activities, it provides a framework for parents to speak with their young children about marriage, divorce, homosexuality and transsexuality – topics which are alive in schools today. It is titled 'A Wonderful Plan' and is currently at the printers. Given the great need, we would like to see



this book translated into other languages.



**Mission - Christian Network School:** It is a great privilege and opportunity to be able to bring the gospel to young children in government schools in Colombia. At the beginning of 2020, before the pandemic and school closures, 16 teachers were active in 55 different schools. Together they were reaching 7000 children in 220 different classes every week. This is fantastic work! Colombian schools are still closed. They are expected to reopen in February 2021, the beginning of the new academic year. Some contact is still possible between teachers and children via Zoom and WhatsApp, but this remains a serious challenge. Pray that the doors for these Christian 'volunteer teachers' will open again once the schools open!

Again, thank you for your interest and the time you have taken to read this letter. Our thanks too to those of you who regularly pray for us and support us in one way or another. Philip & Anneke