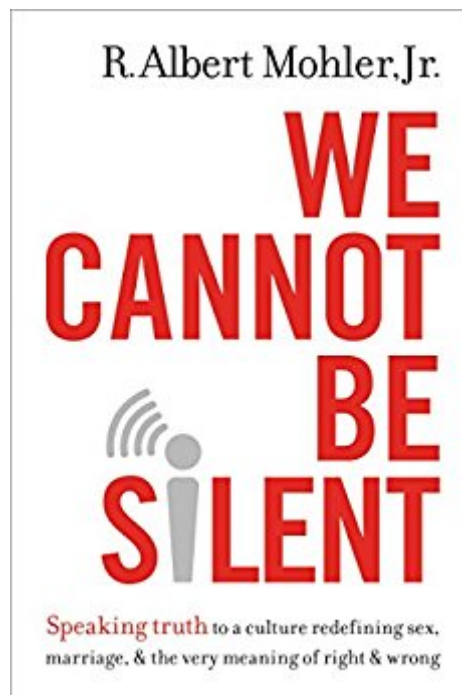


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We Cannot Be Silent: Speaking Truth To A Culture Redefining Sex, Marriage, And The Very Meaning Of Right And Wrong



Synopsis

Twenty years ago, not one nation on earth had legal same-sex marriage. Now, access to same-sex marriage is increasingly seen as a basic human right. In a matter of less than a generation, western cultures have experienced a moral revolution. Dr. R. Albert Mohler examines how this transformation occurred, revealing the underlying cultural shifts behind this revolution: the acceptance of divorce culture, liberation of sex from reproduction, the prevalence of heterosexual cohabitation, the normalization of homosexuality, and the rise of the transgender movement. He then offers a deep look at how the Bible and Christian moral tradition provide a comprehensive understanding upon which Christians can build their personal lives, their marriages, church ministry, and cultural engagement. Dr. Mohler helps Christians in their understanding of the underlying issues of this significant cultural shift and how to face the challenge of believing faithfully, living faithfully, and engaging the culture faithfully in light of this massive change.

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Customer Reviews

I am grateful for HarperCollins for sending me an advance copy of Dr. R. Albert Mohler's new *We Cannot Be Silent*. The book has already gained a lot of attention from news media outlets like The Courier-Journal, USA Today, and The Huffington Post just to name a few. Unfortunately, most media outlets have only focused on the final chapter of the book which essentially is a Q&A chapter covering multiple issues. The final chapter though, is not the essence or point of the book. It is simply a Q&A in which Mohler tackles very difficult questions. While many are only focusing on a few answers from Mohler (comprising of 3 pages out of 200!) what the news media is not doing is focusing on the main argument, or point of the book. While Mohler gracefully and compassionately answers tough questions about whether or not a Christian can celebrate and attend a same-sex wedding, the essence of his book is not boycott, ridicule, judge, or hate. The essence of Mohler's book is compassion. A call for Christians to repent of their distorted views of marriage, sex, and reproduction, and to return to the truths found within the Bible. Christians should not distance themselves from those in the LGBT (or whatever acronym is being used) crowd, but to compassionately engage them with the Gospel. This will require Christians to have a firm understanding of where our country is, how we got here, where we are going, and how we have failed in many ways concerning these issues. It would have been easy for Mohler to appeal to the "Extreme-Right" and make this book a battle cry to "take back" what has been lost concerning marriage. The book would have probably been more popular (unfortunately) if that was Mohler's agenda, but it is not.

Postmodern culture is drowning in relativism and religious pluralism. The rising tide of liberalism and theological compromise has not only washed upon the secular shore; it has come crashing in upon the evangelical church with the force of a tsunami. Dr. R. Albert Mohler explores this rising cultural storm in his new book, *We Cannot Be Silent*. The author describes the so-called sexual revolution in vivid terms; terms that sober readers and awaken them to this escalating challenge. Mohler explains that this cultural revolution did not begin with same-sex marriage, however. Rather, four developments helped usher in the redefinition of marriage, namely, birth control and contraception, divorce, advanced reproductive technologies, and cohabitation. The author guides readers through the various stages of cultural decay which include the acceptance of same-sex marriage, the transgender revolution, and the collapse of marriage. Dr. Mohler provides the proper paradigm for thinking and acting biblically in these troubling times: The fundamental axiom upon which evangelical Christians must base every response to homosexuality is this: God alone is sovereign, and he alone created the universe and everything within it by his own design and for his own good pleasure.

Furthermore, he showed us his creative intention through Holy Scripture â “ and that intention is clearly to create and establish two distinct but complementary genders or sexes. The Genesis narrative demonstrates that this distinction of genders is neither accidental nor inconsequential to the divine design. Navigating the cultural decay is no simple task, especially when more and more people appear to accept what the Bible prohibits â “ even in the church.

How do you explain the American sexual revolution that has been taking place since the sixties? And what is the Christian church to do about it? These are important questions for us to ask. If you want thoughtful and informed answers to these questions, youâ™™ll want to get Albert Mohlerâ™™s new book, *We Cannot Be Silent* (Nashville: Nelson Books, 2015). The subtitle shows the aim of the book: âœSpeaking truth to a culture redefining sex, marriage, and the very meaning of right and wrong.â • In just over 200 pages, Mohler does a nice job explaining the sexual revolution, critiquing it from a Christian perspective, and offering constructive advice for how the church should move forward in the midst of this revolution. It is a timely book for sure! Chapter one is a discussion of how the sexual revolution has affected culture. Chapter two is a study of how the revolution has negatively affected marriage and family. In chapters three and four, Mohler discusses homosexuality and transgender issues. The next chapter (five) is a study of the changing and ultimately the end of marriage. Chapter eight is a summary of Scriptureâ™™s teaching on sexuality, while chapter nine has to do with religious freedom. Chapters nine and ten talk about how the gospel addresses sexuality and some major questions that arise from the topic of the sexual revolution. The conclusion of the book is a response to the recent Supreme Court decision on gay marriage. One reason why I appreciated this book is because it clearly explained how the current sexual mess this nation is in finds its roots in the past â “ before the nineties â “ back to the sixties and before. The gay marriage and transgender issues didnâ™™t arise in the last five years out of a vacuum. Mohler speaks well to this issue.

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