

**Chapter 1 : Uncompromised Faith | Battle For Truth**

*Living a Life of Uncompromised Faith. Candi Finch, April 21, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself " (Daniel a). Standing Strong Even When Circumstances Are Out of Your Control.*

Runs on Windows , Mac and mobile. Is this really the best that God has in mind for his kingdom? Then begin to tear down the cultural barriers to both the acceptance of the gospel and the mission of the church in America. In the Logos edition, this valuable volume is enhanced by amazing functionality. Scripture citations link directly to English translations, and important terms link to dictionaries, encyclopedias, and a wealth of other resources in your digital library. Take the discussion with you using tablet and mobile apps. With Logos Bible Software, the most efficient and comprehensive research tools are in one place, so you get the most out of your study. Key Features Challenges the reader to think about the way culture has affected thought and action within the Christian faith Explores the countercultural way of robust Christian living Provides practical answers to the biggest questions of secular society Examines the deeply entrenched and rarely examined cultural barriers to the acceptance of the gospel Contents Part I: The Challenges of Modernity and Modernism Postmodernism: An Enemy or Opportunity for the Church? Idolatry Is Alive and Well! The Reasonable Defense of Marriage Feminism: Filling the Spiritual Vacuum Epilogue: What Are We to Do? He outlines current worldviews that have swamped the church and responds to red-hot contemporary issues with Christian truth and love. In a day when the flame of authentic faith is barely a flicker, the church needs all the help she can get. This book contributes to the needed aid. Naugle , professor of philosophy, Dallas Baptist University By way of both precept and personal example, Michael Craven is a reliable guide for Christians as we seek to engage our culture and exert a redemptive influence upon it. He reflects well the blend of truth and love needed for God-honoring impact. Western students have greatly appreciated their opportunities to learn from Michael in the classroom; I know many other people have been similarly blessed through his other ministry venues. The author explains that we are called to rescue the culture, not just preach to it. He illustrates this by detailing many of the cultural trends we face and their impact on the church and how we must address them. This is a reminder that the church is the hope of the world and, as such, we are called to influence culture rather than submit to its pressures. A dynamic apologist, Michael separates the external cultural context from essential Christian truth and brings the reader the single, specific, and stirring challenge to think biblically. McKinley, teaching pastor, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, TX Michael Craven is a fresh voice who avoids the common dangers in dealing with hot-button ideas in both the culture and the church. This book is representative of a new kind of apologetics that is desperately needed. Careful readers will be rewarded by investing serious thought in this fine book. I heartily agree with and support his message. Michael Craven applies truth to the error of our age. He helps the reader wade through the brackish mixture of current thought to distinguish the pure water of the Word. Overcoming Our Culturalized Christianity Author:

**Chapter 2 : Review: Uncompromised Faith – Notes from the Trail**

*Uncompromised Faith has 23 ratings and 8 reviews. Jim said: But dedicate your lives to Christ as Lord. Always be ready to defend your confidence in God.*

Overcoming Our Culturalized Christianity by S. My review of that book is here. Overcoming Our Culturalized Christianity last night. This book is incredibly timely, as well as well-researched and powerful. Simply put, if you are living in 21st century Western culture and want to know what and how to speak and relate intelligently during these new rounds of culture wars, read this book. It is not for the faint of heart. It will disturb you. It will appall you. It will convict you. The Christian church in Western society has capitulated to the philosophies and attacks of godless worldviews. In hard-hitting chapter after chapter, Craven unpacks such crucial cultural issues such as sexuality, homosexuality, the definition of marriage, consumerism, feminism and new age spirituality. Pulling from research, journals and the scientific community, he cites source after source documenting not only a steady but an intentioned undermining of the ethics and teaching of Jesus Christ. That so many Christians hold opinions contrary to the clearly revealed will of the Creator in these areas is not just alarming. It reveals a church in a crisis of righteousness. The voice and influence of the church in our culture is negligible because we stand for nothing. And when we do, the angry froth coming off the lips of self-righteous and self-appointed leaders of the Right blinds the eyes and closes the ears of a public more concerned about sound bytes than truth. Being missional means we act more like a rescue force that is determined to stay until are rescued than like a commando unit that occasionally enters hostile territory to harass the enemy. Craven provides considerate, loving and wise counsel for churches and Christians who would seek to be a city on a hill once again. Our light must shine. Our works must glorify the Father. We must think again. His chapter on postmodernism is particularly good. In the past 10 years, Christian leaders have obsessed over how to do ministry in a postmodern age. Many have made money off of books, speaking engagements and the like, claiming to offer and help churches and ministries understand postmodernism. It has almost developed into hysteria. Modernity remains in my mind a much more influential impulse. Another excellent chapter was the one on sexuality. Craven makes some bold, and I believe, dead-on claims in this chapter about the pervasive and insidious effect that redefining sexual ethics and morality have had on our culture. The battle to redefine sexual ethics has become the ground out of which springs the cultural rejection of moral absolutes and ultimately, I believe, Christianity in America. It is by its very nature a brutal rape of truth itself. Is there a revealed truth outside of our own preferences? Is there a standard for morality? We are on it, and we may even be looking back up at it – flat on our backs. In the name of love and tolerance, we have allowed overtly sinful and offensive behavior in our churches and even in our private lives. A compromised church offers nothing to the world worthy of emulating. Craven offers scientific studies and other proofs that dispute the pseudo-science offered up by agenda-ized media and political sources that would try to persuade people that homosexuality is genetic. If that were the case, would we then say that these tendencies are morally acceptable because they may have their roots in biology? There are a number of defects or handicaps resulting from disruptions in the genetic development, which are inborn, but we would not call them normal for that reason alone. So why should we be compelled to call homosexuality normal, even if it were inborn? Inborn tendencies towards certain behaviors do not make those behaviors normal. In a contemporary climate where in the past 12 months five states have legalized homosexual marriage, it becomes apparent just how intent a small minority of vocal influencers are in crucifying the claims of God over man are again. For churches and Christian influencers seeking to understand how to respond to the all-out attack on the revealed will and desires of a holy God, Craven offers surprisingly gracious and loving counsel as he deals with such topics of polarizing viewpoints. Please, go buy 5 copies of this book now for your Christian friends and leaders. Start a reading group and give yourself two months to be done.

**Chapter 3 : Uncompromised Faith: Overcoming Our Culturalized Christianity by S. Michael Craven**

*In Uncompromised Faith: Overcoming our Culturalized Christianity the reader embarks on a journey as to why Christians are selling out and no longer living their faith. The fact of materialism, consumerism and modernism makes it harder and harder to live like Jesus.*

That Jesus the Christ was God incarnate, born of Mary while she was still a virgin. That Jesus the Christ suffered, died, rose again bodily, and ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, where He sits to this day. That the Bible is the inerrant, God-breathed Word of God and should be used as described in 2 Timothy 3: That we are saved by the free Grace of God alone through Faith in Jesus alone. That the blood of Jesus alone atones for our sins. That those who accept and believe on the sacrifice and Lordship of the Christ inherit eternal life with God, Heaven, and that those who reject God, Jesus, will die in their sins and receive the eternal punishment for sin in Hell. Hell is a real lake of fire burning forever where satan, his angels and those who reject Jesus will be punished without end. In the work of the Holy Spirit, His call to God, regeneration, sanctification, and indwelling of the believer that all believers may walk in the Spirit and not the flesh, the fruits of the Spirit AND the gifts of the Spirit. In the visible second coming of our Lord Jesus, the Christ. That Christians are not to have any involvement with the works of unrighteousness or the heretic or to enter in ecclesiastical unity with the same. Therefore, we reject ecumenism with any non-Christian organization and any group whether it calls itself Christian or not that teaches any other Jesus or any other salvation apart from the blood of Jesus. Therefore, we stand against the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, "Evangelicals and Catholics Together", and any other ecumenical movement set on uniting true Christian believers with false churches in ecclesiastical fellowship. That the lie that man can be a god, salvation through works, necromancy, idolatry, spiritism, witchcraft, spirit writing, new revelations, and any other "religious" practices denounced by the Law of God in the Old Testament and warned about in the New Testament are signs of apostasy or cults and have no place in a Christian church. That the life of the true believer is evidenced by the fruits of the Spirit which define behavior, works, and the treatment of others in a Christ-like and Biblical manner. That the Authorized Version of the Bible translated into English as commissioned by King James of England is the best English translation and bears NO doctrinal errors or contradictions as do many of the "new" translations in English. This we find so disturbing that we have taken this open stand in agreement with our brothers who are greater scholars than us. If you feel that our stand against the cults, the heretical ecumenical church councils and false Christian ministers is unBiblical, if you feel it is too harsh, too cold, too mean, read what our Lord has said in His Word about watchmen and accountability. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took no warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: Paul said, "Do I please God or men"? For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. When we speak openly against false teachers and wolves in sheeps clothing and name them by NAME, do we not keep this commandment? Paul identified the wicked in the Church by name and warned others to be separate from them and avoid them. Are we wrong to do the same? Are we judged of men or of God? If we call ourselves Christian, are we bound to be politically correct or are we called to follow God and answer to Him as the final authority and Judge of our deeds? You judge this according to the Word of God. Find a new congregation where the Truth of God is declared and you are warned of danger and exhorted. Why am I so bold to order this??? Listen as Paul declares the job of a Christian minister. No where in this declaration does he mention making the congregation feel good or boosting their self esteem and no where does he mention being politically correct! For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts

shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. A loving parent chastises sin Hebrews We love you and our love of all the world is proven by our willingness to stand against evil, error and sin in the camp. It is proven by our willingness to do this without regard for our own popularity, finances, or personal safety. Please, stand with us on the Word of God and warn the world of the coming wrath against our sin.

**Chapter 4 : The Uncompromised Word of God: Statement of Faith**

*Uncompromised Faith Because they truly have been contrary to the Church of both Jesus Christ, That which will be influenced by those 2 amounts plus they're contrary to God. The monster does his job.*

The view of our new home from Hwy. Geckle made the momentous announcement this past Sunday that it would be our last mass in our temporary setting in Tulsa. Geckle visits with a parishioner after the last mass at Fitzgerald Ivy Chapel. Our little Ugly Duckling hall will be getting a makeover! We have several electric hookups along one side of the property. The one-acre property is on Oklahoma Hwy. Or if you navigate by landmarks, look for the giant totem pole! The Totem Pole Park is half a mile north of us. Northwest Arkansas, southwest Missouri, southeast Kansas, and northeast Oklahoma are within reasonable driving distances for those determined Catholics who are holding fast to the true Faith as it was practiced at the time of Pope Pius XII. Real estate prices are reasonable, and plenty of family recreation opportunities are nearby. This is how it was set up by the former owners. We have a work party scheduled for this Saturday to take up the carpet, install laminate flooring, shorten the pews, and get the altar and confessional set up. The hall renovations have to wait for now, but on the positive side, we have a gas range, an electric range, and a commercial griddle! Most of these old pews are ready for the burn pile. Father is bringing some seminarians to help, and we will be serving lunch under our wonderful pavilion. There is a hall with a kitchen, but the kitchen will need to be gutted before we can use it because a pipe burst in the wall behind all the appliances. The property has been vacant for about two years, so there is much repair, maintenance, and clean-up to do in addition to Catholic beautification projects inside and out. Geckle and Mark Baulis discuss some options. Our coordinator, Annette Brouse, takes notes as Fr. Geckle, Ben Brouse, and Herb Haught discuss the pew situation. We hope that our good news encourages our friends to persevere. May God bless each and everyone of you. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**Chapter 5 : Uncompromised Faith on Vimeo**

*Uncompromised Faith should create an epiphany within the North American church. Mr. Craven outlines ways that the culture has influenced the church to the point of diluting the power, hope and relevance of the gospel.*

Home Consumerism – A Biblical Perspective , November 12, Introduction Consumerism is a concern within society and within the church. So I would like to analyze both of these areas of concern by citing books that address this issue. The classic secular book on this subject is *Affluenza: Overcoming Our Culturalized Christianity*. Many people use the terms materialism and consumerism interchangeably. But there is a difference. Consumerism is much more than mere materialism. It is a way of perceiving the world that has affected all of us especially Americans – young and old, rich and poor, believer and non-believer – in significant ways. Essentially it is a never-ending desire to possess material goods and to achieve personal success. Others have defined consumerism as having rather than being. It is buying into a particular lifestyle in order to find your value, worth, and dignity. Even secular writers see the problems with consumerism. Its symptoms affect the poor as well as the rich. *Affluenza* infects all of us, though in different ways. First, it is rooted in the belief that the measure of national progress can be measured by the gross domestic product. Second, it is rooted in the idea that each generation must do better economically than the previous generation. The consequences of this are devastating to both the nation and individuals. We are living in a time when the economic realities should be restraining spending both as a nation and as individuals. As we have discussed in previous articles, this philosophy has not served us well. Consumerism seems to promise fulfillment, but alas, it is merely an illusion. Consumerism does not satisfy. For example, we spend more on shoes, jewelry, and watches than on higher education. We spend much more on auto maintenance than on religious and welfare activities. And three times as many Americans buy Christmas presents for their pets than buy a present for their neighbors. More Americans have declared personal bankruptcy than graduated from college. Our annual production of solid waste would fill a convoy of garbage trucks stretching halfway to the moon. We have twice as many shopping centers as high schools. We now work more hours each year than do the citizens of any other industrial country, including Japan. And according to Department of Labor statistics, full-time American workers are putting in one hundred sixty hours more essentially one month more than they did in . A poll by the Center for a New American Dream showed a change in attitudes and action. The poll revealed that eighty-five percent of Americans think our priorities are out of whack. For example, nearly nine in ten eighty-eight percent said American society is too materialistic. They also found that most Americans ninety-three percent feel we are too focused on working and making money. They also believed ninety-one percent that we buy and consume more than we need. More than half of Americans fifty-two percent said they have too much debt. Nearly half of Americans forty-eight percent say they voluntarily made changes in their life in order to get more time and have a less stressful life. Think back to the year . That was the year that the program *Leave it to Beaver* premiered on television. It was also the year that the Russians shot Sputnik into space. That was a long time ago. But is significant for another reason. *Undermining the Family and Church* What has been the impact of consumerism? Michael Craven talks about how consumerism has undermined the family and the church. The family has been adversely affected by the time pressures created by a consumer mentality. Family time used to be insulated to a degree from employment demands. That is no longer true. The signal that is being sent throughout the corporate world is that you must be willing to sacrifice time with your family in order to get ahead. And that is exactly what is taking place. But I believe it makes the point that families are suffering from consumerism and this study parallels other studies that have looked at the decline in quality parent-child interaction at home. The bottom line is this: Frequently children and their needs are sacrificed on the altar of career success. The marketplace trumps family time more than we would like to think that it does. The church has also been undermined by consumerism. Busy lifestyles and time pressures crowd out church attendance. Weekly church attendance has reached an all-time low in America. And even for those who try to regularly attend church, attendance is sometimes hit-or-miss. Years ago I realized how difficult it was to teach a series in a Sunday School class because there was so little continuity in attendance from one

week to the next. Craven points out that those who are dissatisfied with a consumerist-created lifestyle turn to church for meaning and purpose. Tragically, they do not realize it is not their lifestyle that is in need of salvation, it is their very souls. Religious consumerists add spiritual disciplines to their life in the same way they approach work as a task to be fulfilled with measurable goals. In the end, spiritual activity becomes one more item on a to-do list. Craven reminds us that Jesus Christ is not to be treated as one good among many. Jesus Christ should be the supreme Good and the source of all life. Undermining the Community and Character What has been the impact of consumerism? Craven talks about how consumerism has undermined community and how it has also undermined virtue and character. People are no longer citizens but consumers. Citizens have duties and responsibilities to their fellow citizens. They are merely partaking of what the consumer economy provides for them. Citizens care about others and their community. Consumers only care about what the society can provide to them. Having is more important than being. And it is a lifestyle that pursues distraction sports, entertainment, hobbies, etc. As we have already noted, consumerism does not satisfy. In fact, it can be argued that a consumerist mentality puts us in an emotional place where we are perpetually discontent. We are unable to rest in that which is good because we always want more. This is made even more difficult in our world where advertising images provide a seemingly endless series of choices that are promoted to us as necessary in order to achieve the perfect life. A Biblical Perspective on Materialism and Consumerism We live in a culture that encourages us to buy more and more. No longer are we encouraged to live within our means. We are tempted to buy more than just the necessities and tempted to spend more on luxuries. The Bible warns us about this. The median family income in America is twice that. A tragic aspect of consumerism is that there is never enough. There is always the desire for more because each purchase only satisfies for short while. Then there is the need for more and more. Essentially, it is the law of diminishing returns. Economists use a more technical term—the law of diminishing marginal return. Simply put, the more we get, the less it satisfies and the more we want. Once again the Bible warns us about this. You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes. A tragic consequence of consumerism is what it does to the average citizen. Alexis de Tocqueville noted this in his book Democracy in America. Americans would join in all sorts of voluntary associations. But we seem to no longer be joiners but loners. Sure, there are still many people volunteering and giving their time. Christians are called to be the salt of the earth Matthew 5: We are also called to be ambassadors for Christ 2 Corinthians 5: We must resist the temptations of consumerism that encourage us to focus on ourselves and withdraw from active involvement in society. The All-Consuming Epidemic, 2nd ed. Michael Craven, Uncompromised Faith:

#### Chapter 6 : A Modern Day Pilgrim's journey.: Uncompromised faith in a compromising world.

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#### Chapter 7 : Uncompromised Faith: Intersection

*Thanks It's more than a feeling! Thanks is an expression! Thanks is an opinion! Thanks is an act of surrender to a moment greater than one's self.*

#### Chapter 8 : Uncompromising | Definition of Uncompromising by Merriam-Webster

*The view of our new home from Hwy. A. Chapel, sweet chapel! Deo Gratias! Fr. Geckle made the momentous announcement this past Sunday that it would be our last mass in our temporary setting in Tulsa.*

#### Chapter 9 : Sermons about Uncompromising Faith - calendrierdelascience.com

*Uncompromised Faith: Overcoming Our Culturalized Christianity* by S. Michael Craven It's rare that I discover two really great books back to back (or cover to cover). However, that's been the case with my last two reads.