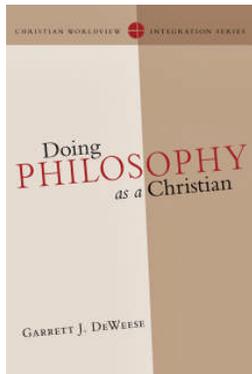


## BOOK DETAILS



*Doing Philosophy as a Christian*

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Since the release of *Education for Human Flourishing* in fall 2009, the Christian Worldview Integration Series titles have been finding their places as upper-level undergraduate texts and graduate resources in their respective disciplines, including literature, psychology, business and communications. These volumes are now joined by *Doing Philosophy as a Christian* by Garrett J. DeWeese, which is intended for those who sense that Christianity brings something unique to the table in the formal practice of philosophy.

Garry's conversational style lends itself well to considering the act of philosophy without getting bogged down in technical jargon. The following excerpts from the introduction and first few chapters display the book's tone and approach.

### **On the intended audience:**

*"The class of readers with whom I wish to engage consists first of all of Christians majoring in philosophy, or those young scholars who recently entered the profession, who have questions and concerns about how their Christian faith does, or should, affect the study of and perhaps a career in philosophy. . . . Nevertheless, I do not assume that everyone reading this book is a Christian. . . . I believe there are ideas here that might stimulate the thinking of any budding philosopher, whatever her spiritual commitment."*

### **What this book is not:**

*"First, this is not a general introduction to philosophy written from a Christian perspective. I won't introduce the major topics in philosophy, but rather will consider how to think about them from within a Christian worldview. Second, this isn't a general challenge to Christian students to develop a 'Christian mind,' to engage their learning broadly and deeply as a way to 'love their God with all their mind.' . . . Third, it isn't a book of apologetics. I won't make arguments for Christian theism or offer defenses against objections to theism or Christianity."*

### **On a perceived conflict between theology and philosophy:**

*"The dichotomy between philosophy and theology is a false one. They are indeed two distinct disciplines, but they are not mutually exclusive and do not operate in hermetically sealed compartments, in principle and practice isolated from each other. The Christian philosopher must then develop an understanding of how the two disciplines relate to each other, and how the two interact with his own faith."*