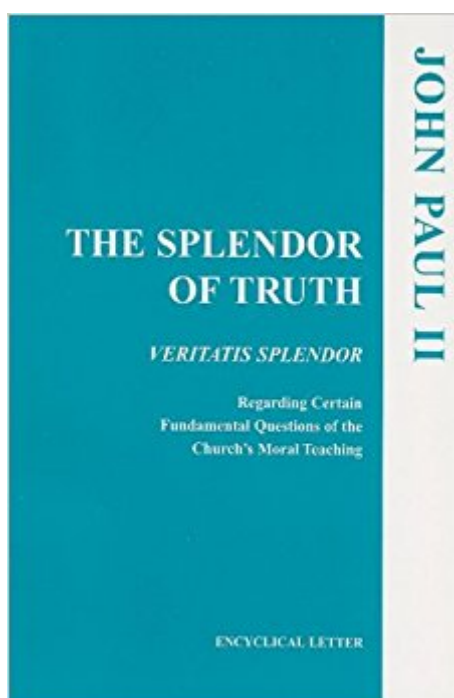


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Pope John Paul II was elected to the papacy in October 1978 and served the Church until his death in 2005. During his papacy, he wrote 14 encyclicals, 15 apostolic exhortations, 11 apostolic constitutions, and 45 apostolic letters. He also published five books including *The Poetry of John Paul II--Roman Triptych: Meditations*.

Pope Paul II writes convincingly that there is such a thing as Truth with a capital 'T'. In our Western society everything is said to be relative - what is "true" depends upon who you are and what the situation is. Not only here is an argument for natural Truth that is absolute (no matter the person, place or time) but a gentle argument that draws the reader to at least consider such a thing. It is a thin book but what I call a "rich" book; it takes time to think about a page, a paragraph, even a sentence sometimes. But it is surely worth the time and effort to do so.

In my opinion *Veritatis Splendor* is the finest of Pope John Paul's encyclicals. It is the best in terms of theological content as well as its ability to enrich one spiritually. This document addresses head on many of the abuses found in today's Catholic universities and seminaries; abuses ranging from a failure to recognize the Magisterium of Christ's Church to the preponderance of such philosophical schools as proportionalism, relativism, and pragmatism which tend to deny the existence of absolute norms and therefore lead to eventually to lawlessness. It is the law that the Holy Father sets forth as the means of fulfilling the Christian faith. The natural law is the expression of the Divine Law within creation and can be known by men through right reason. The law, unable to be fulfilled by man without God's grace, is now capable of being fulfilled through the power of the Holy Spirit unleashed through the Gospel and made available to us through the sacraments. The Holy Father eloquently expresses how it is through living out the law, even in extremely difficult circumstances that the Christian manifests Christ's presence and power in the world today and proclaims His Kingdom most effectively. Finally, the Holy Father firmly confirms the Church's constant teaching that there exist negative moral norms that can never be broken even with the intention of attaining some contingent good. For example, one may never rob in order to feed the poor. Yet Christ's mercy is ever present to forgive and strengthen anew those who fail to live the law and turn to Him for help. Reading this encyclical made me want to live the law, to seek virtue, to know the power of Christ at work in me. Besides being an excellent work of moral theology and Magisterial teaching, it is above all in my estimation an uplifting spiritual treatise.

The splendor is Jesus, who is the truth...this is my favorite work by St. PJP II

Learning this book thru Father Mitch Pacwa,SJ.

I bought this to read along and make notes while watching EWTN's Threshold of Hope series with Fr. Mitch Pacwa. He's working his way through paragraph by paragraph - explaining and discussing. It will take months to work through the book, and that's okay. It's a "read a bit, ponder a bit" type of book (my favorite kind of book). Lots of footnotes to look up. A very "satisfying" read. I like books that make me think.

Amazing Encyclical of John Paul II. This book explains certain things that you did not even know were possible to be explained even further. It goes in depth about certain bible passages and it just completely blows your mind on how well it is written and how in depth it is.

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