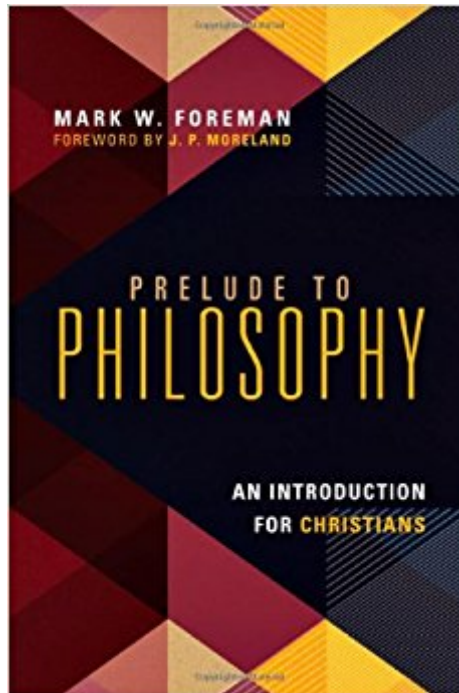




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# Prelude To Philosophy: An Introduction For Christians



## Synopsis

"The unexamined life is not worth living," according to Socrates, but pursuing the examined life strikes many as daunting, unappealing and even unnecessary. Is philosophy important? Why do I need philosophy if I have the Bible? Aren't philosophers simply engaged in meaningless disputes that are irrelevant to everyday life? Mark Foreman addresses these and other questions in this "prelude" to the subject. Unlike a full introduction to philosophy, this book is a preliminary discussion that dispels misunderstandings and explains the rationale for engaging in philosophical reasoning. In the first half of the book, Foreman defines the task of philosophy, compares it to other disciplines and demonstrates its practical value to Christians interested in developing a more thoughtful faith. The second half introduces the reader to logic and argumentation, the essential tools of a philosopher. Concise and straightforward, *Prelude to Philosophy* is a guide for those looking to embark on the "examined life."

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"This book is a helpful study of what philosophy is, how it is done and why it is valuable, especially for Christians. It is clearly written, with lots of real-life examples and stories, and will be of real value to students beginning work in philosophy." (C. Stephen Evans, University Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, Baylor University)"Mark Foreman's introduction to philosophy gets it just right! For those wanting to explore the life of the mind, Foreman helps take the fear out of philosophizing. This book is a clear, readable and accessible overview on the fundamentals of philosophy--and on doing philosophy to the glory of God." (Paul Copan, professor and Pledger Family Chair of Philosophy and

Mark W. Foreman (Ph.D., religious studies, University of Virginia) is professor of philosophy and religion at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. He is also the author of *Christianity and Bioethics: Confronting Clinical Issues*. J. P. Moreland (PhD, University of Southern California) is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, in La Mirada, California. He is the author, coauthor, or contributor to over ninety-five books, including *Does God Exist?*, *Universals*, *The Blackwell Companion to Natural Theology*, *Consciousness and the Existence of God*, *Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview*, *In Search of a Confident Faith*, *Love Your God With All Your Mind*, *The God Question*, and *Debating Christian Theism*. In his distinguished career, Moreland has co-planted three churches, spoken and debated on over 175 college campuses around the country, and served with Campus Crusade for Christ for ten years. The founder and director of Eidos Christian Center, he also previously served as a bioethicist for PersonaCare Nursing Homes, Inc. headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland. Moreland's ideas have been covered by both popular religious and non-religious outlets, including the *New Scientist*, *Christianity Today*, PBS's "Closer to Truth," and *WORLD* magazine. In 2016 Moreland was selected by *The Best Schools* as one of the "50 most influential living philosophers."

I finished reading this book last night. Its primary emphasis is on the necessity of developing a mindset, a philosophical mindset, which is tuned to think critically about one's worldview, and not simply slide through life without careful examination. The first half of the book discussed this particular topic with various examples. The book then took up discussing the various methods of argument including the deductive and inductive methods (among others). Following this, many logical fallacies were explained with good examples. It was very helpful to see the many terms I commonly read in posts, used within a framework of instruction. Although I rated the book 4 out of 5 stars (5 is a WOW!!! for me) this is an excellent book; I really appreciated the intro level approach. The writing was very easy to follow. I would definitely recommend this book for anyone who has little to no understanding of philosophy and/or logic and who wants to learn the basic philosophical alphabet of fallacies, logic, and thoughtful thinking.

This book is awesome, it explains philosophical terms in a practical way and why philosophy is important in general and for Christians. I recommend reading this book whether you are a believer or not, very insightful.

I thought the book was very insightful. It helped me to think more in a philosophical manner. For Christians looking to start learning about philosophy I recommend this book.

EXCELLENT BOOK.

Required reading for my Philosophy 201 class at a Christian university. It's well-written, easy for newcomers to philosophy, but still gives a lot of information. It's written by a Christian author (obviously, with the subtitle of "An Introduction for Christians"), but I didn't feel as though it leaned too heavily on Christianity or attempt to persuade. It seems more concerned with just giving a solid introduction to the subject.

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