

# Book of the Month

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*The Book That Made Your World:  
How the Bible Created the Soul of Western Civilization.*  
Vishal Mangalwadi. Thomas Nelson Publishers. Nashville, Tennessee. 2011.

Have you ever wondered why Europe and America have been the birthplace of so much that has brought blessings and prosperity to millions in the world today? When other cultures (India, China, Middle East, etc.) were as smart or smarter and often had a head start, why was the West the cradle for: modern medicine, democracy, the university, modern science and most of today's technology.

Perhaps it takes an outsider to help us see. As the proverb says: if you want to know about water, don't ask a fish! Born in India, Vishal Mangalwadi has written a wonderful book that seeks to answer the questions posed above. After years of reflection and research his answer is both simple and profound. What accounts for the rise of the West? The Bible. While many recognize the role of the Bible in personal piety and morality, Mangalwadi sees it as so much more. The Bible is "the very foundation of Western civilization" (p. 387).

You may think this book is about the Bible. Not really. Rather, it is about literature, art, science, technology, heroism, morality, medicine, education and social institutions. Mangalwadi calls us to rediscover the true roots of our culture as being not just in Greece, Rome or the Enlightenment... but in the Word of God. He warns us not to saw off the limb on which our culture is sitting!

How I wish every student in Western Civilization and American History would read this book!

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