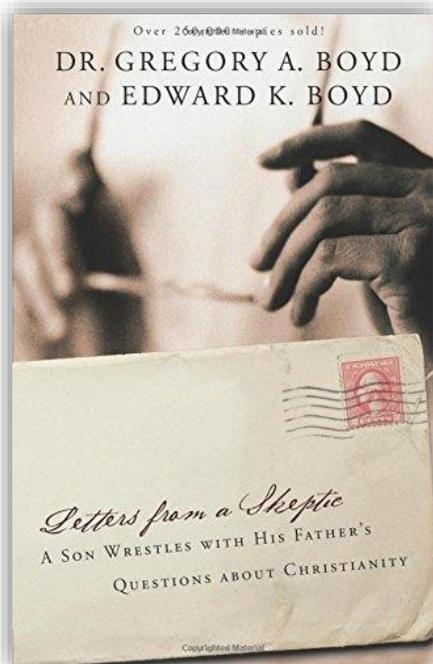
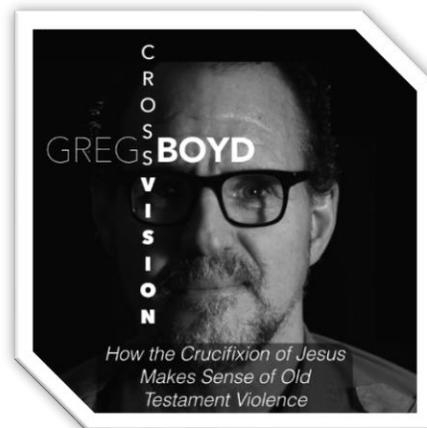


Theological Musings from Dave's Laptop

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Over the past year or two, I've been interested to discover Dr. Greg Boyd. A pastor and professor in Minneapolis, Boyd is the author of *Cross Vision: How the Crucifixion of Jesus Makes Sense of Old Testament Violence*, a book that has sparked a good bit of additional reading on my part.

Greg blogs at <https://reknew.org/>, and is also the author of *Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with His Father's Questions about Christianity* (among many others). I've read *Letters from a Skeptic* this week, and I thought the candor, clarity, and cogency of this dialogue worth mentioning to you.



Reading this book will be an encouragement to you in your own faith pilgrimage, and once you've read it yourself, you may have a better sense of whom in the circles of your life might benefit from your gifting it to them. It's worth your time. Here are the questions considered:

Questions about God

Why has Christianity done so much harm?
Why is the world so full of suffering?
Is the risk of freedom worth all the suffering?
Does God know the future?
Why does God create earthquakes and famines?
Why did God create Satan?
Is your God all-powerful?
Why believe in God in the first place?
Couldn't it all be by chance?
Why didn't God spare your mother?
Why would an all-powerful God need prayer?
Why would God care about us little humans?

Questions about Jesus

Why trust the Gospel accounts?
Aren't the Gospels full of contradictions?
Who wrote the Gospels and when were they written?
How can you believe that a man rose from the dead?
How can you believe that a man was God?

Questions about the Bible

Why does God make believing in Him so difficult?
Why do you think the Bible is inspired?
Isn't the Bible full of myths and God's vengeance?
Didn't the Catholic Church put the Bible together?
Why are there so many differing interpretations of the Bible?
What about the "holy books" of other religions?

Questions about Christian Life and Doctrine

Do all non-Christians go to hell?
How could an all-loving God torture people in an eternal hell?
Isn't the Christian life impossible to live?
How can another man's death pardon me?
How can I be holy and sinful at the same time?
How can I be sure it's all true?

Check it out!

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