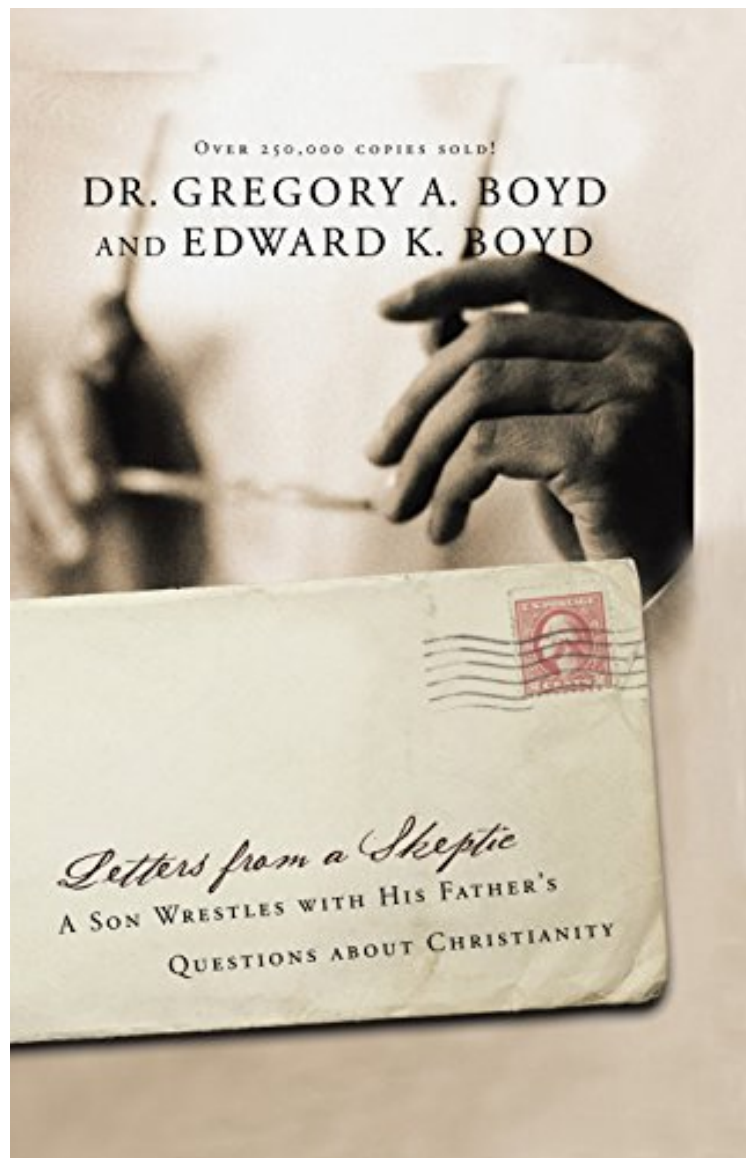


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Von Dr. Gregory A. Boyd : Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with His Father's Questions about Christianity (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with His Father's Questions about Christianity (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Incredibly ConvincingVon jrucks@usfamily.netI have read this book four times and I continue to refer to it often. I also have had the pleasure of having Dr. Boyd as a professor of apologetics, theology, and a Christianity and Western Civ. course. On Sundays, I am blessed with messages from the Holy Spirit exceptionally well delivered by Dr. Boyd. I have attended debates where he has argued the evidence for the historical resurrection of Jesus Christ with the president of the national atheists organization. (Even the atheists present were stunned to silence by his delivery of the Truth.) After hearing his defenses for his positions on many of these issues in a classroom of Christians, agnostics and athiests, I am amazed at the audacity of some of the reviewers to rip Dr. Boyd apart without gaining more insight from the source. After taking his courses, I feel that I understand his position much better. I will attempt to clarify the "foreknowledge" issue to the best of my ability, but I am not the author.(refer to pp.30,31) If God were to know everything that everyone is to do in the future, what free will do we have? Would we not be walking robots if God foreknows every decision we make? I argue that if this is true, why would God even bother to create people who would eventually make bad decisions? Don't you think that the God that sacrificed His Son for us is a loving God? He wouldn't create people that are going to do evil things if He knows beforehand that they will do evil, right? I'll try to clarify. Look at it as though God were a master chessplayer. The best chessplayers can predict the opponents moves 10, 15 sometimes 20 moves in advance of the actual moves, and the Master can predict each of the "sub-moves" after the initial move, etc. This continues on and on like a "choose your own adventure" book. Yet, the master player does not know with certainty which move the opponent will make. He has a good idea, but the opponent always has "free will" to choose the route.I hope this is somewhat helpful. What I know for sure is that this book is a great read and has steered many in the direction of the one, true, and yes omniscient God. For that alone FIVE STARS.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent. Many hard questions finally explained.Von SpiffI loved this book and read the 190 pages in few days. I am struggling with my own doubts about religion. My belief in God is strong, but any details are blurry (that includes the choice of religion). Edward Boyd asked several questions which have been leaving me confused about Christianity, I found myself suprised many times at how he was just asking what I often wondered about. Several times I was thinking "ok, that explains it, but what about XYZ, I want you see explain that one, ah!" and later Edward did ask something like it and his father managed to come up with a pretty solid answer. The topics include: Why has Christianity done so much harm? Why is the world full of suffering? Why does God create famine,earthquakes? Couldn't it all be by chance? Why does an all-powerful God need prayers? Why trust the Gospel as true? What about the contradictions? How could a man rise from the dead? Why are there so many different interpretations of the Bible? What about other holy books of other religions? Do all non-Christians go to hell? Why would God torture people in an eternal hell?Plus many other. Sometimes you'll get answers that are based on faith, sometimes you get clear facts, but I have to admit I have never read any explanations that left me thinking it was making sense.If you already believe, this book might help you to see things a bit more clearly. If you are a skeptic (like me), it will leave you less confused.Ultimately, I do not believe I will find any final answer from books. It will have to be a deep personal experience, but I am gathering as much info as I can. I dare quoting the Bible: "Test everything, hold on to the good" (1 Thess 5:21).This book was great clearing up a few problematic issues like the concept of Hell. Of course I still don't understand many things, and still have a lot to learn, but if you are a skeptic, buy it now.A previous reviewer wrote that Boyd claims to know the truth, but resorts to compromise when his beliefs are on the line. Maybe he does sometimes, but even Boyd himself near the end admits that you cannot be 100% of anything. He admits things might be different, but gives you enough facts to make you start looking at other options as if they are as hard to believe in as the whole "christian stuff".I also recommend another book which also clears out many issues and some good arguments from atheists: "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel. "The Journey" Bible is also easy to read and addequate for people who don't believe yet. I've been trying to explore it, it's a lot easier than most Bibles.The book ends a bit quickly, the last 2 months were not written, it abruptly ends with Gregory's father saying he is ready to believe. I am curious about how he feels now, and it would be interesting to read more correspondence between the two.In general, a great book, with many strong arguments. Doubts will always be present, but this was one of the most interesting books about Christianity I have read so far.No matter what you believe in (or don't believe in), buy it. I am sure you will find some good thoughts in it, even if you don't end up converted or fully convinced.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Apologetics 101 for the everyday person!!Von rbender121Greg Boyd and his father Edward have given us a rich gift in this unique book! _Letters from a Skeptic_ allows a hearing of the most common objections to Christianity, and gives a coherent, thoughtful and sincere defense for the faith. This defense is at its most compelling when Boyd returns again and again to his main point: the basis for Christianity is a RELATIONSHIP with the living God, through his Son, Jesus Christ. Either you believe Jesus is who the Bible says He is, or you don't. Everything else is peripheral. Dogmatic argumentation and rigidity may do well in seminary classes and on paper, but in the real world, the best defense of the faith can only come from a person who is authentically and sincerely committed to Jesus as Lord: one who does not feel the need to "protect" God from threatening questions! Regarding the 'points of contention' for which some condemn Boyd and this book (most notably the "omniscience of God" issue), in the book Boyd himself acknowledges that his thoughts and positions on that

question may not be representative of the Church as a whole. I regard this as the merit of a true scholar and devotee: one who is wrestling with questions and issues, and admitting "I've not yet arrived at full understanding!" This work is valuable for Christians, as a basic course in "why I believe what I believe", and as a resource for Christians who wish to share a rationale for the Christian faith with the people around them. Bravo, Boyd!

Kurzbeschreibung Greg Boyd and his father, Ed, were on opposite sides of a great divide. Greg was a newfound Christian, while his father was a longtime agnostic. So Greg offered his father an invitation: Ed could write with any questions on Christianity, and his son would offer a response. *Letters from a Skeptic* contains this special correspondence. The letters tackle some of today's toughest challenges facing Christianity, including Do all non-Christians go to hell? How can we believe a man rose from the dead? Why is the world so full of suffering? How do we know the Bible was divinely inspired? Does God know the future? Each response offers insights into the big questions, while delivering intelligent answers that connect with both the heart and mind. Whether you're a skeptic, a believer, or just unsure, these letters can provide a practical, common-sense guide to the Christian faith.