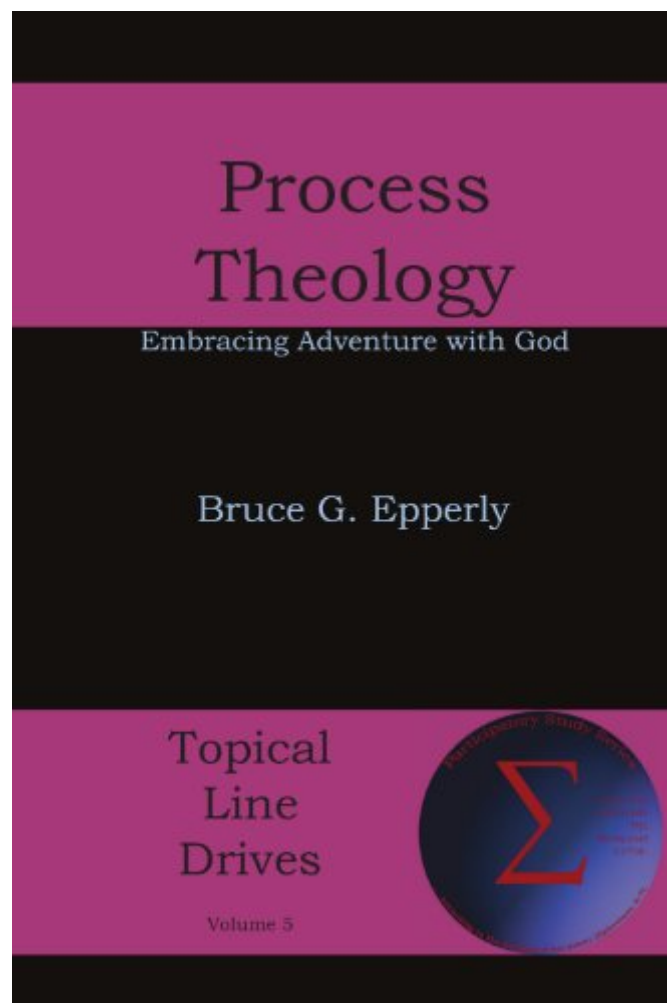




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Synopsis

In this brief, lively, and engaging book, Dr. Bruce Epperly untangles the difficult concepts of process theology and shows how we can envision a God who is in relation to us throughout our lives here and in the next world. He believes that “God is present at the moment of our conception, guides us through the adventures of this lifetime, urging us to rejoice in embodiment and bring healing to our world, and upon our final earthly breath receives us with open arms with visions of future adventures in communion with God and our fellow creatures.” Not only is this theology easy to understand, it challenges us to live out God’s adventure in with joy, sharing God’s life with all of God’s creatures.

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“Process thought asserts that God is always at work in the world,” writes Bruce Epperly. “But, in contrast to images of divine determinism and predestination, God’s power is always relational and contextual, inviting us to become God’s partners in healing the world.” In this welcoming

little book, Bruce Epperly provides us with a concise, inspiring, and well-written introduction to Christian process theology. In his trademark readable style, Epperly presents a cogent overview of God, Christ, Spirit, Ethics, and Immortality from his own deeply practiced spiritual life as a process theologian and pastor. Standing in the tradition of Cobb, Griffin, and Suchocki, he captures the spirit of Whiteheadian thought without using the sometimes difficult philosophical language, and expresses the liberating ideas of process theology to accompany any adventurous spiritual journey. Highly recommended! --Patricia Adams Farmer, author of *The Metaphor Maker* and *Embracing a Beautiful God: Tenth Anniversary Edition*

The relationship with God expressed here is not the same as mine. But it is a relationship with the God who's alive, passionate, and loves every single one of us. The world needs more of that.

A quick overview that didn't do a good job of clearly speaking the essence of this theological approach.

Great Introduction to Process Theology.

Too general and superficial for my needs.

Excellent

GOOD BOOK

Process Theology looks at God as not immutable and eternal, but as temporal and affect-able. It describes a God who is personal, who we can share a relationship with, and who cares about all living things. These are my own words, gleaned from the feelings Epperly's work left me with. I confess to feeling ungrounded through half of the book. I had not heard of Process Theology before, and it was ambiguous and difficult for me to pin down. Epperly's approach is to prance around it in circles, poking it open here and there with a stick. Consequently, though I developed a sense for Process Theology, I never nail down a definition and when I went in search of a definition through Google, I felt just as discombobulated. Had I trusted Epperly and let him continue his dance around the outside, I would have been better off. I would have slowly begun to grasp the point: that God is a partner with us in healing the world. God

and the world are profoundly interdependent. The result of this way of interacting with God is a vibrant, living faith that never turns stale. Process theology affirms that God still speaks to us today, that our understanding and growth continues with new revelation. Christians are not alone in sharing in the Divine. Wherever truth and healing are present, God is its source, and through respect for other religions, we can grow in spiritual wisdom. Epperly finds no contradiction here with John 14:6, which states that *“no one comes to the father except through [Jesus].”* Epperly’s revelation of *“Christ as a life-giving reality permeating multiple belief systems is refreshing, affirming pluralism and goodness.* I really enjoyed this book, and was left hungering for more. This is another Topical Line Drive booklet by Energion Publications, short and sweet—just 40 pages. I noted on the back cover that Epperly had previously authored a book titled *Process Theology: A Guide for the Perplexed*. If I can get my hands on a copy, I’ll let you all know what I learn. Bruce Epperly is Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Continuing Education at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Pennsylvania, USA.

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