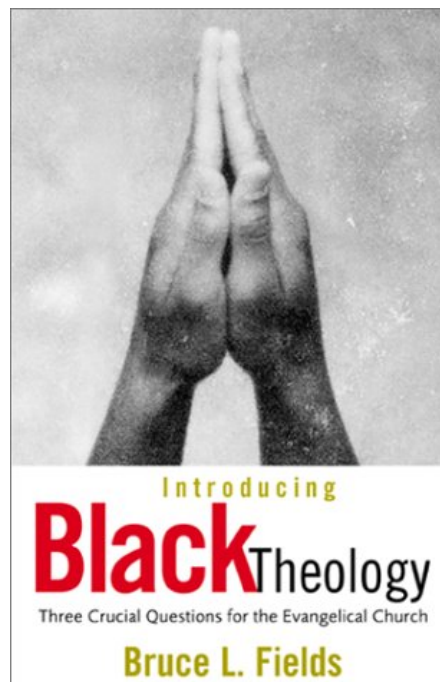




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What is black theology and what does it have to say to the evangelical church, both now and in the future? These are the questions addressed by Bruce Fields, a well-respected African American theologian, in this newest addition to the 3 Crucial Questions series. Black theology developed as a response to racism in the church. As such, it seeks to make sense of the sociohistorical experience of African Americans in light of their Christian confession, validating the conviction that their struggle for justice is consistent with the gospel. Beginning with a statement that defines black theology as a theology of liberation, Fields discusses the sources, hermeneutics, and tasks of the black theologian. He then challenges the church to allow its theology to be formed by black theology's confrontational ministry, believing this will lead to forgiveness and reconciliation for both the oppressed and the oppressor. He also encourages black theologians to remain within certain biblical and traditional parameters in order to maintain their influence. This short, accessible introduction to black theology draws upon history, hermeneutics, culture, and Scripture to create a dialogue of respect and reconciliation between blacks and whites within the evangelical church.

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Colin Jackson says

Here lays an very interesting development that builds on classical black theology... I hear you ask, what is Black Theology? This book certainly falls back on, yes wait for it, James Cone's writings.

Sylvia Welch says

A thought provoking book for all and a crucial book for those who consider themselves part of the black theological community or the white evangelical community with an acute aim to gain knowledge of and respect for the other with a joint end goal of reconciliation

Claude says

Short in length but long on insight, this book is a good starting place for people looking to understand Black Theology, glean from the movement's strengths, and think honestly about its weaknesses. Fields does an admirable job condensing the unified yet various approaches and hermeneutics of Black Theology (Cone, Ray, Roberts, etc.) and its constructs. Field is honest yet charitable in his assessment of Black Theology and the insights Black Theology offers the evangelical church. I think in the hands of a less humble and thoughtful writer, this book would have easily been a theological-polemical throw down -- which would rob those in differing theological camps the opportunity to learn from Black Theology's best insights. With Fields, it's all respectful and helpful overview and assessment. The sections on racism and the social contexts of theological formulation are especially money. Highly recommend this, though it may be best to read alongside the source material he engages with if you have the time for that.

Jeff says

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Josh says

An excellent read! Highly recommended!
