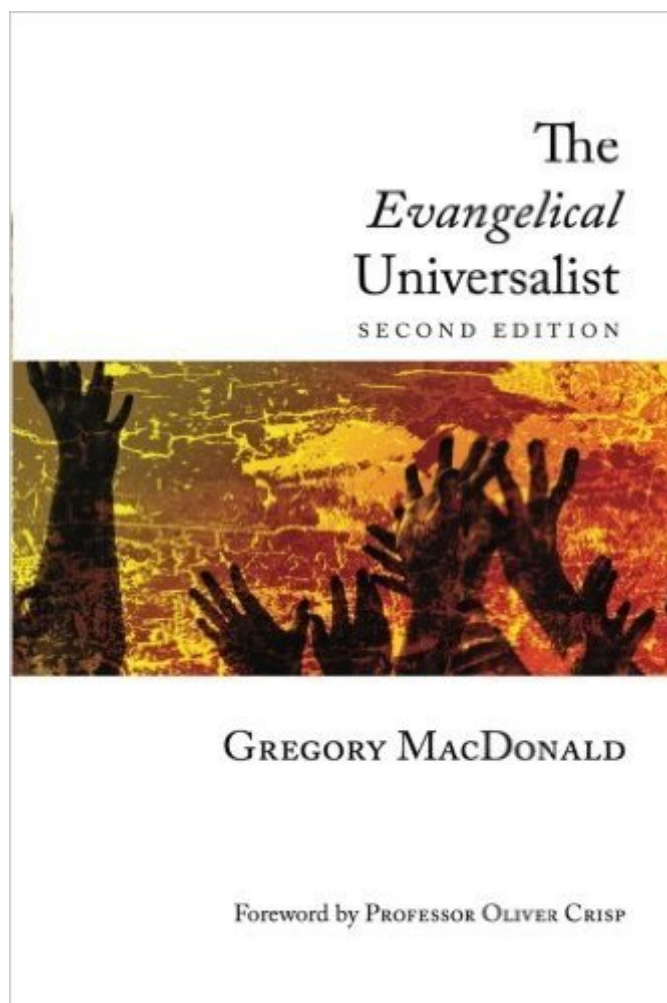


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I, thus far, have read only a few books in favor of Christian Universalism as well as a few against it. There are good books in each camp although its difficult to find a book against CU that doesn't strawman the paradigm and resort to dismissive assertions such as saying CU appeals to the emotions, not considering it may be a valid appeal to the conscience. The author of this book is evidently a very humble man who could be much more arrogant and liberal considering the certainty he feels concerning the blessed hope. His arguments are not indisputable, as no one's beliefs are. Many disagree with him for many reasons. Most of which are probably much more emotional than they emotionally dismiss his assertions by labeling his reasoning as emotionally biased. He explains

how these people feel like they are standing up for God by defending the doctrine of endless torments. They feel like it is them and God against the world. They are on "God's side." He is not sure if he should applaud their loyalty or pity them. I think he leans slightly toward the latter. This book is very well written and well worth a second read. There are many highlights which I intend to expound on. He does an excellent job at writing a great book about a very sticky subject. Its not a popular thing to go against society's grain but the Bible definitely encourages us to test all things... especially orthodox (correct opinion). I look forward to going back over the different highlights in this book and writing pieces of my own. I have a dream that one day CU will be considered just as valid/acceptable of a paradigm as Calvinism and Arminianism. Indeed, it is the paradigm which mends all the tears the two paradigms above have caused throughout this age of grace.

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