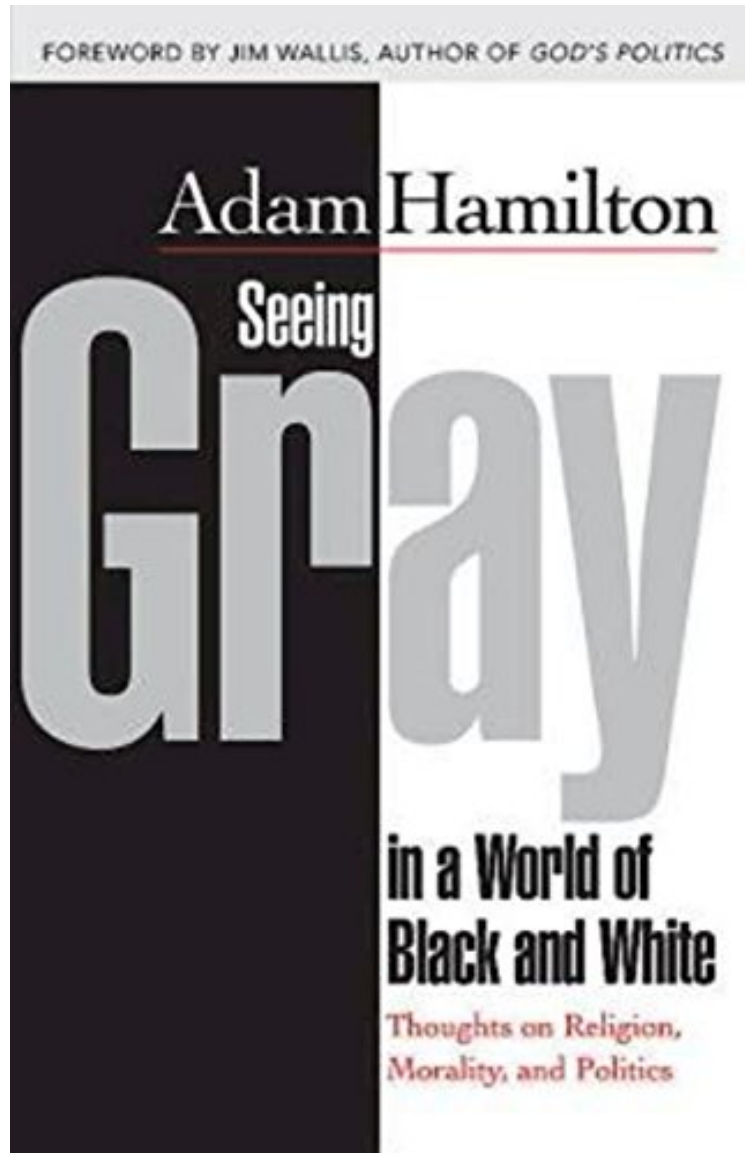


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By Life Healer
I am in the process of reading this book for small group at my church. I have to say it is one of the most insightful books I have seen regarding dealing with issues that confront us in today's world. Our society tends to see things as being black or white, one extreme or the other; you are liberal or conservative. Adam Hamilton suggests a different way of dealing with the issues. It is ok not to be one extreme or the other, but to be somewhere in the middle. As a matter of fact, that might be preferable to the extremes, and enable a ground on which to have productive conversations and perhaps even achieve resolutions to problems.
In the book Adam addresses some very controversial issues including evolution, abortion, homosexuality, heaven and hell, and even whether non-Christians will be in heaven. He even addresses politics. This is probably not a book for those who are determined to be at the poles of an issue. It is not just a book for Christians, although I consider it a must read for those who wish to see an end to the senseless bickering between liberal and conservative Christians that leads non-Christians to avoid us and the faith. It is a book for any individual who wishes to promote productive discussion on issues that face our world today. I am buying several copies to give as gifts this Christmas.
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I went to an ultra-conservative evangelical "non-denominational" seminary several years ago. I had intended to be a pastor. Instead, I dropped out after the first year, a total nervous wreck because I felt I was always on a mission from God and was constantly falling short. Plus, I learned so much in that year about all the gray and uncertainty that surrounds most issues of church doctrine. My rigid faith shattered as a result of that experience. I first read "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" in the immediate aftermath of dropping out of seminary. I bought it to attend an adult Sunday school discussion about one of the chapters at a local United Methodist church. Since then I have returned to it more than once to remember Hamilton's thoughts on thinking in the gray. This is a very good book, even for non-religious people. I particularly liked the chapters on the history of the "verbal, plenary inspiration" view of Scripture, and on the issue of homosexuality in the church. Read this book. It's good.

Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us. Hamilton rejects the easy assumptions and sloppy analysis of black and white thinking, seeking instead the truth that resides on all sides of the issues, and offering a faithful and compassionate way forward. He writes, "I don't expect you to agree with everything I've written. I expect that in the future even I won't agree with everything I've written here. The point is not to get you to agree with me, but to encourage you to think about what you believe. In the end I will be inviting those of you who find this book resonates with what you feel is true, to join the movement to pursue a middle way between the left and the right - to make your voices heard - and to model for our nation and for the church, how we can listen, learn, see truth as multi-sided, and love those with whom we disagree." Read more about this title Adam Hamilton's Seeing Gray Blog Now available!
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