

Foolishly Speaking Without Knowledge

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In Dr. James White's rhetorical blog about me and my book, he foolishly speaks without knowledge. In his first post, five times he calls me an "apostate" because he correctly says I *don't* believe the Bible teaches the institutional church doctrine of the Trinity and thus that Jesus is God. What I *do* believe is that Jesus died for my sins and arose from the dead, and I have made him the Lord of my life for more years than Mr. White has. According to Paul in Romans 10.9-10, that makes me a believer in Jesus and thus a saved person. Biblically, an apostate is someone who has fallen away from the Christian faith, which I certainly have not done. So, Mr. White doesn't know what an apostate is.

In James White's second post about me and my book, he accuses me of "reliance on sub-biblical scholarship." I'll put my bibliography up against anything he's published, and I haven't seen his stuff. And he accuses me of "sub-biblical attacks," which I understand to mean non-biblical arguments. My book is mostly about exegesis of certain biblical texts.

Mr. White wrongly accuses me of being Arian in Christology. I make it clear throughout my book that I am not so. Arius believed Jesus is God, but to a lesser extent than the Father is God, and that Jesus preexisted, but not eternally so. In contrast, I believe as did the early Jewish Nazarene Christians, that Jesus is all the church has proclaimed of him except that he is not at all God. This bogus allegation by White is an example of what Professor James Tabor (Bart Ehrman's colleague), who did read my book, says about me in his blog, "My guess is his critics have not bothered to examine his arguments."

White, who is no lily-white professor, also discredits my book as being "spiral bound." He doesn't know what that is either; it's Wire-O bound. Many people in publishing and business think Wire-O is superior to conventional bookbinding. Regardless, I will soon trump this remark by Mr. White with a new and innovative format for my book, just as I will later thump him if he accepts my challenge to publicly debate whether Jesus is God.