

Preface to “Looking at Insider Movements” by Doug Coleman

One of our BtD group recently observed: “Doug Coleman's new dissertation sets a solid Christ-like bar for what constitutes acceptable dialogue in the midst of disagreement” on these topics. We can't send his dissertation as pre-reading, but you can read reviews and/or purchase a copy at http://www.amazon.com/Theological-Analysis-Movement-Paradigm-Perspectives/dp/0865850380/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1337465082&sr=1-1.

Our pre-reading is Coleman's series of blog posts on the subject:

<http://betweenthetimes.com/index.php/category/series/insider-movements-series/>

These reflect a substantial sample of critique and differing perspectives in the spirit of BtD. In these posts, Dr. Coleman focuses significantly on interaction with Kevin Higgins and his writings. So I thought you would enjoy seeing Kevin's response to the idea of sharing these posts as a BtD 2012 pre-reading:

“Doug did set a bar....he did what we at BtD promise to do when committing to the ethos. He reached out to me prior to writing his dissertation, multiple times during it, and also after. I count him a friend and respected brother, who at least tried to be sure he understood me before disagreeing publically. He made changes in accord with our dialogue, and the discussions helped me see ways I wish I could re-express a number of points in older articles.

I'm happy to have this sent as a BtD pre-reading. Of course, Doug and I continue to disagree, but we do so as brothers and with mutual respect. I wish that were the tone throughout the Body in these days.

Kevin Higgins”
