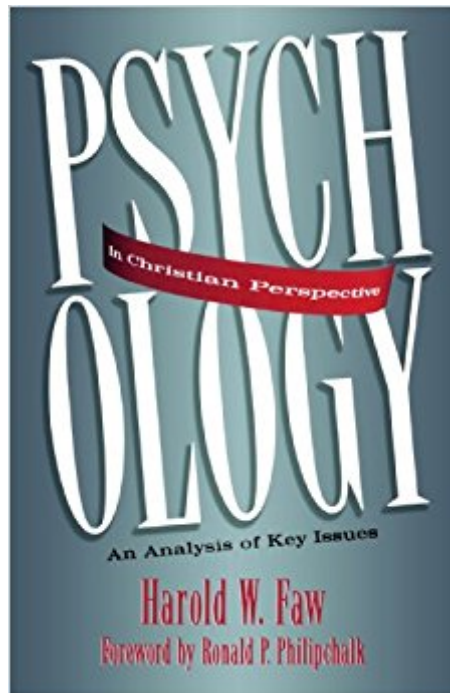


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At the time this book was published in 1995, Harold Faw was associate professor of psychology and head of the psychology department at Trinity Western University, in British Columbia. He explained in the Preface, "I have one major purpose in writing [this book]: to stimulate you to think about the relationship between your Christian faith and contemporary psychology... I hope that each of you will experience a growing appreciation for and commitment to both God's Word and the field of psychology." (Pg. 9)He notes, "According to James Beck and James Banks, there are three distinct views about the place that psychology should occupy in the life and thought of the evangelical Christian community. One group of Christians welcomes psychology, incorporating its concepts freely into both understanding and practice and attempting to equate theological and psychological concepts wherever possible... A second group of believers is wary of psychology and often strongly critical of it. These believers regard it as a threat to the purity of true Christian faith and as a movement that directly competes with an orthodox biblical position... A third group of Christians

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