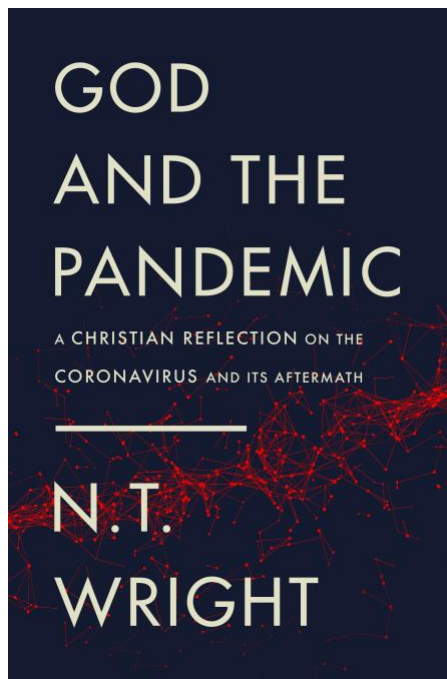


Suggested Interview Questions for N. T. Wright
Author of *God and the Pandemic*

“Before we can answer questions in anything other than the broadest outline, we need a time of lament, of restraint, of precisely not jumping to ‘solutions.’ These may come, God willing, but unless we retreat from our instant reactions, we may not be able to hear them.

If we spend time in the prayer of lament, new light may come, rather than simply the repetition of things we might have wanted to say anyway.”

-N.T. Wright



- What is the Christian response to Coronavirus?
 - Why do you think so many people have tried to make a larger case for God’s involvement in the pandemic?
 - Why do Christians believe negative current events are “repentance” calls from God?
 - How does Jesus use the word “now” in his ministry and how should that word impact the church?
 - Why must we lament in times of global trouble?
 - How did Jesus unveil a different viewpoint of divine sovereignty?
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- Are lamenting and sovereignty diametrically opposed? (It seems much of the criticism of your earlier writings center around these being mutually exclusive.)
 - Why does it matter how we talk about God?
 - What is problematic with looking to “End Times” theology when global crises happen?
 - How has the Coronavirus shown the “political and social timbers [that] have already been rotting away?”
 - As a New Testament scholar, tell us what you think about Jesus in the Old Testament, specifically in the Book of Job?
 - How do you hope people turn from the “why” the Coronavirus to the question of “what”? What do believe is the best thing for people of faith to do now?

- In looking forward, what do you see the Church should be doing? What role should the individual Christian play?
- You end your book with these three questions – which are the answers people are desperately looking for:
 - How do we live with this problem?
 - How do we come through it?
 - And what is the calling of the Church in the midst of it?

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