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Four weeks away...

The release of *Why We're Not Emergent* (By Two Guys Who Should Be) authors argue we can truly know God.

Beginning February 2008, Brian McLaren begins "The Everything Must Change Tour": Eleven Cities in 2008. According to the tour's website, www.deepshift.org, people all over are saying:

- I've never felt like I fit in the traditional church.
- It feels like we've kind of missed the point of what Jesus was about.
- I'm not religious, and I'm not that sure what "spiritual" means - but I'm looking for something, some way of life or pattern that makes sense of things.

These are honest, searching statements. These people are looking for something real, something true; in short, they're looking for God. The tragic reality is they're looking to people like McLaren to help them find Him.

According to authors Kevin DeYoung and Ted Kluck:

"...emergent leaders are allowing the immensity of God to swallow up His knowability. In good postmodern fashion, they are questioning whether we can have any real, accurate knowledge about God in the first place. Brian McLaren, in noting his agreement with Tony Campolo, argues that in one sense all theologies are heresies because we can't truly speak of God using our human formulation. What is needed is "not absolute and arrogant certainty about our theologies, but a proper and humble confidence in God."

Fair enough. Who wants to be arrogantly certain about anything? But McLaren posits a false antithesis, suggesting that we can know God personally but can't confidently know things about Him. The former kind of knowing is "personal knowledge." The latter is "abstract, rational, impersonal certitude."

The emergent agnosticism about truly knowing and understanding anything about God seems to be pious humility. It seems to honor God's immensity, but it actually undercuts His sovereign power.

Release is scheduled for April '08.

For more information, please visit www.NotEmergent.com

