Dear Colleagues,

I would like to let you know of the publication of my book *What Christians Believe: The Story of God and People in Minimal English* (Oxford University Press, New York, 2019). The “Story” at the heart of this book takes up the theme raised in my article “Language and Metalanguage: Key Issues in Emotion Research” which was published in the opening issue of *Emotion Review* (vol. 1, no 1, 2009) and which sought to explore Jesus’ emotions before the Crucifixion.

The core part of the book is a narrative which in less than 80 pages tells the story of God’s interaction with people, from the beginning (the Big Bang) to the end, opening to eternity. Looking at key events in the lives of Abraham, Moses, Mary, Jesus, Peter, Paul, and Mary Magdalene (among others), it explores, in effect, the whole gamut of human emotions without using any emotion words (e.g. “happy”, “sad”, “afraid”) and relying exclusively on simple and universal human concepts such as FEEL, WANT, GOOD, BAD, DO and HAPPEN. It may seem hard to believe that this is possible. Well, I invite you to read the “Story” and see what you think.


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