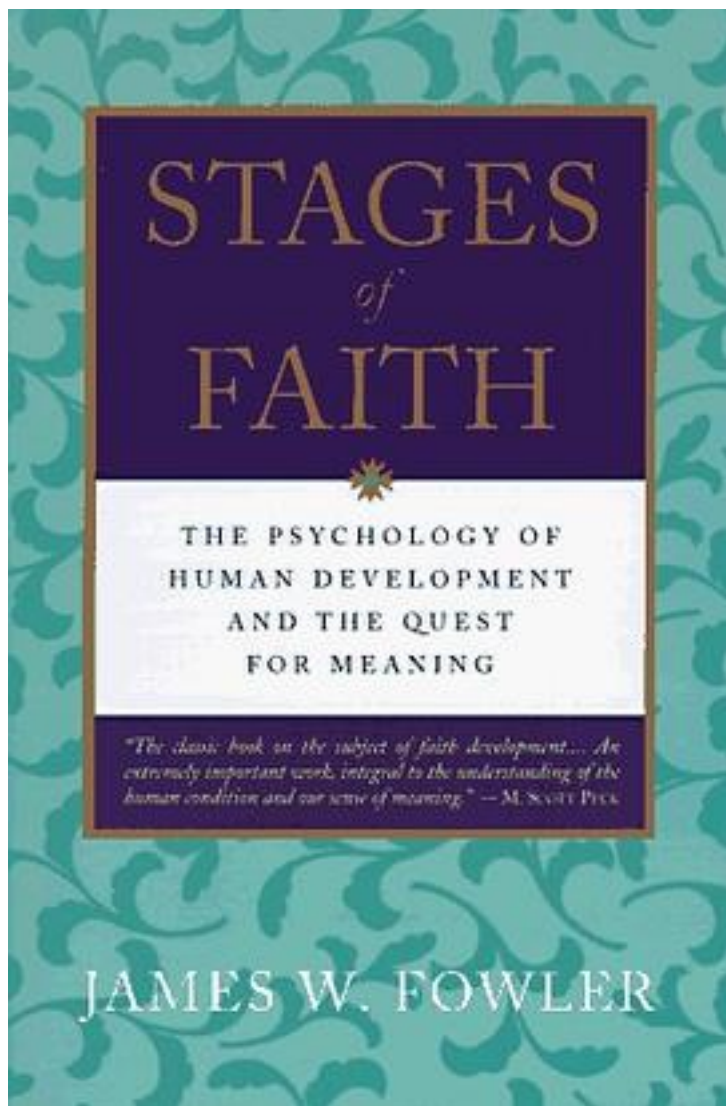


Stages of Faith



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Dr. James Fowler has asked these questions, and others like them, of nearly six hundred people. He has talked with men, women, and children of all ages, from four to eighty-eight, including Jews, Catholics, Protestants, agnostics, and atheists. In many cases, the interviews became in-depth conversations that provided rare, intimate glimpses into the various ways our lives have meaning and purpose, windows into what this books calls faith. Faith, as approached here, is not necessarily religious, nor is it to be equated with belief. Rather, faith is a person's way of leaning into and making sense of life. More verb than noun, faith is the dynamic system of images, values, and commitments that guide one's life. It is thus universal: everyone who chooses to go on living operated by some basic faith. Building on the contributions of such key thinkers as Piaget, Erikson, and Kohlberg, Fowler draws on a wide range of scholarship, literature, and firsthand research to present expertly and engagingly the six stages that emerge in working out the meaning of our lives--from the intuitive, imitative faith of childhood through conventional and then more independent faith to the universalizing, self-transcending faith of full maturity. Stages of Faith helps us to understand our own pilgrimage of faith, the passages of our own quest for meaning and value.

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评论

宗教研究方面的很多书的内容都比题目看上去有趣得多。这其实说明了一个问题：我们所能够使用的用来描述人类精神生活的语言，很大程度上还依然是被基督教的传统所把持着，使得我们没有其他的词汇、概念和方法来讨论这些本属于人而不是基督教的问题。汉语当中甚至更是这样。但同时这又并不是一个一旦我们意识到了就能够解决得了的问题。这并不是说基督教本身有什么错，而是我们在讨论普遍的人类精神现象的时候需要一个全新的语汇系统来帮助我们的认知。

Fowler告訴我們，這麼說吧，一個五段位的靈恩派美國人基督徒，跟一個五段位的中國佛教徒，恐怕比跟同教會里的一個三段位基督徒，要更談得來。換言之，照孔子的話說，「中人以上，可以語上也。中人以下，不可以語上也。」

要有一定心理史基础再看，两年前看跟现在看完全不一样的感觉

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