ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY? WELL, GET UP, THEN!

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"Aslan is not a tame Lion!"

We like quotes like this which point to the power and unpredictability of the God of the Bible. He is sovereign, all powerful, all knowing and beyond our ability to comprehend. If it were not for his self revelation in the Bible and - supremely - in the person of the Incarnate Son, we wouldn't have a hope of understanding God at all.

And yet...

All too often, we are content to keep God (and ourselves) confined within the box of our theological comfort zones. We assume that our understanding of Scripture is all that is required - we've got God sewn up and we don't need to look any further than our own corner of the Christian world for insight and understanding.

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Clearly time is limited. None of us can read everything we feel that we want to read or that we should read, without adding the burden of reading from outside of our own tradition. However, if we truly believe in the God of the Bible, the God of the nations, we will - from time to time - make space to read outside of our comfort zone.

There are plenty of authors who take the Bible seriously, who have a living faith in God, but who see things differently to us. Perhaps their ethnic or cultural background is different to ours, or perhaps they have a different take on some theological issues to us. However, if we are humble, we can learn from them. Not only that, we are likely to learn things that we wouldn't discover within our own traditions.

So, get off your metaphorical sofa and go and get some exercise, reading a book by an author that you wouldn't normally touch, or listen to a YouTube sermon from a different tradition. You won't agree with everything, but you are likely to be helpfully stretched.