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- IV. Was Jesus ever not divine? Was Jesus ever not human after his birth on earth? Explain. Does Wright agree?
- V. Wright discounts the view that the church should take control of the world and issue orders and, alternatively, that the church should sit back and let the world go its own way. He speaks of a third way. What is it? What do you think of it?
- VI. Wright indicates the Jesus has gone into God's space, is ruling our rebellious world in the present, and interceding for us at God's right hand. Does this give you comfort, challenge you, both, or something else? How and why?
- VII. Does Wright's claim that there will always be a human at the helm of our world (rather than God the Father, some other being, Satan) give you comfort, challenge, something else? Why?

VIII. Wright presents two opposing views of the “second coming” with which he disagrees — one rather common in North American Christianity and another in mainline Christianity, briefly explain them.

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