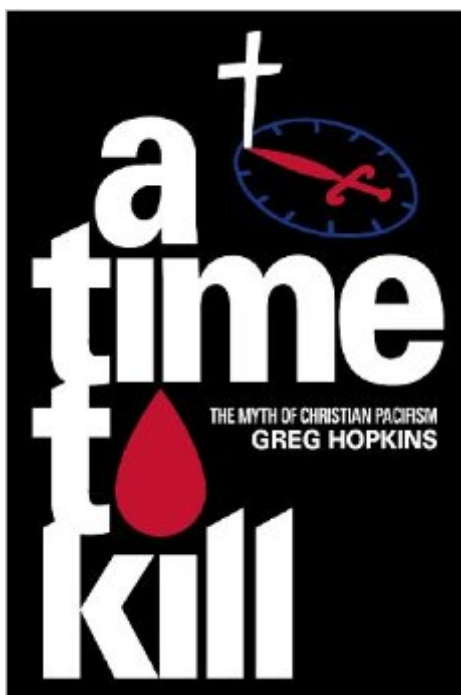


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A Time To Kill: The Myth Of Christian Pacifism



Synopsis

This book is about decisions. Not the everyday kind such as "What should I wear today?" or "Where shall we eat tonight?" but decisions that deal with life, death, and protecting the innocent. Self defense is not only about individual survival; self defense can also decide the fate of a nation and all its citizens. "A Time to Kill: The Myth of Christian Pacifism" answers questions such as: Do federal, state, and local laws allow citizens to defend themselves against criminal attack? What means are available for self defense? What strategies should one use to avoid potential conflict. Can Christians defend themselves against Islamic extremists? Is pacifism in the Bible? Do the Gospels say Jesus was a pacifist? What if God commands us to use deadly force to defend the innocent? How do Jesus and the New Testament writers feel about the military? What does the Bible say about the death penalty? Can Christians sit on juries and vote for the death penalty? Can Jesus' teachings help soldiers with combat-induced PTSD? Does the Bible have a consistent message about self-defense from the Old Testament to the New? •

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Convincing argument that self-defense is not contrary to the Bible. The quarrel I have is his assertion that a Christian must render first aid (without qualification) and should visit the surviving criminal in the hospital, jail, or prison. (Pages 84-87, 155) There are only a few places on the human body which, when shot, kills someone instantly. The rest may well eventually result in death, but a determined criminal can do a lot of damage to someone who makes the mistake to approach and

bring himself within range of another possible attack before the arrival of the police and an ambulance, i.e. I do not agree that he is "under control" simply because you have wounded him. Does he have another weapon, knife, or the like, or just physically strong enough to get the better of the situation? Likewise, a CCW holder should be taught that even though he may get shot, he should keep fighting, since with modern medical science, most bullet wounds are survivable, if he does not get hit in one of the instant kill points. As possibly the sole witness to his criminal assault, prior to conviction, it is not a good idea to visit the person who you are trying to put in the penitentiary for an extended time. Likely at his hospital room will be his family and friends, of similar ilk; if he is a gang member, fellow gang members. Until convicted, he is far from "under control" (and maybe not even then,) when the only thing that stands between freedom and conviction and a long sentence, is you as a witness. Witnesses have been known to disappear, be killed, be intimidated, or bought off. The examples of criminals like Ted Bundy who got religion right before they were executed, are not good examples, because at that point the jig is truly up and they are actually "under control." You are also possibly creating a reasonable doubt situation as to what actually happened, for instance if he and his family and friends testify that you apologized at the hospital for wrongfully shooting him, his attorney argues a "consciousness of guilt" on your part for the visit, etc. Let him get convicted, then, if you really must, visit him in the penitentiary or on probation. Remember, this is a Sociopath or possibly a Psychopath that you are dealing with, not a normal, rational human being. His family, and criminal friends have reason to see that you, as a witness, do not testify and help convict their angel, or are discredited. In his world, getting shot is a badge of honor on the street, not usually any revelation to get on the straight and narrow. The less the criminal and his friends and family know about you the better. You are probably in as much danger after the shooting with certain criminals as you were at the time of the self-defense shooting, simply as a witness, and particularly as the sole witness. Some wounds would make it possible to safely render first aid before the ambulance arrives, but definitely not all. Finally, the fact that a Civil Suit is possible, if not likely, should be considered. Any contact allows for false testimony as to what was said in the way of admissions on your part that may allow the criminal to become the "victim," that costs you a ton of money in defense costs, attorney's fees, and even a wrongful Judgment. It is unlikely there will be a video that shows, without a doubt, that your shooting of the criminal was justified, creating possible jury questions, i.e. don't muck up the criminal case or create a false civil case by trying too quickly to save the soul of the guy who was trying to kill you or cause you great bodily harm. There should be time for that after conviction.

I have the pleasure of knowing Greg personally. He is a great Christian and very intelligent and knowledgeable about the law and the use of force. More importantly, he knows and understands Biblical principles and laws. I have taken a course from Greg and he delivers the information contained in this book in an informative (and even amusing at times) way. I highly recommend reading this book. As a Christian, a Soldier, and a Martial Arts instructor, all of the information he presents in this book will educate you and ease your mind about defending yourself.

After reading the reviews of Greg Hopkins book, A Time to Kill, one could come to the conclusion that it was written for the Christian community only. In my opinion, regardless of your religious affiliation, this is a must read. It certainly would be an aid to anyone that may have personal problems because they have killed in self-defense or in the line of duty in the military. This book should be made available to any veteran who is suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as well as any medical person who treats this problem. Barney Henderson

My father and I bought this book at a gun show, I haven't put it down since. As a Christian and a gun owner I have thoroughly enjoyed and learned from this book. It is excellently written and an extremely easy read if you are at all interested in these topics. I recommend it 100%!

I too have the honor of knowing the author. This book was a gift to my daughter for helping to type the transcript. While traveling on a trip to Japan I took the book with me. (26 hours on a airplane gives you plenty of time to read) This book is better than I anticipated. The information flows very well and is easily understood. I was on the fence.... being a Christian, I always considered Christ to be a Pacifist. This book thoroughly debunks this myth for what it is. If you are on the fence like I was, this book is for you. If you have any questions about your responsibility as commanded by the Bible this book is for you. If you are simply an owner of a concealed carry permit this book is for you. It will answer your questions from every angle. Straight forward answers for today's "gun control" dilemma. If anything, increase the font size for people like me that have reduced eyesight. (Especially in the limited lighting on the aircraft)

I have never read a self defense book so eloquently written and derived like this one. You will definitely realize the amount of real world experience and objective thinking that was involved in order to write this book. I highly recommend this book for anyone and especially anyone who is a follower of Jesus Christ.

A Time to Kill is a must read for anyone wanting to understand our military, law enforcement officers, or anyone who has had to protect themselves or their country. Thank God for these men and women who are so deserving of our appreciation. Taking a human life is a serious act and Greg has done a serious job of helping us understand how God feels about protecting ourselves. The book is very well grounded in scripture and will touch your heart and mind as you understand God's love and protection of His people. A Time to Kill gives a concise and well balanced understanding of the complex issue of self defense.

Excellent book! Well researched and easy to follow. The topic is extremely relevant in today's world of random violence infecting society in schools, churches, malls and theaters!Â A Time to Kill: The Myth of Christian Pacifism

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