

# A BEAUTIFUL MIND

## *The Ongoing Relevance of Jonathan Edwards*

✕ October 23rd, 2010 - New York City ✕

“JONATHAN EDWARDS IS IN A CLASS BY HIMSELF IN AMERICAN HISTORY, PERHAPS IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTENDOM.”

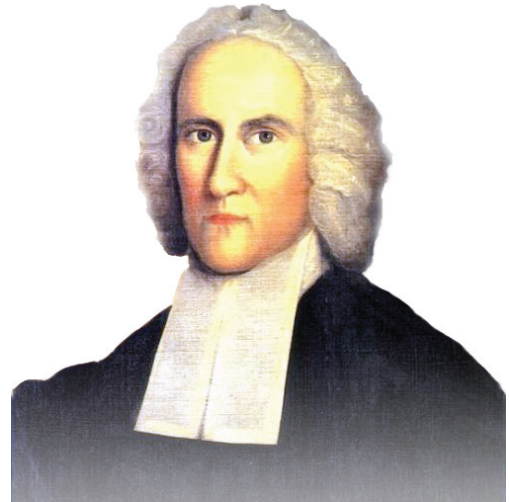
- *John Piper*

“THE DISAPPEARANCE OF EDWARDS’ PERSPECTIVE IN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN HISTORY HAS BEEN A TRAGEDY.”

-*Mark Noll*

“THE MOST BRILLIANT OF ALL AMERICAN THEOLOGIANS.”

- *George Marsden*



### **CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

Two convictions undergird this free, one-day conference in NYC. First, that Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) tends to be either unknown or at least radically misunderstood by most moderns today. Second, that he is nonetheless intensely relevant for the cultivation of serious and faithful Christian thinking in the contemporary church. We contend that this caricatured Puritan remains worth knowing with integrity and sympathy.

Seminars will focus on Edwards’ contributions to human identity and purpose in light of God’s design in creation, the integral place of the emotions in authentic spirituality, and contextualized Christian engagement with secular culture. While this conference will aim at the serious study of Edwards, it assumes no prior knowledge of his writings or life for those who attend.

### **SPEAKERS**

*Nick Nowalk* is a Ministry Fellow at Harvard University with Christian Union. His graduate studies were done at Bethel Seminary, The Bethlehem Institute (TBI) under John Piper), and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. While at TBI, he also taught a number of classes on the theology of Jonathan Edwards at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

*Jesse Peterson* is Associate Pastor of Neighborhood Church of Greenwich Village. He studied at the University of Minnesota and The Bethlehem Institute in Minneapolis before graduating from Gordon-Conwell Seminary near Boston (M.Div).

### **SCHEDULE, OCTOBER 23, 2010**

**Coffee & Donuts:** 9:00-9:30

**Session 1:** 9:30-11:00 - Glory Enlarged: God’s Trinitarian Purpose in Creation (Nick Nowalk)

**Session 2:** 11:15-12:45 - Holy Passions: The Role of Emotions in the Spiritual Life (Jesse Peterson)

**Lunch break:** 12:45-1:45

**Session 3:** 1:45-3:15 - Plundering the Egyptians: Edwards’ Subversive Exploitation of Modernism (Nick Nowalk & Jesse Peterson)

✕ ***To register for this free conference, please email [ncgv@ncgv.net](mailto:ncgv@ncgv.net)*** ✕

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