



GREG PAUL

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Selected Quotations

- "We remember stories more easily and more completely than we do facts. We assimilate stories differently, bringing to them the shades of understanding made possible by our own experiences, finding something new each time we approach even one that has long been familiar. A story is like a multifaceted jewel, giving off a different light each time it is turned."
- "Sometimes they speak words that cut or bruise my soul, telling me I am unlovely and unlovable—a message I am unaccountably ready to believe. They may be the voices of people close to me, the culture around me, the advertising I can't escape, religion, education, or of my own innate pride or insecurities."
- "My children and I inhabited those stories together. A good story allows you to admit your fears, and hope that you might be a hero in the face of them. I'm not sure why adults so often lose the art of "entering" a story in written form."
- "I still love novels and would rather read them than philosophy, theology, "real" history, psychology, or any other form of fact-based writing. I think I've learned more about the human condition—and the scope of the human spirit—from novels than from any other form of writing."



Online Materials:

- Greg Paul - 'Resurrecting Religion'
- Greg Paul's Story of Resurrecting Religion | Your Story with Melinda
- Greg Paul - Why the Poor and the Rich Need Each Other

Further reading

- *Queer Prophets* (2020)
- *Close Enough to Hear God Breathe: The Great Story of Divine* (2011)
- *Simply Open: A Guide to Experiencing God in the Everyday* (2015)