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How Gods Are Made Oxford University Press

Transforming Post-Catholic Ireland is the first major book to explore the dynamic religious landscape of contemporary Ireland, north and south, and to analyze the island's religious transition. It confirms that the Catholic Church's long-standing "monopoly" has well and truly disintegrated, replaced by a mixed, post-Catholic religious "market" featuring new and growing expressions of Protestantism, as well as other religions. It describes how people of faith are developing "extra-institutional" expressions of religion, keeping their faith alive outside or in addition to the institutional Catholic Church. Drawing on island-wide surveys of clergy and laypeople, as well as more than 100 interviews, Gladys Ganiel describes how people of faith are engaging with key issues such as increased diversity, reconciliation to overcome the island's sectarian past, and ecumenism. Ganiel argues that extra-institutional religion is especially well-suited to address these and other issues due to its freedom and flexibility when compared to traditional religious institutions. She explains how those who practice extra-institutional religion have experienced personal transformation, and analyses the extent that they have contributed to wider religious, social, and political change. On an island where religion has caused much pain, from clerical sexual abuse scandals, to sectarian violence, to a frosty reception for some immigrants, those who practice their faith outside traditional religious institutions may hold the key to transforming post-Catholic Ireland into a more reconciled society.

When Religious Belief Undermines Modern Medicine
Simon and Schuster

Mansourou comes out of the gate firing and does not relent in this criticism of religious notions and influence. Rather than refer to religion in general terms or acts in the name of religion, Mansourou attacks religious undertones and what is not often looked at in religious subtext along with modern religious theology for their shallow and vacant themes in today's complex society. Faith, Science, and Bad Religion in a World Without God Simon and Schuster

From the New York Times columnist and bestselling author of *Bad Religion*, a "clever and stimulating" (The New York Times Book Review) portrait of how our turbulent age is defined by dark forces seemingly beyond our control. Today the Western world seems to be in crisis. But beneath our social media frenzy and reality TV politics, the deeper reality is one of drift, repetition, and dead ends. The Decadent Society explains what happens when a rich and powerful society ceases advancing—how the combination of wealth and technological proficiency with economic stagnation, political stalemates, cultural exhaustion, and demographic decline creates a strange kind of "sustainable decadence," a civilizational languor that could endure for longer than we think. Ranging from our grounded space shuttles to our Silicon Valley villains, from our blandly recycled film and television—a new *Star Wars* saga, another *Star Trek* series, the fifth *Terminator* sequel—to the escapism we're furiously chasing through drug use and virtual reality, Ross Douthat argues that many of today's discontents and derangements reflect a sense of futility and disappointment—a feeling that the future was not what was promised and that the paths forward lead only to the grave. In this environment we fear catastrophe, but in a certain way we also pine for it—because the alternative is to accept that we are permanently decadent: aging, comfortable, and stuck, cut off from the past and no longer confident in the future, spurning both memory and ambition while we wait for some saving innovation or revelations, growing old unhappily together in the glowing light of tiny screens. "Full of shrewd insights couched in elegant, biting prose... [this] is a trenchant and stimulating take on latter-day discontents" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) and an enlightening diagnosis of the modern condition—how we got here, how long our frustration might last, and how, whether in renaissance or catastrophe, our decadence might ultimately end.

The Audacity of Faith Bad Religion How We Became a Nation of Heretics

Meandering Melodies will take you back to the 60's, 70's, and 80's and share what it was like to be a part of a neighborhood in Carroll County located in Delphi, Indiana, that had lots of children, a simple

way of life, what we did for fun and what it was like to be part of a "Plain People" growing up among other "Plain People." Meandering Melodies will also share what life is like among the "Plain People" today in 2013 in Carroll County. Expect to be delighted, thrilled, and encouraged as we not only take a walk down memory lane together but also explore living life "out of the fast lane" in today's world. Experiences that will at times make you laugh and cry as we learn together how simple joys of yesterday and simple joys of today can create a symphony that lasts a lifetime! Most of us can remember a time when life was not so busy. A simpler time when we enjoyed a visit with a neighbor or a walk in the park. . . A time when we had no concern about being a certain place at a certain time doing certain things... A time when fast food was not really all that fast and the computer age had barely begun. . . A time when life was busy but did not seem hectic or fast-paced. . . Sometimes we even look back with nostalgic longing and wish to return to times like this. Times when we'd like to get "out of the fast lane.." Today finds many people living life in the fast lane where life is in constant motion and meticulous plans are made to ensure their success in the modern world. There is always some place to go and people to meet. Yet they are intrigued by certain lifestyles and fascinated by those who seem to manage living a simple life "out of the fast lane." In the past few years many books have been written and movies made showcasing the Amish, Mennonites, and other Plain People and their simple lifestyles. People wonder about the differences. People wonder what their lifestyle is really like. People wonder what it is like to be a part of a plain church and plain people. They have all sorts of questions about what it is like not to have cars, or telephones, or electricity. They wonder why they dress the way they do and do the things they do. They wonder how people can live like this?! It seems to them that life is lived "out of the fast lane" among Plain People. Or is this only an illusion? I grew up among Plain People on a farm in Carroll County nestled between two hills. Bachelor Run flowed merrily through our farm forming the southern boundary of our property. Folks called the road at the top of the south hill the Crooked Road. It went straight for several miles out of Delphi, then made a sharp curve, and after several more curves, you ended up in Flora. Our house was in the valley below this first curve. This first curve was a notorious place for wrecks; which I shall write more about later! My Dad built our house against the bank of the north hill. At the very top of the north hill was a very old cemetery called the Nettle Cemetery. I don't recall anyone ever being buried there. I also don't recall ever playing there. I do remember mowing the grass along the fence that separated our property. One of my favorite spots, my very own idyllic hide-a-way, was close to this fence. I went there often to think and write and lay in the grass on beautiful summer days. Most of our neighbors were members of what we called the Horse-and-Buggy Church. Their official name was Old Brethren German Baptist. They used to be a part of our fellowship before they split off from the Old German Baptist Brethren in 1921 as a result of differences about cars, electricity, and telephones. When was the last time you experienced life "out of the fast lane?"

The Story of Bad Religion Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Are you a Catholic who no longer practices your faith? Do you feel closed off from the church because of your political or lifestyle circumstances? In Archbishop Wynn Wagner's enlightening, supportive, and sometimes irreverent book, *Recovering Catholic: How to be Catholic without being Roman Catholic*, you'll discover an entirely new way of looking at, and participating in, the Christian world you once loved. The author, who considers himself a recovering Catholic, introduces us to the Old Catholic Church, where 100% is Catholic, and 0% is Roman Catholic. So what's missing? Dogma, unfair judgment, homophobia, racism, and levels of discrimination we prefer not to discuss outside the church, and which the Roman Catholic clergy refuse to acknowledge inside the church. This book and this man will remind you about the joys that exist in a religion that loves and accepts. Amen to that!

Truth Beyond the Matrix Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

A group biography of '90s punk rock told through the prism of Green Day, The Offspring, NOFX, Rancid, Bad Religion, Social Distortion, and more. Two decades after the Sex Pistols and the Ramones birthed punk music into the world, their artistic heirs burst onto the scene and changed the genre forever. While the punk originators remained underground favorites and were slow burns commercially, their heirs shattered commercial expectations for the genre. In 1994, Green Day and The Offspring each released their third albums, and the results were astounding. Green Day's *Dookie* went on to sell more than 15 million copies and The Offspring's *Smash* remains the all-time bestselling album released on an independent label. The times had changed, and so had the music. While many books, articles, and documentaries focus on the rise of punk in the '70s, few spend any substantial time on its resurgence in the '90s. *Smash!* is the first to do so, detailing the circumstances surrounding the shift in '90s music culture away from grunge and

legitimizing what many first-generation punks regard as post-punk, new wave, and generally anything but true punk music. With astounding access to all the key players of the time, including members of Green Day, The Offspring, NOFX, Rancid, Bad Religion, Social Distortion, and many others, renowned music writer Ian Winwood at last gives this significant, substantive, and compelling story its due. Punk rock bands were never truly successful or indeed truly famous, and that was that -- until it wasn't. *Smash!* is the story of how the underdogs finally won and forever altered the landscape of mainstream music.

Bad Religion Hyperion

This book is dedicated to everyone who has ever had a dream, but then struggled to achieve it. These words are dedicated to all those, who are ready for true grace and inspiration to enter their lives, in a very real way. In "Just Believe" you will enter a world of unconditional love, for yourself and your life. Imagine no longer being stopped by fear, excuses, or the need to be perfect. Imagine seeing your heartfelt dreams and desires realized, inside a spirit of play. What would open up for you, if you let go of the constraints of disempowering thinking? This is your invitation to enter a New World of Self-Belief, where you can know peace in the present, and an unshakeable faith in yourself, and your future. This is exactly what's needed to live a life fully Self-expressed, from the Soul, rather the self-critical conversations that keep you from experiencing the true gift and beauty of your life! In these pages you'll find the confidence and love to let your light shine as brightly as it can! You are amazing; it's time to claim it! Elari Onawa

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Out of the Fast Lane Pink Kayak Press LLC

Challenging the traditional leadership of the GOP, two of the Right's young thinkers argue that it is time to move beyond the Reagan legacy and the mind-set of the current Republican power structure to meet the needs and interests of working-class American voters. Reprint.

Discovering the Path to a Culture of Worship Da Capo Press

As the youngest-ever op-ed columnist for the New York Times, Ross Douthat has emerged as one of the most provocative and influential voices of his generation. In *Bad Religion* he offers a masterful and hard-hitting account of how American Christianity has gone off the rails—and why it threatens to take American society with it. Writing for an era dominated by recession, gridlock, and fears of American decline, Douthat exposes the spiritual roots of the nation's political and economic crises. He argues that America's problem isn't too much religion, as a growing chorus of atheists have argued; nor is it an intolerant secularism, as many on the Christian right believe. Rather, it's bad religion: the slow-motion collapse of traditional faith and the rise of a variety of pseudo-Christianities that stroke our egos, indulge our follies, and encourage our worst impulses. These faiths speak from many pulpits—conservative and liberal, political and pop cultural, traditionally religious and fashionably "spiritual"—and many of their preachers claim a Christian warrant. But they are increasingly offering distortions of traditional Christianity—not the real thing. Christianity's place in American life has increasingly been taken over, not by atheism, Douthat argues, but by heresy: debased versions of Christian faith that breed hubris, greed, and self-absorption. In a story that moves from the 1950s to the age of Obama, he brilliantly charts institutional Christianity's decline from a vigorous, mainstream, and bipartisan faith—which acted as a "vital center" and the moral force behind the civil rights movement—through the culture wars of the 1960s and 1970s to the polarizing debates of the present day. Ranging from Glenn Beck to Barack Obama, Eat Pray Love to Joel Osteen, and Oprah Winfrey to *The Da Vinci Code*, Douthat explores how the prosperity gospel's mantra of "pray and grow rich," a cult of self-esteem that reduces God to a life coach, and the warring political religions of left and right have crippled the country's ability to confront our most pressing challenges and accelerated American decline. His urgent call for a revival of traditional Christianity is sure to generate controversy, and it will be vital reading for all those concerned about the imperiled American future.

Do What You Want Westminster John Knox Press

Annie has many unanswered questions! Will she find her one and true love or will she be destined to stay single all her life and do a work for God?

America Before and After the Pandemic Infinity Publishing
Presents a critique of elite universities and the culture of privilege they perpetuate, with a look at how social hierarchies, political correctness, and ambition can often overwhelm genuine intellectual endeavor.

[Perceptions](#) Hachette Books

In its two-thousand-year history, the Catholic Church remains an unchanging yet developing entity. Since the church's infancy, Catholic theologians have referenced the "deposit of faith," which in early years referred to the written or orally revealed doctrines that formed the backbone of church teaching. Through the centuries, the definition came to be understood as the word of God, delivered through Jesus Christ and passed on to his apostles. Still, the deposit included both oral and written traditions and provided moral direction. The Second Vatican Council brought about many changes in the church, and once again, bishops and theologians addressed the deposit of faith. This invaluable concept came to be seen, not as mere dogma, but the expression of faith embodied in the words and deeds of Christ. The deposit is relevant to all elements of Catholic life: prayer, sacraments, and moral living. While the deposit has always addressed divine revelation, the post-Vatican II definition directs the faithful to think holistically. Hubert M. Sanders Jr.'s *Deposit of Faith* is intricate Catholic theology for the lay reader. It encourages Catholics to reach beyond dogma and written instructions to embrace the fullness of the Christian experience in all aspects of life. [Breaking Pride](#) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform
A New York Times columnist and one of America's leading conservative thinkers considers Pope Francis's efforts to change the church he governs in a book that is "must reading for every Christian who cares about the fate of the West and the future of global Christianity" (Rod Dreher, author of *The Benedict Option*). Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in 1936, today Pope Francis is the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Francis's stewardship of the Church, while perceived as a revelation by many, has provoked division throughout the world. "If a conclave were to be held today," one Roman source told *The New Yorker*, "Francis would be lucky to get ten votes." In his "concise, rhetorically agile...adroit, perceptive, gripping account" (*The New York Times Book Review*), Ross Douthat explains why the particular debate Francis has opened—over communion for the divorced and the remarried—is so dangerous: How it cuts to the heart of the larger argument over how Christianity should respond to the sexual revolution and modernity itself, how it promises or threatens to separate the church from its own deep past, and how it divides Catholicism along geographical and cultural lines. Douthat argues that the Francis era is a crucial experiment for all of Western civilization, which is facing resurgent external enemies (from ISIS to Putin) even as it struggles with its own internal divisions, its decadence, and self-doubt. Whether Francis or his critics are right won't just determine whether he ends up as a hero or a tragic figure for Catholics. It will determine whether he's a hero, or a gambler who's betraying both his church and his civilization into the hands of its enemies. "A balanced look at the struggle for the future of Catholicism...*To Change the Church* is a fascinating look at the church under Pope Francis" (*Kirkus Reviews*). Engaging and provocative, this is "a pot-boiler of a history that examines a growing ecclesial crisis" (*Washington Independent Review of Books*).

[Recovering Catholic](#) Sagwan Press

"Take one man who rejects authority and religion, and leads a punk band. Take another man who wonders whether vertebrates arose in rivers or in the ocean...Put them together, what do you get? Greg Graffin, and this uniquely fascinating book." —Jared Diamond, author of *Guns, Germs, and Steel*
Anarchy Evolution is a provocative look at the collision between religion and science, by an author with unique authority: UCLA lecturer in Paleontology, and founding member of Bad Religion, Greg Graffin. Alongside science writer Steve Olson (whose *Mapping Human History* was a National Book Award finalist) Graffin delivers a powerful discussion sure to strike a chord with readers of Richard Dawkins' *The God Delusion* or Christopher Hitchens' *God Is Not Great*. Bad Religion die-hards, newer fans won over during the band's 30th Anniversary Tour, and anyone interested in this increasingly important debate should check out this treatise on science from the god of punk rock.

Religious Practice in Late Modernity Oxford University Press
So many of us desire freedom - the freedom that is promised to us when we decide to follow Jesus. The freedom from the burden of our sin, the need to be "good enough," anger, jealousy, and envy. Even though we are believers we would be ashamed to say that we don't always experience peace, contentment, and joy in our life. We are looking for the grace that God has so graciously given to us to be real in our life...

Breaking Pride is an eBook based on one simple truth: In order to walk in God's grace we need to tear down the walls of pride. A lot of believers, even though saved by God's grace, are still walking in pride rather than walking in His grace. Knowing what pride is and learning to identify pride in your life is the first step to overcoming a life filled with pride. Pride is rooted in fear and leads to anger, jealousy, and envy. Sin isn't keeping us from having a relationship with the Lord, it's our pride. So many of us long to have an authentic and REAL relationship with the Lord, and we long to have the fruit of the spirit filled in our heart. Our desire is to achieve these fruits through will power. But we do not even realize that the pride that lives within our heart is what is blocking the fruit of the spirit from living within us. In *Breaking Pride* you will learn to identify different areas of pride in your life. Filled with encouragement, *Breaking Pride* will take you through a practical reading of what pride may look like in your life... Let's stop building walls of pride and start

building the foundation of grace within our lives...

[The Decadent Society](#) CreateSpace

Excerpts from *Baklava for President*: "The first clue that a meal was unsavory was our father's claim he was presenting us with a delicacy." "Maybe priests were just as bad at math as Jesus." "Frankly, Homeland Security would be wise to contact our yiayias for a diplomacy consult." "Once the egg cracking contest began, we were no longer family—we were soldiers on a battlefield trying to vanquish our adversaries." "When I die, I want to go to Heaven savoring that last, rich, salty bite of spanakopita on my lips." For K. D. Papandreou, growing up in a Greek-American family was a topsy-turvy experience. While breakfast cereal and morning cartoons were allowed on Saturdays, Sundays were always church daze. And trips to Grandma's house were fun because there was always plenty of spanakopita and honey candies. Still they knew, once they crossed that threshold, that American rules and customs no longer applied. That meant no Oreos, pizza, or TV. It also meant trying to avoid eating tripe stew on the holidays. Luckily, the tooth fairy was a regular visitor, so they had pocket change to spend on gum, chocolate, and other essentials. K. D. has decided to call *Baklava for President* a memoir so there's no finger pointing about her childhood recollections. And she's taken the liberty of cleverly altering everyone's names so she won't have to go into the Witness Protection Program after her family reads this. But she knows there is one thing they all agree about: food is love and, if something is good, more is better.

[Anarchy Evolution](#) Createspace Independent Pub

When the world says, "Let your emotions lead you," we as Christ-followers must find a different course, navigating through the minor whirlpools, unpredictable winds, and sometimes ferocious hurricanes. Christ's words and actions guide our ships into deeper waters and beyond to the other shore. This book explores scriptural anchoring points, personality influence, and past experiences to give us a new vision of the weighted tension between letting loose with our feelings or cinching up and ignoring them altogether. As human beings, we are created with emotional dimension, and within Christ, we are called to surrender these feelings, using them in a healthy and biblical way.

[Privilege](#) Simon & Schuster

Traces the decline of Christianity in America since the 1950s, posing controversial arguments about the role of heresy in the nation's downfall while calling for a revival of traditional Christian practices. *How Republicans Can Win the Working Class and Save the American Dream* CreateSpace

The Great Procession chronicles a series of encounters with the Holy Spirit that Jacob Reeve experienced over the course of nine months immediately following a 40-day fast. During this time, Jacob was awakened almost every night by the Spirit to receive the next portion of an ongoing parable that picked up where it left off the night before. As the story unfolds, so does the contrast between the divisive religious mindset and the mindset of pure identity in Christ. The Spirit is revealing what it looks like for mankind to venture out from the island of isolation and into the open forests of God's Kingdom: hence the Great Procession. For many, this parable will represent a foundational shift in the way everything is seen. The Incredible insights from the Holy Spirit answer many of those deep-down questions about life, purpose, and faith that many of us have, and will prove to be an indispensable resource for anyone who desires to live in a wholehearted, full embrace with Christ, knowing the King and His Kingdom, and living in the true faith, freedom, and love that the Holy Spirit beckons us into.