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to make a million dollars is to start a religion." —Attributed to L. Ron Hubbard, founder of Scientology Wouldn't you like to control countless worshippers with a single word? To call forth bountiful offerings of gold and silver? Wouldn't you love to make your acolytes bow in awe of your greatness? Starting a new religion can be fun and profitable. You'll laugh along with Philip Athans (founder, leader, and sole member of the Church of Phil), as he shows you how to: Gather the flock and keep 'em coming back for more Organize mysterious and complex rituals Interrogate (or just ridicule) the hell out of nonbelievers Recruit celebrity

spokespeople, from Tom Cruise to Uma Thurman If you've ever felt the need to sacrifice on an altar beneath a blood-red moon, or just make Friday a holy day (three-day weekend, anyone?), this is the only sacred creed you need. Live long and prosper.

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How we feel is as vital to our survival as how we think. This claim, based on the premise that emotions are largely adaptive, serves as the organizing theme of Why

**We Need Religion.** This book is a novel pathway in a well-trodden field of religious studies and philosophy of religion. Stephen Asma argues that, like art, religion has direct access to our emotional lives in ways that science does not. Yes, science can give us emotional feelings of wonder and the sublime--we can feel the sacred depths of nature--but there are many forms of human suffering and vulnerability that

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are beyond the reach of help from science. Different emotional stresses require different kinds of rescue. Unlike secular authors who praise religion's ethical and civilizing function, Asma argues that its core value lies in its emotionally therapeutic power. No theorist of religion has failed to notice the importance of emotions in spiritual and ritual life, but truly systematic research has only recently

delivered concrete data on the neurology, psychology, and anthropology of the emotional systems. This very recent "affective turn" has begun to map out a powerful territory of embodied cognition. Why We Need Religion incorporates new data from these affective sciences into the philosophy of religion. It goes on to describe the way in which religion manages those systems--rage, play, lust, care,

grief, and so on. Finally, it argues that religion is still the best cultural apparatus for doing this adaptive work. In short, the book is a Darwinian defense of religious emotions and the cultural systems that manage them. Finding A Spiritual Path Outside Religion Oxford University Press Called a "Technicolor Disney Fantasia" by journalist and author Graham Greene, Caodaism combines elements of Christianity,

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Buddhism, Confucianism, Islam, Taoism, with traditional native beliefs. Created in 1926 in Vietnam, Caodaism grew to become the third largest religion in Vietnam in only a few decades. This book explores Caodaism from its emergence in colonial Vietnam, to its establishment in the United States after the Vietnam War as a result of the Vietnamese diaspora; exploring the history, beliefs, rituals and customs of this little-known religion.

Creating Your Own Path to Freedom

Red Wheel Weiser

Americans seem prone to create their own reality in situations that have faced them over the past several years and this arrogance cost the country dearly. Three events stand out as prime examples this arrogance. The first of these events was the war in Iraq which was based on the false reality that the country possessed weapons of mass destruction and had ties to terrorist organizations. The second example was the financial crisis of 2008 which was precipitated by the invention of new and complicated investment vehicles. The last example is

the current Trump administration which was filled with falsehoods during the campaign and his first years in office, such that one could not believe anything that this administration said. This book is going to focus on religious reasons for this situation as I believe that it is the Christian religion that is largely at fault for this condition. It is religion that has set up most Americans to believe our leaders when they outright lie and claim to know things beyond what the evidence will support and create a false reality that eventually comes

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crashing down to disrupt American life. If our nation is ever going to be great it must quit living in a fantasy world and give up a belief in magic as far as its future is concerned.

Decisions in government and business must be based on reality as it is and not on what we arrogantly think we can create. The two go together as the more we try and create our own reality the less able we are to come to grips with the reality that actually exists. The place to start is by recognizing the role the Christian religion has played in this phenomenon and letting go of the

fantasies that comprise this religion and live a secular life that finds meaning and purpose in this world rather than in some hereafter. We will not successfully deal with all the problems with which we are faced and have a political and economic system that works for everyone until this happens. Not Afraid John Wiley & Sons From composer, musician, philanthropist--and son of Warren Buffett--comes a warm, wise, and inspirational book that expounds on the strong set of values given to

him by his trusting and broadminded mother, his industrious and talented father, and the many life teachers he has met along the way.

Encounter  
Create Your Own Religion A How-to Book Without Instructions Religion posits one characteristic as an absolute: faith. Compared to faith, all other social distinctions and sources of conflict are insignificant. The New

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Testament says: ' We are all equal in the sight of God'. To be sure, this equality applies only to those who acknowledge God's existence. What this means is that alongside the abolition of class and nation within the community of believers, religion introduces a new fundamental distinction into the world the distinction between the right kind of

believers and the wrong kind. Thus overtly or tacitly, religion brings with it the demonization of believers in other faiths. The central question that will decide the continued existence of humanity is this: How can we conceive of a type of inter-religious tolerance in which loving one's neighbor does not imply war to the death, a type of tolerance whose goal is not truth but

peace? Is what we are experiencing at present a regression of monotheistic religion to a polytheism of the religious spirit under the heading of ' a God of one's own'? In Western societies, where the autonomy of the individual has been internalized, individual human beings tend to feel increasingly at liberty to tell themselves little faith stories that fit

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their own lives to appoint 'Gods of their own'. However, this God of their own is no longer the one and only God who presides over salvation by seizing control of history and empowering his followers to be intolerant and use naked force. Chosen by God Baker Books START YOUR OWN RELIGION embodies the Timothy Leary's core attraction—expansive religious (personal) freedom. Become the highest

version of yourself! The purpose of life is religious discovery. return to the temple of God—your own body. Get out of your mind and get high. Religious living is conscious here-and-now aliveness. He urges readers to drop out, turn on and tune in. Drop out and detach from external social dramas. Turn on with a sacrament that returns you on to your body. Tune in and be reborn. Leary's message thrilled the youth of the 1960s and it is still appealing today. *God on Your Own* Simon and Schuster Rooted in her

experiences growing up in an Evangelical Christian family, Jamie Lee Finch's "You Are Your Own" offers an overview of Evangelicalism and the painful confusion and anxiety experienced under its demands. Finch explores the mechanisms of trauma and how fundamentalist denominations match the patterns connected with PTSD. She elaborates on the doubt, guilt, fear, and grief that haunt those leaving the Evangelical faith and offers an approach to help them recover

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healthy self-worth and resilience. A socio-historical autobiographical analysis of Evangelical Christianity's religious trauma, "You Are Your Own" emerges from Finch's reconnaissance on her own life-her journals, her stories, her trauma-and offers advocacy for everyone harmed by fundamentalist faith. Jamie Lee Finch is a sexuality and embodiment coach, intuitive healer, self-conversation facilitator, sex witch, and poet. You can learn about Jamie's work at [JamieLeeFinch.com](http://JamieLeeFinch.com)

[A Reckoning with the Religious Trauma of Evangelical Christianity](#)  
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In Overcoming Religious Illiteracy,  
Harvard professor and Phillips Academy teacher Diane L. Moore argues that though the United States is one of the most religiously diverse nations in the world, the vast majority of citizens are

woefully ignorant about religion itself and the basic tenets of the world's major religious traditions. The consequences of this religious illiteracy are profound and include fueling the culture wars, curtailing historical understanding and promoting religious and racial bigotry. In this volume, Moore combines theory with practice to articulate how to incorporate the study of



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religion into the book is an excellent resource for someone who is bound by sinful habits or who simply needs to live an abundant life. It explains clearly how to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and then to walk in the Spirit's power. It's a great resource to use individually or in a retreat setting. In the back of the book, there's a coach's section to help guide someone else through the contents of this book. Topics include:

Why We Need Religion

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Christ's death on the cross offers victory over bitterness, addictions, occult bondage, and debilitating strongholds.

Encounter!

Receive Christ's Freedom will show you how to apply Christ's victory to your own life. This

Repentance and

forgiveness; The power of the cross over sin, Satan, and demonic strongholds; How to receive inner healing; Freedom from the fear of death; How to be filled with the Spirit.

Book 1: Orphan in

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Washington Post Notable Fiction of 2013 Set on Cape Cod during one tumultuous summer,

Elizabeth Kelly 's gothic family story will delight readers of The Family Fang and The Giant ' s House. The Last Summer of the Camperdowns,

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from the best-selling author of *Apologize, Apologize!*, introduces Riddle James Camperdown, the twelve-year-old daughter of the idealistic Camp and his manicured, razor-sharp wife, Greer. It ' s 1972, and Riddle ' s father is running for office from the family compound in Wellfleet, Massachusetts. Between Camp ' s desire to toughen her up and Greer ' s demand for glamour, Riddle has her hands full juggling her eccentric parents. When she accidentally witnesses a crime close to home, her confusion and fear

keep her silent. As the summer unfolds, the consequences of her silence multiply. Another mysterious and powerful family, the Devlins, slowly emerges as the keepers of astonishing secrets that could shatter the Camperdowns. As an old love triangle, bitter war wounds, and the struggle for status spiral out of control, Riddle can only watch, hoping for the courage to reveal the truth. The Last Summer of the Camperdowns is poised to become the summer ' s uproarious and dramatic must-read.

*Form a Church, Gain Followers, Become Tax-Exempt, and Sway the Minds of Millions in Five Easy Steps* Destiny Image Publishers  
The revolutionary spiritual techniques of the late philosopher offer a whole person approach to spirituality that emphasizes the importance of embracing all aspects of oneself that embraces both the material and spiritual, the earthly and the transcendent, to create a harmonious, whole person. 30,000 first printing.

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The Jefferson Bible Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations  
Jill Winger, creator of the award-winning blog The Prairie Homestead, introduces her debut The Prairie Homestead Cookbook, including 100+ delicious, wholesome recipes made with fresh ingredients to bring the flavors and spirit of homestead cooking to any kitchen table.

With a foreword by bestselling author Joel Salatin The Pioneer Woman Cooks meets 100 Days of Real Food, on the Wyoming prairie. While Jill produces much of her own food on her Wyoming ranch, you don't have to grow all—or even any—of your own food to cook and eat like a homesteader. Jill teaches people how to make delicious traditional American comfort food

recipes with whole ingredients and shows that you don't have to use obscure items to enjoy this lifestyle. And as a busy mother of three, Jill knows how to make recipes easy and delicious for all ages. "Jill takes you on an insightful and delicious journey of becoming a homesteader. This book is packed with so much easy to follow, practical, hands-on information

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about steps you can take towards integrating homesteading into your life. It is packed full of exciting and mouth-watering recipes and heartwarming stories of her unique adventure into homesteading. These recipes are ones I know I will be using regularly in my kitchen."  
- Eve Kilcher  
These 109 recipes include her family 's favorites, with maple-glazed pork chops, butternut

Alfredo pasta, and browned butter skillet corn. Jill also shares 17 bonus recipes for homemade sauces, salt rubs, sour cream, and the like—staples that many people are surprised to learn you can make yourself. Beyond these recipes, *The Prairie Homestead Cookbook* shares the tools and tips Jill has learned from life on the homestead, like how to churn your own

butter, feed a family on a budget, and experience all the fulfilling satisfaction of a DIY lifestyle. *An Intimate Journey Among Hasidic Girls Createspace Independent Publishing Platform* Create Your Own Religion is a call to arms--an open invitation to question all the values, beliefs, and worldviews that humanity has so far held as sacred in order to find the answers we need to the very practical

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problems facing us. Writer, philosopher, and professor of comparative religion, Daniele Bolelli, leads the reader through three thousand years of mythology, misogyny, misinformation, and the flat-out lies about "revealed truth" that continue to muddle our ability to live a peaceful life, free of guilt and shame and the ultimate fear of death. "Our worldviews are in desperate need of some housecleaning," says Bolelli. "We enter the 21st

century still carrying on our backs the prejudices and ways of thinking of countless past generations. What worked for them may or may not still be of use, so it is our job to make sure to save the tools that can help us and let go of the dead weight." Simple Recipes for Heritage Cooking in Any Kitchen Clarendon Press After spending eight years in a monastery, Joseph Dispenza walked away from his life as a monk and the religion of his

youth in search of a different kind of spiritual path. Outside the confines of organized religion, Dispenza was able to create a spiritual life that gives direction and meaning to all he does and all he is. God on Your Own is written for anyone who has left (or is thinking of leaving) organized religion but wants to continue on a spiritual path. Written by noted author and retreat leader Joseph Dispenza, this

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book provides a spiritual road map for those who want to make the transition from conventional religion toward a richer and more satisfying direct relationship with the Source, without rules, dogmas, or doctrines. Throughout the book, Dispenza offers wise, compassionate guidance, speaking as one seeker to another. He has made this journey himself, gleaning spiritual truth from across traditions and practices. Rice Paddy to

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Is it possible to experience joy made full? This story is one of heroic recovery. Darcy's sights are firmly set on winning The National Oldtime Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho. She barely gains traction with her quest when tragedy strikes. A Cultural Studies Approach to the Study of Religion in Secondary Education  
Liveright

Faith Adventures is a book of essays and scripture studies centered around the allusive idea of faith. It is full of real-life stories meant to encourage your courage, dwindle your fear, and cultivate your faith in a faithful God. Local missions, foreign mission, adoption, social anxiety, spiritual growth, loss, friendship, and leadership are just some of the topics covered in this inspiring book. Faith Adventures reminds us that childlike faith isn't shallow. So

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let this book spur  
you into a  
deeper faith,  
that remains  
simple and  
pure. This eBook  
also includes a  
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Adventures  
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end.' Through both her experiences and Scriptures, Jennifer reassures us that: 'He is there in the deep end with us.' She shows us that it is precisely in the moments we choose to face our humanity - our anxiety, hurt and fear - leaning into the arms of our mighty God to hold, soothe and protect us, that our greatest faith adventures are birthed. Let Jennifer inspire, challenge and encourage you to step into the exciting Faith Adventures

awaiting you. Pick up a copy of her book or gift it to someone you would love to bless this Christmas. You won't be disappointed." - Anna Smit, Christian blogger sharing her journey into God's love at [www.joyofthespiritwithin.wordpress.com](http://www.joyofthespiritwithin.wordpress.com)  
[How to Start Your Own Religion](#)  
Springer  
This book is a meditation on facing fear, heartbreak, and mortality. In his own irreverent and

inimitable style, Daniele Bolelli tells the story of his courtship and marriage, which would have been a sweet story had not all hell broken loose. Or as he puts it, " Hell was a ninja who entered my house without being seen. It all began in such an unremarkable way that it barely registered as anything meaningful. Little did I know that the experiences of the next five



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months would rip me apart and kill me. They would re-forged me into a different man. On that day, I became an unwilling traveler on a journey through the heart of fear. Every step along the way has forced me to face my fears time and time again.” It is the story of a man who in rapid succession has his wife die in his arms, loses his house and his job, and is left to care for

his 19-month old daughter. Oddly enough, the best tools for coping with all of this were those he learned in more than two decades of martial arts practice. Not Afraid tackles this extremely heavy subject matter in a light-hearted style and with an attitude that acknowledges pain and suffering but denies them dominion over one’s life. Create Your Own Religion AuthorHouse

The story of religion in America is one of unparalleled diversity and protection of the religious rights of individuals. But that story is a muddled one. This new and expanded edition of a classroom favorite tells a jolting history—illuminated by historical texts, pictures, songs, cartoons, letters, and even t-shirts—of how our society has been and continues to be replete with religious intolerance. It powerfully reveals the narrow gap between intolerance and violence in America. The

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second edition contains a new chapter on Islamophobia and adds fresh material on the Christian persecution complex, white supremacy and other race-related issues, sexuality, and the role played by social media. John Corrigan and Lynn S. Neal's overarching narrative weaves together a rich, compelling array of textual and visual materials. Arranged thematically, each chapter provides a broad historical background, and each document or cluster of related documents is entwined in context as a

discussion of the issues unfolds. The need for this book has only increased in the midst of today's raging conflicts about immigration, terrorism, race, religious freedom, and patriotism. A Simple Plan for Understanding the Bible Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Richard Swinburne presents a new edition of the final volume of his acclaimed trilogy on philosophical theology. Faith and Reason is a self-standing examination of

the implications for religious faith of Swinburne's famous arguments about the coherence of theism and the existence of God. By practising a particular religion, a person seeks to achieve some or all of three goals - that he worships and obeys God, gains salvation for himself, and helps others to attain their salvation. But not all religions commend worship, and different religions have different

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conceptions of salvation. Faced with these differences, Richard Swinburne argues that we should practice that religion which has the best goals and is more probably true than the creeds of other religions. He proposes criteria by which to determine the probabilities of different religious creeds, and he argues that, while requiring total commitment, faith does not demand fully convinced belief. While maintaining the same structure and conclusions as the original classic, this second edition has been substantially rewritten, both in order to relate its ideas more closely to those of classical theologians and philosophers and to respond to more recent views. In particular he discusses, and ultimately rejects, the view of Alvin Plantinga that the 'warrant' of a belief depends on the process which produced it, and John Hick's contention that all religions offer valid paths to salvation.