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charles taylor s monumental book a secular age has been extensively discussed criticized and worked on this volume by contrast explores ways of working with taylor s book especially its potentials and limits for individual research projects due to its wide reception it has initiated a truly interdisciplinary object of study with essays drawn from various research fields this volume fosters substantial conversation across disciplines

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churches often realize they need to change but if they re not careful the way they change can hurt more than help in this culmination of his well received ministry in a secular age trilogy leading practical theologian andrew root offers a new paradigm for understanding the congregation in contemporary ministry he articulates why congregations feel pressured by the speed of change in modern life and encourages an approach that doesn t fall into the negative traps of our secular age living in late modernity means our lives are constantly

accelerated and calls for change in the church often support this call to speed up root asserts that the recent push toward innovation in churches has led to an acceleration of congregational life that strips the sacred out of time many congregations are simply unable to keep up which leads to burnout and depression when things move too fast we feel alienated from life and the voice of a living god the congregation in a secular age calls congregations to reimagine what change is and how to live into this future helping them move from relevance to resonance

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the loss or disaffiliation of young adults is a much discussed topic in churches today many faith formation programs focus on keeping the young believing the youthful spirit will save the church but do these programs have more to do with an obsession with youthfulness than with helping young people encounter the living god questioning the search for new or improved faith formation programs leading practical theologian andrew root offers an alternative take on the issue of youth drifting away from the church and articulates how faith can be formed in our secular age he offers a theology of faith constructed from a rich cultural conversation providing a deeper understanding of the phenomena of the nones and moralistic therapeutic deism root helps readers understand why forming faith is so hard in our context and shows

that what we have lost is not the ability to keep people connected to our churches but an imagination for how and where god could be present in their lives he considers what faith is and what steps we can take to move into it exploring a pauline concept of faith as encounter with divine action

how not to be secular is what jamie smith calls your hitchhiker s guide to the present it is both a reading guide to charles taylor s monumental work a secular age and philosophical guidance on how we might learn to live in our times taylor s landmark book a secular age 2007 provides a monumental incisive analysis of what it means to live in the post christian present a pluralist world of competing beliefs and growing unbelief jamie smith s book is a compact field guide to taylor s insightful study of the secular making that very significant but daunting work accessible to a wide array of readers even more though smith s how not to be secular is a practical philosophical guidebook a kind of how to manual on how to live in our secular age it ultimately offers us an adventure in self understanding and maps out a way to get our bearings in today s secular culture no matter who we are whether believers or skeptics devout or doubting self assured or puzzled and confused this is a book for any thinking person to chew on

in faith formation in a secular age the first book in his ministry in a secular age trilogy andrew root offered an alternative take on the issue of youth drifting away from the church and articulated how faith can be formed in our secular age in the pastor in a secular age root explores how this secular age has impacted the identity and practice of the pastor obscuring his or her core vocation to call and assist others into the experience of ministry using examples of pastors throughout history from augustine and jonathan edwards to martin luther king jr and nadia bolz weber root shows how pastors have both perpetuated and responded to our secular age root turns to old testament texts and to the theology of robert jenson to explain how pastors can regain the important role of attending to people s experiences of divine action offering a new vision for pastoral ministry today

we are currently living in what has been dubbed a secular age religious affiliation has gone down leading to a phenomenon in the west known as the rise of the nones at the same time from the time of the gospels the church understands herself to be charged by jesus christ with the obligation to make disciples of all nations mt 28 19 recent popes have likewise affirmed that we are obliged to go out and propose faith in jesus to the world beginning with john paul

ii a new evangelization has been proposed where the church evangelizes and makes disciples in places where christian belief once was common but has now waned this work seeks first of all to advance the project of the new evangelization evangelization cannot happen in a vacuum however and we must be mindful of what people find credible just as jesus did not berate thomas for his doubt but rather gave thomas what he needed for belief so too the church cannot merely berate the modern world for unbelief but give it what it needs for belief thus it is necessary that we first ask what people need to believe in general in the first chapter drawing heavily from charles taylor s work a secular age we will get a feel for the conditions of belief in the contemporary world and then flesh out our notions by drawing upon various sociological and historical studies of current unbelief especially cristal manning s book losing our religion in the second chapter we once again begin with taylor focusing on the excarnate trend in knowing where starting in the enlightenment our senses feelings and experiences were obstacles to knowing we will then contrast this with the approach of 19th century british thinker john henry newman whose work grammar of assent sought to push back against these excarnating trends especially in the concept of the illative sense that he developed in the book finally we will explore how newman s personalism his grasp of the dignity of the whole person can be seen in how he proposes christianity for belief to others newman prioritizes reality over ideas and so will stress biblical images saints sacraments liturgy and history all as a way of gaining an image of the person of jesus from these images and experiences had by the whole person we may propose christianity in a credible manner and the church may continue to be faithful to her mandate from jesus to introduce him to all peoples

we live in a secular age or so we have been told nevertheless the christian church strongly believes that we still experience and in fact are surrounded by acts of transcendence encounters with god that often defy imagination and explanation and yet we do try to explain such phenomena whether theologically experientially biblically historically philosophically literarily or even or especially artistically these two volumes are more than just papers from a major conference on secularism and the pursuit of transcendence held at mcmaster divinity college in hamilton ontario they contain genuine attempts by people deeply engaged with their secular surroundings to explain what we mean by transcendence transcendence has been a longstanding topic among the best thinkers of this and previous ages and the same is true for these volumes which include contributions by charles taylor robert wuthnow merold westphal and christina gschwandtner but also by a wide range of others who address the

question from divergent vantage points the responses vary as much as the orientations of those involved in the pursuit of defining not only what it means to live in our secular age but to be involved in the pursuit of transcendence or even to perceive the transcendent s pursuit of us

offers a philosophical appraisal of secularization in light of re emergence of religion in the past several decades this book explores the adequacy of classical theories of secularization as well as what might be offered in their place it asks the question to what extent philosophy itself has nourished and inspired these kinds of prophecies

in reimagining zen in a secular age andré van der braak offers an account of the exciting but also problematic encounter between enchanted japanese zen buddhism and secular western modernity over the past century using charles taylor s magnum opus a secular age as an interpretative lens as the tenuous compromises of various forms of zen modernism are breaking down today new imaginings of zen are urgently needed that go beyond both a romantic mystical zen and a secular mindfulness zen as a zen scholar practitioner andré van der braak shows that the zen philosophy of the 13th century zen master dōgen offers much resources for new hermeneutical embodied non instrumental and communal approaches to contemporary zen theory and practice in the west

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