

Faith In A Secular Age

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researched and often fascinating social and intellectual history jack miles los angeles times a secular age is a work of stupendous breadth and erudition john patrick diggins new york times book review a culminating dispatch from the philosophical frontlines it is at once encyclopedic and incisive a sweeping overview that is no less analytically rigorous for its breadth steven hayward cleveland plain dealer a thumping great volume stuart jeffries the guardian very occasionally there appears a book destined to endure a secular age is such a book edward skidelsky daily telegraph it is refreshing to read an inquiry into the condition of religion that is exploratory in its approach john gray harper s a secular age represents a singular achievement christopher j insole times literary supplement a determinedly brilliant new book london review of books

what does it mean to say that we live in a secular age this apparently simple question opens into the massive provocative and complex a secular age where charles taylor positions secularism as a defining feature of the modern world not the mere absence of religion and casts light on the experience of transcendence that scientistic explanations of the world tend to neglect in varieties of secularism in a secular age a prominent and varied group of scholars chart the conversations in which a secular age intervenes and address wider questions of secularism and secularity the distinguished contributors include robert bellah josé casanova nilüfer g le william e connolly wendy brown simon during colin jager jon butler jonathan sheehan akeel bilgrami john milbank and saba mahmood varieties of secularism in a secular age succeeds in conveying to readers the complexity of secularism while serving as an invaluable guide to a landmark book

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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this book compares secularity in societies not shaped by western christianity particularly in asia the middle east and north africa

this is a sparkling collection of essays by one of britain s best known and acute commentators of the church scene and of contemporary religious life martyn percy explores new liberalism the churches and human rights in the european union football and religion pilgrimage demonology common spirituality religious attitudes to nudity and the relationship between religion and advertising the argument running throughout this book is that despite claims and the appearance of increasing secularity the influence of religious themes and values on our everyday life remains pervasive

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

the taylor effect presents an original and diverse collection of essays addressing charles taylorâ tm s magisterial a secular age ranging from close and critical readings of taylorâ tm s formulations and suppositions to comparative studies of taylor and various â interlocutorsâ tm to applied approaches utilizing taylorâ tm s concepts to explorations launched from a taylorian foundation the 13 chapters comprise a multifaceted exploration of taylorâ tm s multifaceted achievement given the vast synoptic sweep of taylorâ tm s magnum opus the contributors represent a suitably diverse range of interests backgrounds and expertiseâ members of departments of philosophy literature philosophical theology systematic theology moral theology education and political science whose interests stretch from plato to girard phronesis to pedagogy deism to dogmatics medical ethics to aesthetics accordingly the taylor effect is not only one of the first major responses to a secular age the astonishing breadth as well as the quality of contributions will ensure that it remains a central reference point in any future discussion of taylorâ tm s work

in the course of a long and distinguished academic and civic career the canadian philosopher charles taylor has been for articulate atheists and learned believers alike an incisive insightful gracious and challenging conversation partner on issues that arise at the intersection and interaction of religion society and culture grace and freedom in a secular age offers a concise exposition of key ideas contingency otherness freedom vulnerability and mutuality that inform

his probing analyses of the dynamics of religious belief and religious denial in the pervasive contemporary culture he calls a a secular age within which religious belief and practice have for many become just an option those ideas provide the basis from which rossi argues that despite a clear eyed recognition of the deep fractures of meaning and the pervasive fragmentation of once stable societal connections that a secular age has brought in its wake taylor also sees and affirms strong grounds for hope in a healing of our broken and fractured world and for the possibilities and the importance of active human participation in that healing taylor points to signs indicative of potent re compositions and renewals taking place in religious belief and practice from its interaction with the dynamics of secular culture particularly ones that make possible radical enactments of deeper human solidarity and mutuality of which the one most often potent is the reconciliation of enemies in pointing out these signs taylor suggests a richly expansive reading of the christian doctrine of creation as it marks the radical contingency of all that is upon a freely bestowed divine self giving creation is the ongoing enactment of the divine hospitality of the triune god

religion is often viewed as a universally ancient element of the human inheritance but in the western himalayas the community of himachal pradesh discovered its religion only after india became an independent secular state based on extensive ethnographic and archival work becoming religious in a secular age tells the story of this discovery and how it transformed a community s relations to its past and to its members as well as to those outside the community and as mark elmore demonstrates himachali religion offers a unique opportunity to reimagine relations between religion and secularity elmore shows that modern secularity is not so much the eradication of religion as the very condition for its development showing us that to become a modern ethical subject is to become religious this book creatively augments our understanding of both religion and modernity

although historians have suggested for some time that we move away from the assumption of a necessary clash between science and religion the conflict narrative persists in contemporary discourse but why and how do we really know what people actually think about evolutionary science let alone the many and varied ways in which it might relate to individual belief in this multidisciplinary volume experts in history and philosophy of science oral history sociology of religion social psychology and science communication and public engagement look beyond two warring systems of thought they consider a far more complex multifaceted and distinctly more interesting picture of how differing groups along a spectrum of worldviews including atheistic

agnostic and faith groups relate to and form the ongoing narrative of a necessary clash between evolution and faith by ascribing agency to the public from the nineteenth century to the present and across Canada and the United Kingdom this volume offers a much more nuanced analysis of people's perceptions about the relationship between evolutionary science religion and personal belief one that better elucidates the complexities not only of that relationship but of actual lived experience

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

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