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Reflections on Faith and
Public Life Wm. B.
Eerdmans Publishing
In *A Secular Age*, Charles
Taylor, faced with
contemporary challenges
to belief, issues a call for
“new and unprecedented
itineraries” that might be
capable of leading
seekers to encounter God.

In *Spiritual Exercises for a
Secular Age*, Ryan G.
Duns demonstrates that
William Desmond’s
philosophy has the
resources to offer a
compelling response to
Taylor. To show how,
Duns makes use of the
work of Pierre Hadot. In
Hadot’s view, the point of
philosophy is “not to
inform but to form”—that
is, not to provide abstract
answers to abstruse
questions but rather to

form the human being
such that she can
approach reality as such
in a new way. Drawing on
Hadot, Duns frames
Desmond’s metaphysical
thought as a form of
spiritual exercise. So
framed, Duns argues,
Desmond’s metaphysics
attunes its readers to
perceive disclosure of the
divine in the everyday.
Approached in this way,
studying Desmond’s
metaphysics can

transform how readers behold reality itself by attuning them to discern the presence of God, who can be sought, and disclosed through, all things in the world. *Spiritual Exercises for a Secular Age* offers a readable and engaging introduction to the thought of Charles Taylor and William Desmond, and demonstrates how practicing metaphysics can be understood as a form of spiritual exercise that renews in its practitioners an attentiveness to God in all

things. As a unique contribution at the crossroads of theology and philosophy, it will appeal to readers in continental philosophy, theology, and religious studies broadly.

Charles Taylor's Vision of Modernity University of Notre Dame Press
 In *Reimagining Zen in a Secular Age* André van der Braak uses Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age* to describe the encounter between Japanese Zen Buddhism and Western modernity. He proposes how Dōgen's thought

offers resources for a reimagining of Zen. *Belief in a Secular Age* Harvard University Press
 What is the character of secularism in countries that were not pervaded by Christianity, such as China, India, and the nations of the Middle East? To what extent is the secular an imposition of colonial rule? How does secularism comport with local religious cultures in Africa, and how does it work with local forms of power and governance in Latin America? Has modern secularism

evolved organically, or is it even necessary, and has it always meant progress? A vital extension of Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*, in which he exhaustively chronicled the emergence of secularism in Latin Christendom, this anthology applies Taylor's findings to secularism's global migration. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im, Rajeev Bhargava, Akeel Bilgrami, Souleymane Bachir Diagne, Sudipta Kaviraj, Claudio Lomnitz, Alfred Stepan, Charles Taylor,

and Peter van der Veer each explore the transformation of Western secularism beyond Europe, and the collection closes with Taylor's response to each essay. What began as a modern reaction to—as well as a stubborn extension of—Latin Christendom has become a complex export shaped by the world's religious and political systems. Brilliantly alternating between intellectual and methodological approaches, this volume fosters a greater

engagement with the phenomenon across disciplines. Cambridge University Press
It is increasingly clear that histories of secularization are not simply dispassionate descriptions of the decline of religious belief and practice in the West. Rather, such narratives often seek to celebrate secularization, promote some version of it, lament it, or otherwise oppose it in favour of a programme of desecularization or resacralization. The aim of

this book is to identify some of the major genres of the history of secularization and to explore their historical contexts, normative commitments, and tendential purposes. The contributors to the volume offer different perspectives on these questions, not least because a number of them are themselves participants in the cultural-political programs described above. The primary purpose of this book, however, is the identification of such

programs rather than their promotion. Overall, the collection seeks to bring analytical clarity to ongoing debates about secularization and help explain the co-existence of apparently conflicting stories about the origins of Western modernity. This book was originally published as a special issue of the *Intellectual History Review* journal. *Disruptive Witness* Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing
 In *Believing Again* Roger Lundin brilliantly explores the cultural consequences of the rather sudden

nineteenth-century emergence of unbelief as a widespread social and intellectual option in the English-speaking world. / Lundin's narrative focuses on key poets and novelists from the past two centuries Dostoevsky, Dickinson, Melville, Auden, and more showing how they portray the modern mind and heart balancing between belief and unbelief. Lundin engages these literary luminaries through chapters on a series of vital subjects, from history and interpretation to

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[The Pastor in a Secular Age \(Ministry in a Secular Age Book #2\)](#) Orbis Books
From *Sources of the Self to A Secular Age*, Charles Taylor has shown how we create ways of being, as

individuals and as a society. Here, he demonstrates that language is at the center of this generative process. Language does not merely describe; it constitutes meaning, and the shared practice of speech shapes human experience.

Jesuit Post Columbia University Press
The place of religion within a secular society has been much discussed in recent years, fueled in part by Charles Taylor's *Secular Age* (2007). The conversation surrounding

Taylor's work suggests a widespread interest in religion in secular or post-secular contexts. Even as scholars have become increasingly interested in emerging and novel forms of religion, prophecy has continued to be depicted in traditional forms employed to further partisan agendas. In place of secularity as religious declension and culture clash, this volume explores prophetic works in a variety of forms, including satire, tragedy, the novel, Native American tradition,

science fiction, the Bible, and higher education itself. Together the contributors demonstrate that there is much to learn from both religious and secular prophecy. The book is inspired by the idea that prophetic works are a promising subject area for a diverse audience in both higher education and the church. The volume's contributors demonstrate as much in that they work in a wide range of disciplines, including religious studies, biblical studies, theology, American studies,

literature, philosophy, and political theory.

The Ethics of Authenticity

Harvard University Press
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 it is so hard for congregations to

change 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. This book calls congregations to reimagine what change is and how to live into this future, helping them move from relevance to resonance.

An Introduction

University of Chicago Press

NATIONAL BESTSELLER •
WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE • A searing, post-apocalyptic novel about a father and son's fight to survive, this "tale of survival and the miracle

of goodness only adds to McCarthy's stature as a living master. It's gripping, frightening and, ultimately, beautiful" (San Francisco Chronicle). A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to

defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other. The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness,

desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation. *Narratives of Secularization* Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Handbook of Electrical Installation Practice covers all key aspects of industrial, commercial and domestic installations and draws on the expertise of a wide range of industrial experts. Chapters are devoted to topics such as wiring cables, mains and submains cables and distribution in buildings, as well as power supplies,

transformers, switchgear, and electricity on construction sites. Standards and codes of practice, as well as safety, are also included. Since the Third Edition was published, there have been many developments in technology and standards. The revolution in electronic microtechnology has made it possible to introduce more complex technologies in protective equipment and control systems, and these have been addressed in the new edition.

Developments in lighting design continue, and extra-low voltage luminaries for display and feature illumination are now dealt with, as is the important subject of security lighting. All chapters have been amended to take account of revisions to British and other standards, following the trend to harmonised European and international standards, and they also take account of the latest edition of the Wiring Regulations. This new edition will provide an

invaluable reference for consulting engineers, electrical contractors and factory plant engineers. How (Not) to Be Secular Cambridge Scholars Pub
ÒWhat does it mean to say that we live in a secular age?Ó 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

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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. [The Triumph of the Therapeutic](#) Wipf and Stock Publishers Jocelyn Maclure and Charles Taylor provide a clearly reasoned, articulate account of the two main principles of secularism—equal respect, and freedom of

conscience—and argue that in our religiously diverse, politically interconnected world, secularism, properly understood, may offer the only path to religious and philosophical freedom.

Ten Years of Reading and Applying Charles Taylor

A SECULAR AGE
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 incarnate 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 incarnating 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. [Charles Taylor's Marianist Award Lecture, with Responses by William M. Shea, Rosemary Luling Haughton, George](#)

[Marsden, and Jean Bethke Elshtain](#) Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG
This volume presents an integrated collection of constructive essays by eminent Catholic scholars addressing the new challenges and opportunities facing religious believers under shifting conditions of secularity and "post-secularity." Using an innovative "keywords" approach, *At the Limits of the Secular* is an interdisciplinary effort to think through the implications of secular

consciousness for the role of religion in public affairs. The book responds in some ways to Charles Taylor's magnum opus, *A Secular Age*, although it also stands on its own. It features an original essay by David Tracy -- the most prominent American Catholic theologian writing today -- and groundbreaking contributions by influential younger theologians such as Peter Casarella, William Cavanaugh, and Vincent Miller. CONTRIBUTORS William A. Barbieri Jr.

Peter Casarella William T. Cavanaugh Michele Dillon Mary Doak Anthony J. Godzieba Slavica Jakelic J. Paul Martin Vincent J. Miller Philip J. Rossi Robert J. Schreiter David Tracy The Taylor Effect Baker Academic
In this extensive inquiry into the sources of modern selfhood, Charles Taylor demonstrates just how rich and precious those resources are. The modern turn to subjectivity, with its attendant rejection of an objective order of reason, has led—it seems to

many—to mere subjectivism at the mildest and to sheer nihilism at the worst. Many critics believe that the modern order has no moral backbone and has proved corrosive to all that might foster human good. Taylor rejects this view. He argues that, properly understood, our modern notion of the self provides a framework that more than compensates for the abandonment of substantive notions of rationality. The major insight of *Sources of the Self* is that modern

subjectivity, in all its epistemological, aesthetic, and political ramifications, has its roots in ideas of human good. After first arguing that contemporary philosophers have ignored how self and good connect, the author defines the modern identity by describing its genesis. His effort to uncover and map our moral sources leads to novel interpretations of most of the figures and movements in the modern tradition. Taylor shows that the modern turn

inward is not disastrous but is in fact the result of our long efforts to define and reach the good. At the heart of this definition he finds what he calls the affirmation of ordinary life, a value which has decisively if not completely replaced an older conception of reason as connected to a hierarchy based on birth and wealth. In telling the story of a revolution whose proponents have been Augustine, Montaigne, Luther, and a host of others, Taylor's goal is in part to make

sure we do not lose sight of their goal and endanger all that has been achieved. Sources of the Self provides a decisive defense of the modern order and a sharp rebuff to its critics.

Faith Formation in a Secular Age Duke

University Press

What should Christian witness look like in our contemporary society? In this timely book, Alan Noble looks at our cultural moment, characterized by technological distraction and the growth of secularism, laying out

individual, ecclesial, and cultural practices that disrupt our society's deep-rooted assumptions and point beyond them to the transcendent grace and beauty of Jesus.

Responding to a

Secular Age Harvard University Press

DIVAAn accounting of the varying forms of social imaginary that have underpinned the rise of Western modernity./div
Ministry to People Who No Longer Need a God John Wiley & Sons

"Philip Rieff has become out most learned and

provocative critic of psychoanalytic thinking and of the compelling mind and character of its first proponent. Rieff's *Freud: The Mind of the Moral*ist remains the sharpest exegesis yet to be done on the moral and intellectual implications of Freud's work. It was a critical masterpiece, worthy of the man who inspired it; and it is now followed by a work that suffers not at all in comparison. No review can do justice to the richness of *The Triumph* of the

Therapeutic."—Robert Coles, *New York Times Book Review* "A triumphantly successful exploration of certain key themes in cultural life. Rieff's incidental remarks are not only illuminating in themselves; they suggest whole new areas of inquiry."—Alasdair MacIntyre, *Guardian*
Aesthetic Ecclesiology Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG
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Charles Taylor, John

Henry Newman, and the New Evangelization

Harvard University Press
A major and comprehensive study of the philosophy of Hegel, his place in the history of ideas, and his continuing relevance and importance. Professor Taylor relates Hegel to the earlier history of philosophy and, more particularly, to the central intellectual and spiritual issues of his own time. He engages with Hegel sympathetically, on Hegel's own terms and, as the the subject demands,

in detail. We are made to grasp the interconnections of the system without being

overwhelmed or overawed by its technicality. We are

shown its importance and its limitations, and are enabled to stand back from it.

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