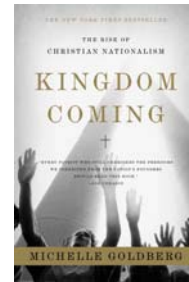




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In **KINGDOM COMING: The Rise of Christian Nationalism** [W.W. Norton & Company; April 9, 2007; \$14.95 paper], Michelle Goldberg reports on the cultural revolution sweeping this country: that of Christian Nationalism, a movement towards a nation governed by a

literal interpretation of the Bible, and one that poses an imminent threat to democracy. Believing that America's founders intended to create a Christian piety, Christian Nationalists denounce the demonic influences of humanism and intellectualism that sent a God-fearing nation dangerously off course. With national debates over the legitimacy of homosexual marriage, the fate of unborn fetuses, and the role of religion in all facets of public life, the influence of radical Christianity cannot be underestimated.

In an eye-opening journey from the heart of the South to New York City (and many states in between), Goldberg investigates the oft-neglected prominence of Christian influence throughout the nation. As the congregations of conservative churches expand to accommodate droves of the newly faithful, attendance at more moderate places of worship is on the decline. As she journeys from the mega-church to the offices of faith-healers, to the boardroom of a public school in Pennsylvania, Michelle Goldberg examines, from the ground up, the debates dividing America: from the maelstrom surrounding homosexuality, to debates over scientific education in public schools, it is increasingly apparent that we are no longer one nation, united under God.

Goldberg carefully examines the Christian Nationalist strategy to harness the hearts and minds of America's youth—in and out of the classroom. She brings us into a school board dominated by creationists, and illustrates the threat posed by the Seattle based Center for Science and Culture, which spearheaded the intelligent design movement. She introduces us to the rampant faith-based initiative movement, and carefully delineates the immediate transfer of money and power between faith-based movements and the White House. Goldberg addresses not only this current struggle for religious dominion, but also imagines the possible ramifications of a truly Christian Nation—limitations of personal freedoms and the marginalization of non-believers. *Kingdom Coming* sounds a warning cry to Americans interested in preserving the founding liberties of this nation, and offers counsel on just how we can affect change under the current paradigm.

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