

Sacred Revolution: The Great Awakening

Introduction

A seismic shift is underway within the American church. Committed Christians are exiting the established church in droves, seeking a more authentic and meaningful spiritual experience. This mass exodus, often referred to as the "sacred revolution," is not simply a matter of people abandoning their faith. Rather, it is a symptom of a deep-seated hunger for something more—a hunger for a faith that is relevant, transformative, and grounded in the real world.

In this groundbreaking book, Pasquale De Marco explores the causes and consequences of the sacred revolution, providing insights and guidance for both those who are questioning their current faith

community and those who are seeking to create more vibrant and inclusive churches. Drawing on years of research and personal experience, Pasquale De Marco argues that the sacred revolution is not a threat to the church but an opportunity for renewal.

By embracing the challenges and opportunities presented by this revolution, we can create a more just and equitable world, one that is rooted in love and compassion. The sacred revolution is not a passing fad; it is a movement that is here to stay. It is a movement that is transforming the way we think about faith, community, and the world around us.

This book is an invitation to join the sacred revolution. It is an invitation to question the status quo, to explore new possibilities, and to create a world that is more in line with our values. The sacred revolution is a call to action, a call to create a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world. It is a call to build a world where everyone belongs, a world where everyone is valued,

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In this book, you will learn:

- The causes and consequences of the sacred revolution
- How to navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by the sacred revolution
- How to create more vibrant and inclusive churches
- How to live out your faith in a changing world

Sacred Revolution: The Great Awakening is essential reading for anyone who is interested in the future of the church. It is a book that will inspire you to think differently about faith, community, and the world around you.

Chapter 1: The Call to Awaken

1. Recognizing the Signs of Spiritual Stagnation

Have you ever felt like you're going through the motions in your faith? Like you're just going through the same old routine, without any real sense of passion or purpose? If so, you may be experiencing spiritual stagnation.

Spiritual stagnation is a state of being stuck in a rut spiritually. It can manifest in a number of ways, such as:

- A lack of interest in spiritual things
- A feeling of boredom or apathy during worship or prayer
- A sense of disconnection from God
- A lack of desire to grow spiritually

- A tendency to rely on old habits and routines, rather than seeking new experiences with God

If you're experiencing any of these signs, it may be time to take a step back and assess your spiritual life. Are you really growing in your faith? Are you connecting with God in a meaningful way? Or are you just going through the motions?

If you're honest with yourself, you may realize that you've been neglecting your spiritual life. Maybe you've been too busy with work, family, or other commitments. Or maybe you've just lost your passion for faith.

Whatever the reason, spiritual stagnation is a serious problem. It can lead to a loss of faith, a lack of purpose, and a general sense of dissatisfaction with life.

But the good news is that spiritual stagnation is not a permanent condition. It is possible to break out of a

spiritual rut and reignite your passion for faith. Here are a few tips:

- **Spend time with God every day.** This doesn't have to be a long, formal prayer session. Just take a few minutes each day to read the Bible, pray, or simply reflect on your relationship with God.
- **Get involved in a faith community.** Find a church or other group of believers where you can connect with others and grow in your faith.
- **Serve others.** One of the best ways to reignite your passion for faith is to help others. Volunteer your time, donate to a charity, or simply do something nice for someone in need.
- **Challenge yourself spiritually.** Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone and try new things in your faith. Take a class, read a challenging book, or go on a mission trip.

Breaking out of spiritual stagnation takes time and effort, but it is worth it. When you reignite your passion for faith, you will experience a renewed sense of purpose, joy, and peace.

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2. Breaking Free from Comfort and Complacency

Comfort and complacency are the enemies of spiritual growth. They lull us into a false sense of security, convincing us that we are content with our current state and that there is no need for change. But true contentment comes not from settling for the status quo, but from embracing the challenges and opportunities that life has to offer.

To break free from comfort and complacency, we must first recognize the signs that we are stuck in a rut. Perhaps we have stopped growing in our faith, or we have lost our passion for serving others. Maybe we have become too comfortable with our routines and have stopped taking risks.

Once we recognize the signs of comfort and complacency, we can take steps to break free. One way

to do this is to step outside of our comfort zones. This could mean trying something new, such as volunteering for a cause we care about or taking a class on a topic we've always been interested in.

Another way to break free from comfort and complacency is to surround ourselves with people who will challenge us and encourage us to grow. This could be a friend, family member, mentor, or spiritual leader. Having people in our lives who believe in us and support our dreams can help us to stay motivated and to keep moving forward.

Breaking free from comfort and complacency is not always easy, but it is essential for spiritual growth. When we step outside of our comfort zones and embrace the challenges and opportunities that life has to offer, we open ourselves up to new possibilities and a deeper relationship with God.

This extract presents the opening three sections of the first chapter.

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Chapter 10: The Sacred Revolution

5. Living Out the Gospel in a Changing Landscape

The world is changing rapidly, and the church must change with it. The old ways of doing things are no longer effective. We need to find new ways to reach people with the gospel and to live out our faith in a way that is relevant to the 21st century.

One of the biggest challenges facing the church today is the rise of secularism. More and more people are rejecting religion, and they are looking for meaning and purpose in other places. This is a challenge, but it is also an opportunity. The church needs to find ways to engage with secular people and to show them that the gospel is still relevant to their lives.

Another challenge facing the church is the increasing diversity of our world. People from all over the globe are coming to America, and they are bringing their

own cultures and traditions with them. The church needs to find ways to welcome and embrace people from all backgrounds. We need to create churches that are truly inclusive, where everyone feels valued and respected.

The church also needs to find ways to address the social and economic problems that are facing our world. Poverty, hunger, and homelessness are all serious problems that the church needs to address. We need to find ways to help people in need and to work for justice and equality.

Living out the gospel in a changing landscape is not easy, but it is essential. The church needs to find ways to adapt to the changing world while still remaining faithful to its core mission. We need to find ways to reach people with the gospel and to make a difference in the world.

The sacred revolution is a call to action. It is a call to the church to wake up and to change. It is a call to the

church to become more relevant, more inclusive, and more engaged with the world. The sacred revolution is a call to the church to live out the gospel in a changing landscape.

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