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SECULAR RELIGIONS THE KEY CONCEPTS PROVIDES A CONCISE GUIDE TO THOSE IDEOLOGIES WORLDVIEWS AND SOCIAL POLITICAL ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL PHENOMENA THAT ARE MOST OFTEN DESCRIBED AS THE MODERN COUNTERPARTS OF TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY OTHER TERMS IN USE QUASI PSEUDO ERSATZ POLITICAL CIVIL ETC IT IS SECULAR RELIGION THAT BEST EXPRESSES THE PROBLEMATIC NATURE OF ALL SUCH DESCRIPTIONS WHICH MAINTAIN THAT MODERN BELIEF SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES ARE SECULAR ON THE ONE HAND AND RELIGIOUS ON THE OTHER TODAY THE TOPIC IS AS POPULAR AS EVER AND SECULAR RELIGIONS ARE DISCOVERED FAR AND WIDE HENCE A CRITICAL SUMMARY IS URGENTLY NECESSARY THE JUXTAPOSED TITLE IS ITSELF AN EXPRESSION OF IRONIC DISTANCE THE BOOK EMPHASIZES INHERENT TENSIONS OF RELEVANT LITERATURE IN A CRITICAL AND INFORMATIVE FASHION THE AUTHOR PROVIDES OVER 100 ENTRIES FROM ABORTION TO WOKENESS AS WELL AS A DETAILED INTRODUCTION WHICH GIVES AN OVERVIEW OF THE DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF RELIGION AND SECULAR RELIGION AS WELL AS THE HISTORY OF SECULAR RELIGIOUS COMPARISONS THE MAIN TEXT RECONSTRUCTS THE ARGUMENT OF SEVERAL KEY WORKS ON EACH GIVEN TOPIC WHILE LISTS OF SOURCES FOR FURTHER READING ARE PROVIDED AT THE END OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY POLITICAL THEOLOGY THE HISTORY OF IDEOLOGIES AND CULTURAL STUDIES

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THE OBJECT OF ACADEMIC SCRUTINY THIS BOOK PROVIDES A CRITICAL HISTORY OF THE FAILURE OF 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS
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APPROPRIATE APPROACH TO THE STUDY OF RELIGIOUS PHENOMENA

OVER THE PAST THIRTY YEARS MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT THE CRITICAL THEORY OF SOCIETY THAT WAS PRODUCED BY A SMALL GROUP OF LEFT WING HEGELIANS IN THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH IN FRANKFURT AM MAIN GERMANY AND IN THE UNITED STATES THIS BOOK SEEKS TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CRITICAL THEORY OF SOCIETY AND RELIGION AS IT OFFERS A CORRECTIVE TO THE ONE SIDED POSITIVISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN SOCIAL SCIENCES AS WELL AS TO THE INCREASING SOCIAL IRRELEVANCY OF THE CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN CHURCH MAX HORKHEIMER S CRITICAL THEORY OF RELIGION IS A CONTENT ANALYSIS OF THE CRITICAL THEORY OF RELIGION OF MAX HORKHEIMER WHICH WAS DEVELOPED THROUGHOUT ALMOST ALL OF HIS WRITINGS AND LATER INTERVIEWS FROM 1926 TO 1973 THE YEAR OF HIS DEATH

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