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Book Basics *God is Alive and Well* offers an unusually optimistic appraisal of the future of American religion based primarily on Gallup interview data from recent years.

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2: Today on The Cycle: Future of Religion in America | MSNBC

In God Is Alive and Well, Newport provides a new evidence-based perspective on Americans' religious beliefs and practices, while offering heady, controversial predictions about religion's future.

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God is alive and well! He wants to pour out His glory and build His house, placing Christ at the Head of His household where He belongs. The current, rhythm, and flow of God are not of this world, yet we often try to make them fit into our paradigms.

It is not easy for a visiting foreigner to take a heavy diet of American politics these days without feeling compelled to choose between what the US media says about President Donald Trump and what Trump says about his critics. I am not disposed to making that choice, so it was quite a relief for me to be invited to a conference on human trafficking at the UN, and talk to some old friends on the never-ending global fight for the family and human life. He is one of four Filipino nuncios in different parts of the world. The Santa Marta Group The conference was in honor of the Santa Marta Group, which Pope Francis organized in to promote a strong collaboration between the Church and the law enforcement agencies in combating human trafficking, which Archbishop Auza described as the most terrible scourge in the world. Santa Marta refers to the new papal residence, which Pope Francis decided to use in place of the historic papal apartments, where previous popes until Pope Benedict XVI lived. My wife and I and friends at the international pro-life and pro-family movement worked closely with Martino during the Cairo international conference on population and development in and the Beijing conference on women in , when he became the Vatican spokesman on all relevant questions. Martino introduced us to the work of the Path to Peace Foundation. Cory Aquino was an awardee Since its creation, the award has gone to important world dignitaries, including women leaders. In , my wife and I were visiting New York, and the nuncio at the time, Archbishop Francis Chullikatt, who had been previously posted in Manila, invited us to the gala dinner. This gave us a chance to meet the Queen of Spain. Cardinal Nichols My itinerary did not allow me to attend the gala dinner for the Group at the Pierre Hotel on Wednesday evening. But I had the opportunity to listen to an excellent address by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster in the UK, and president of the Group, who spoke of the exemplary collaboration that has been achieved between the Catholic Church and the police organizations. This was not easy to do, but both sides saw the need to achieve what seemed impossible at first, for the sake of no less than 40 million victims. There were doubts in the beginning that the Catholic Church and the police organizations could work together, said Nichols; but with sufficient goodwill on both sides, they were able to build trust not only between the two institutions, but above all between the police authorities and the victims. It is not unusual for human trafficking victims to be distrustful of everybody else and to fear that the police would see them as perpetrators rather than as victims of crime. The partnership is apparently being tried in many other countries, presumably including the Philippines. But as highly encouraging as the work on human trafficking may have been, so much more obviously needs to be done in the area of prevention, apprehension, prosecution and punishment of offenders. Has the time come perhaps to put the crime of human trafficking under international law in the same category as genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and aggression? Learning from Santa Marta At the same time, we should be able to learn from the Santa Marta experience. These are consistently under attack from the most powerful forces. Most of my friends are devoted Catholics but are terribly dismayed that certain quotations attributed to the Pope tend to make them feel more orthodox than the Vatican. One of them said it was becoming more difficult to function as a Catholic trying to push the Catholic viewpoint among nonbelievers. God is alive and well The latest one quoted to me was a statement attributed to the Pope by an alleged Chilean survivor of clerical sex abuse. You have to be happy with who you are. God made you this way and loves you this way, and the pope loves you this way. If despite our most sincere efforts, we remain with our worst defects, then we place ourself and all our defects at the mercy of God. Have mercy on me, a sinner. But it can never be right for me to tell God, this is what I am, this is how you made me, even though God made only two sexes, and I and I alone have decided to belong to a self-created sex.

God Is Alive and Well has 17 ratings and 5 reviews. Kristin said: I wasn't sure I was going to make it through the first couple chapters of this book. It.

The Future of Religion in America. His book is based on more than a million interviews over the past four years showing how baby boomers are more likely to become religious as they age; even though they may not believe in the institution of religion. Despite the widespread belief about the demise of religion in America, Frank Newport finds religion is as powerful and influential as ever. Be sure to tune in at 3: George Gallup decided to ask Americans back on the home front a simple five-word question: Gallup liked his questions short and to the point. This simple question, at a very basic level, picked up on the fundamentals of religious potential in this country. Fast forward to a very different world that has gone through decades of change. Although wars are still being fought, there is nothing like the conflagration that was World War II. The world is much more sophisticated, technologically advanced, skeptical. Books are published with names like *God Is Not Great*: Certainly, the percentage of Americans who believe in God would be lower now, right? This is down only slightly from the s, when Gallup first asked this question. Despite the many changes that have rippled through American society over the past several decades, belief in God, at least as measured in this direct way, has remained high and relatively stable. In , Gallup used a slightly different question, asking: That percentage stayed fairly steady through Defiant atheism among ordinary Americans is minimal despite a few doubts about exactly what form God may take. Now let me share some other indications that religion continues to matter and remains an important part of American society. One of these indicators is attendance at religious services. Gallup has in one way or another asked Americans about their church attendance since the s, way back to the Great Depression. Church attendance peaked in the s, when self-reported church attendance was higher than it had been before and higher than it has been since. But self-reported church attendance today is actually not much lower than it has been at most other points in Chapter I 11 time, including during the Great Depression. In fact, a Gallup survey showed that about the same percentage of Americans reported attending religious services then as is the case today. Overall, this is fairly indicative of a religious nation. The number of Americans who say religion is very important in their daily lives dropped substantially between , when Gallup first asked this question, and the late s. From that point on, there have been some ups and downs, but they have not been dramatic. Importance of religion actually increased slightly at points over the last several decades from its low point in the late s. More recently, it has nudged down. There is no indication that there has been a continuous drop in the personal aspect of religion in recent years. When we put it all together, we get the image of a basically religious American population whose underlying religiousness has not changed a lot in recent decades. There seems to have been a religious upswing of sorts in the s and into the early s but a general period of stability in the decades since. Studying human behavior, as I do, is often humbling. I am humbled here to point out that we do have one measure of religion that has shown change over time: Imagine that your phone rings and it is a Gallup interviewer. During the interview, which of course you graciously consent to do, the interviewer asks you: If you go back to the s, by contrast, nearly everybody responded to the question with a religious identity. Chapter I 13 Those who have no religious identity have been heavily scrutinized in recent years. This is partially because social scientists like change, and this change is a highly reliable finding it can be replicated repeatedly. What does this mean? You might think the reason for the rise in the nones is pretty straightforward: Americans are simply less religious now than they were in previous decades. So we have to pause before making the assumption that the rise in the nones is a clear-cut indicator of a decrease in religiousness. Remember that a higher percentage of Americans say they believe in God than say they have a religious identity. This means by definition that there is a gap some people who believe in God do not have a religious identity. Not all non-identifiers are atheists or anti-religionists. Not all those who are unaffiliated lack spiritual beliefs or religious behaviors; in fact, roughly four-in-ten unaffiliated individuals say religion is at least somewhat important in their lives. Among both those who were raised Catholic and Protestant who are now unaffiliated, for example, roughly one-in-three say they

just have not found the right religion yet. Remember what we are dealing with here: In other words, a verbal report of an aspect of themselves. In this case, religion. What if I asked you to name your ethnic background? Like most people, you probably have different strains of nationality. I have British and French ancestors. When asked, I have to choose which of these, or both, I want to claim as my ancestry. In the same way, you have to choose how you want to portray yourself when asked about your religion. One of two reasons: Second, it could reflect a change in how Americans choose to label their religious identity and nothing at all about how religious they are underneath it all. In other words, a change in how people report on their personal religiousness.

5: God Is Alive and Well: The Future of Religion in America by Frank Newport

God is Alive and Well in America by David Masci and Gregory A. Smith Forty years ago this month, Time magazine published one of its most famous and controversial covers.

Amen Some time ago I saw a picture of an old burned-out mountain shack. All that remained was the chimney. In front of this destroyed home stood an old grandfather-looking man dressed only in his underclothes with a small boy clutching a pair of patched overalls. It was evident that the child was crying. Beneath the picture were the words which the artist felt the old man was speaking to the boy. They were simple words, yet they presented a profound theology and philosophy of life. God is alive and well in this world. God through His son, Jesus Christ is alive and well in this world. Jesus was baptized as a sign of his beginning ministry in the world. A ministry that continues to this day. Our baptism is a sign of our ministry, our role in the church of Christ. Baptism is not an insurance policy to heaven, but baptism is our boarding pass to a lifetime with Jesus. Our journey through life with Jesus needs the encouragement, the strength, the lasting power of a faithful presence in and with the community of believers. In a certain village in Europe several centuries ago, a nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. He decided to build a church for a legacy. The completed plans for the church were kept secret. Following many comments of praise, an astute observer inquired "But where are the lamps? How will the church be lighted? The good news of God through Christ, God is no respecter of persons. The following illustrates that point. He was met by one of the smartly-dressed ushers who immediately ushered him to a back pew so that his unkept appearance and foul odor would not upset the decorum of the church. Another first time visitor stood in the foyer. He was neatly groomed and made a striking appearance in his dark pinned striped suit. One of the ushers strode proudly down the aisle with him and seated him in the front of the church. Following the service, the president or the congregation invited the man to dinner at his home. As they were seated around the table, the food was passed. The visitor helped himself to the delicious looking potatoes placing them on his plate. But then he did a strange thing, he scooped the potatoes into his suit coat pocket. The family watched as he proceeded to do the same with the carrots and the meat. Unable to keep silent any longer the father asked, "Why are you pouring the food into your coat pocket?"

6: God is alive and doing well.

God's grace is alive and well in this world. God through His son, Jesus Christ is alive and well in this world. For all those who are living in burnt out shacks, God ain't dead, he is alive and well.

It blows with intent and purpose. His ways become our ways when we subordinate our control to His. His ways will always be higher than ours, yet He chooses to reveal and share them by His Spirit. I know this from personal experience and no one can take my experiences away from me. God likes to visit His people in ways where He is felt and experienced through the five senses. He wants to overpower us. He wants the weight of His glory to rest upon us and transform us. There are fake preachers, fake politicians, and liars everywhere, yet even with the lack of authenticity all around us, truth is still alive and well. God is alive and well! The current, rhythm, and flow of God are not of this world, yet we often try to make them fit into our paradigms. Some think He is always loud. Some think He is always prophesying. Some think He is always quiet and gentle. Again, God is alive and well! He is expressive, dynamic, and always appropriate for the situation. He always does the right thing at the right time, yet we have to trust Him and yield to the move of His Spirit. Sometimes He moves in radical and dramatic ways. Sometimes He moves in very subtle ways. Sometimes He moves in the midst of complete silence. His wind is blowing on purpose for a purpose, yet we must yield. My prayer is this: God, take away every preconceived idea about who You are. Increase my faith to truly believe in you in all ways at all times. I want revival to begin in me. I want to be radical for you and not ashamed. Take away self-interest, self-importance, and self-centeredness. Holy Spirit show me how to surrender like Jesus did to the Father. In Your amazing name.

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I had my own darkroom and loved everything about the hobby. Once my addiction progressed, I neglected photography like I did everything else. Fast forward to 10 years ago. My mother had just passed away from a very sudden illness and I went into a brief funk. That camera changed my life. From day one, I was hooked! I began to notice that a preternatural calm would take over my body, even on the drive there. My breathing would get slower and my mind clearer. It all became part of my total experience. With 24 years clean, I started viewing Nature as my higher power. So now it brings me to why I wrote this piece. About 5 years ago, I was driving down Snake Road in the Everglades. This road abuts the Miccosukee Indian village and is comprised mostly of farmland. Then I spotted it. There was a giant spiderweb across the fence. Every crosshatch in the web had a tiny drop of dew on it. In the drop was a perfectly clear image of the sun coming up. I started clicking away and the shots were incredibly beautiful! Then, out of nowhere, a male great blue heron, in bright mating plumage, hopped up on a tree stump perfectly framed with the glowing spider web. It was an awesome image! I grabbed a couple of shots, but the heron flew away. I was disappointed, but it came right back and in its mouth was a large juvenile black banded water snake! So now, picture this! I have a gorgeous sunrise, captured in the spiderweb. Off to the left and perfectly framed is this colorful great blue heron with an equally colorful snake in his mouth! I took a couple of shots with my flash and everything came together perfectly! I should tell you at this point that all of these friends are better photographers than I. No false modesty, just a fact! Anyway, these guys all shot with very expensive, high-quality cameras. All of them owned Canons or Nikons and they were very opinionated as to which made the better camera. My wife bought me a Sony camera. I never really researched it. My photographer buddies never missed an opportunity to make fun of my Sony. It was good natured, all in fun, and yet deep down a resentment was forming. I got the definitive Everglades shot. It had everything in it, beauty, color, and action. I had my laptop with me so I pulled off to the side of the road and downloaded the files from my storage card and headed towards the deli for lunch with my friends. After the download, I deleted the images from the card and put the card back in my camera. When I got to the restaurant, I went to edit the pictures and at that moment I got a message: There was nothing there. I was so upset that I sat in my car in the parking lot and I felt like crying. What came to me at that point was life changing. I reflected on my mission at that lunch, to rub my fantastic photo in their faces. I was filled with ego, false pride, and resentments. It was a brief sharing of the moment. Anyway, that day, I told my friends at lunch what had happened. Their response was amazing. They had better equipment, but I was still getting some amazing shots. Some of them were even considering switching to a Sony! I got the settings perfectly and even captured the shadow of the snake on the body of the bird. What a moment, what a shot! My first thought, though, this time. Thanks for letting me share. About MrClean I got into photography at the age of 13. By 13 I had my own darkroom set up in a shed behind my house. I was really into it until I got so caught up in drugs that I could barely focus and I often sold my camera equipment for drugs. Fast forward to when I had 24 years clean and my mother had just died. I found that I had a real affinity for photographing nature. One of my specialties is Macro photography close ups which has truly opened my eyes to the little things in life! I find that my time in Nature helps me get in touch with my higher power.

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And by him we cry, "Abba, Father. The Psalmist tells us: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. We realize that as each day goes by and the years go by, we find a few more aches and pains in our lives. We might not feel so well everyday of our life. We might worry and fret about the world situation, and the list goes on. But the Lord reminds us that, yes, we may not always feel the best every day; and yet, we still are believers who have the Spirit of God alive in us. Because of that, our spiritual life, our faith, is alive and well. Listen to what Jesus tells us in John: The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you" JOHN The Father tells us that the Spirit of God is alive and well in each one of us, in every believer. Ever all around us, the world does fret and people are so concerned about themselves, and they can not think about anything else except worry. They lose the joy of living. First of all, the Apostle Paul reminded these believers that their Savior Jesus Christ had come back to life with the power of the Holy Spirit. If they would think about that, they would realize this is a great power. Paul goes on to say that same great power that was able to raise Jesus to life, even though He was dead, even though He had been crucified, is the power that lives in them. It is a power that is able to change their lives, which is able to make them find joy in living. Even though we know they could have complained because they faced tremendous persecution. Now that they considered what God had done for them, Paul continues: Paul says we look at how we have come to faith, that it is a gift of God. Remember that power God used to raise Jesus back to life? It is the same power that is in the gift of faith. Paul says that believers now owe God something, but not living in any sinful way, that leads to nothing. Paul says that power of God had changed their lives. They no longer had to walk mindlessly down the path of destruction, but instead they could put to death the misdeeds of the body. They could resist sin. They could resist the devil, and they would discover life.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND WELL, IN YOU. Romans March 28, - LENT 5. ROMANS 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

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