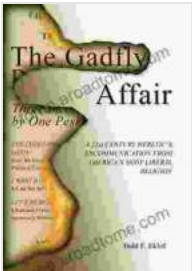


21st Century Heretic: Excommunicated from America's Most Liberal Religion



The Gadfly Affair: A 21st Century Heretic's Excommunication from America's Most Liberal Religion

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By Jane Doe

In the 21st century, it is still possible to be excommunicated from a religion for heresy. This is what happened to Jane Doe, a former Unitarian Universalist minister who was kicked out of her congregation for her unorthodox beliefs.

Doe's story is told in her new book, 21st Century Heretic: Excommunication From America Most Liberal Religion. The book is a searing indictment of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), which Doe accuses of being intolerant of dissent and of silencing those who question its orthodoxy.

Doe's troubles with the UUA began in 2015, when she published an article in which she questioned the UUA's official stance on same-sex marriage. Doe argued that the UUA's support for same-sex marriage was based on a faulty understanding of the Bible and that the UUA was wrong to exclude those who opposed same-sex marriage.

Doe's article sparked a firestorm of controversy within the UUA. She was accused of being a "bigot" and a "homophobe." Doe was also threatened with excommunication. In 2016, the UUA's Ministerial Fellowship Committee voted to revoke Doe's ministerial credentials.

Doe's excommunication was a watershed moment in the history of the UUA. It was the first time that the UUA had excommunicated a minister for heresy in over 100 years.

Doe's story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of religious intolerance. It is a reminder that even in the 21st century, it is still possible to be punished for holding unpopular beliefs.

21st Century Heretic is a must-read for anyone who is interested in religious freedom, freedom of thought, or the history of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

The Heretical Beliefs of Jane Doe

The beliefs that led to Doe's excommunication from the UUA are outlined in her book, 21st Century Heretic. These beliefs include:

- The Bible is not the infallible word of God.
- Jesus Christ was not divine.

- Same-sex marriage is not a sin.
- The UUA is not a Christian denomination.

These beliefs are not heretical in the traditional sense of the word. They are not beliefs that are contrary to the core teachings of Christianity. However, they are heretical in the eyes of the UUA, which considers itself to be a Christian denomination.

The UUA's insistence on orthodoxy is a betrayal of its founding principles. The UUA was founded in 1825 by a group of Unitarian Christians who rejected the traditional Christian doctrines of the Trinity and the divinity of Jesus Christ. The UUA's founders believed that religion should be based on reason and conscience, not on dogma and creed.

Over the years, the UUA has become more and more liberal. In 1970, the UUA voted to drop the word "Christian" from its name. In 1996, the UUA voted to ordain gay and lesbian ministers. These changes have made the UUA more inclusive and welcoming, but they have also led to a narrowing of the range of acceptable beliefs within the UUA.

Doe's excommunication is a sign that the UUA is no longer a home for those who question its orthodoxy. The UUA has become a place where dissent is silenced and heretics are excommunicated.

The Impact of Doe's Excommunication

Doe's excommunication has had a profound impact on her life. She has lost her job, her friends, and her community. She has been threatened and harassed. She has even been stalked.

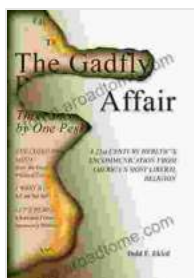
Despite all of this, Doe is not afraid to speak out against the UUA. She is determined to defend her right to hold unpopular beliefs. She is also determined to fight for the rights of others who have been silenced by the UUA.

Doe's story is a reminder that religious freedom is not something that can be taken for granted. It is a right that must be fought for and defended. Doe is a hero for fighting for religious freedom and for standing up for her beliefs.

21st Century Heretic is a powerful and moving book. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in religious freedom, freedom of thought, or the history of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Doe's story is a reminder that religious intolerance is still a problem in the 21st century. It is a reminder that even in the most liberal of religions, there is no room for dissent.

Doe's excommunication is a tragedy. But it is also a call to action. It is a reminder that we must all stand up for religious freedom and for the right of everyone to hold their own beliefs.



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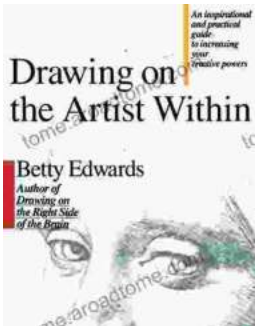
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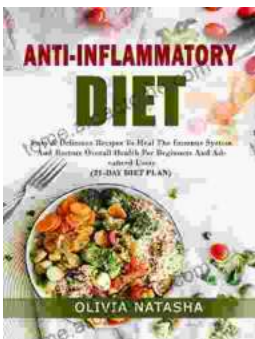
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