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Religion of Fear: The True Story of the Church of God of the Union Assembly

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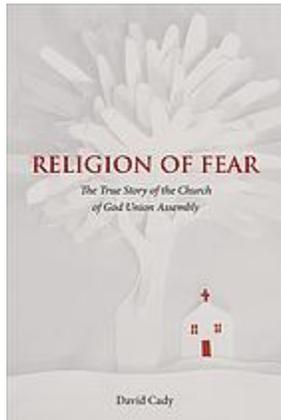
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Coastal Carolina Plant Profiles shares two hundred fifteen plants of the Carolina waterside. Each profile provides common names, scientific names, geographic range, habitat, growth habitat, time of flowers and fruits, status of wetland, origin, description of species, value of ecology and wildlife, usage by people, and geographic region usefulness. Illustrations consist of five diagrams, four maps, and approximately one hundred sixty four excellent quality color photographs of Carolina waterfront plant life. Reference Resources comprise fifty-six books, thirty six scientific journal articles, twenty-three other documents, and thirty-four annotated internet resources. Two hundred sixty terms and their definitions compose the glossary. The recommendation for audience is individuals and researchers interested in plants and especially plants on the seaside of North Carolina and South Carolina. This text on Carolina coastal region plant life is recommended for academic and public libraries.

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Religion of Fear: The True Story of the Church of God of the Union Assembly. David Cady. The University of Tennessee Press, 2019. ISBN 978-1-6219-0508-0l. 282 p.



David Cady’s *Religion of Fear: The True Story of the Church of God of the Union Assembly* shows an author’s ability as a fascinating story teller. “At times it reads like a novel, full of intrigue and suspense. Yet it is not a novel. Neither is it the work of a historian nor that of a psychologist...” (Foreword).

“Religion of Fear helps the reader to understand how a Pentecostal sect, the Church of God of the Union Assembly, evolved into one of the largest and wealthiest cults in America.” (Back Book Cover)

Through hundreds of interviews, Cady reveals that members were expected to demonstrate a sense of loyalty and belief in the people who led the church. Some examples of expectations: 1) contribute huge amounts of their personal income, 2) make a pledge not to seek medical help even in death circumstances for themselves,

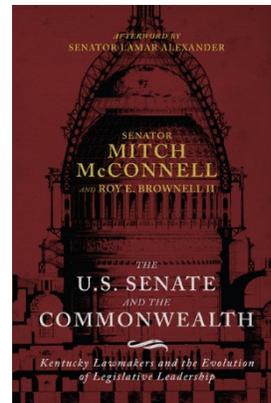
loved ones and children, 3) submit daughters or wives to a “training closet” if they violated church rules, 4) work long and hard hours of farm labor with no pay, 5) mortgage their homes and lands and give money they received to the church. Additionally anyone who left the church was to be shunned by those who remained in the church.

Cady established through the interviews the story of how the Union Assembly grew to fifty-four churches across nineteen states, spanned almost 100 years and 3 generations of family leadership (Back Cover).

Cady’s conversations reveal bizarre behaviors of church leaders when examined in the light of freedoms and rights church members enjoy in 2019. This book is recommended for theological libraries, public libraries, academic libraries and historical societies. There is a list of black and white illustrations, Notes, a Bibliography, an Index and a Prologue – all of which will be helpful for further research.

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The U.S. Senate and the Commonwealth: Kentucky Lawmakers and the Evolution of Legislative Leadership. Senator Mitch McConnell and Roy E. Brownell II. Lexington: The University Press of Kentucky, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-8131-7745-8 (hardcover); ISBN: 978-0-8131-7746-5 (pdf); ISBN: 978-0-7747-2 (epub), 415 p. \$40.00 hardcover.



U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky has been, to say the least, a controversial figure starting with his stated hope to make Barack Obama a “one-term President.” While that particular objective proved elusive, McConnell has been very successful serving as Senate Majority Leader in obstructing much of President Obama’s agenda, ensuring the rapid and somewhat controversial confirmation of (so far) two conservative U.S. Supreme Court justices during the administration of President Donald Trump along with a larger number of conservative justices in lower-level federal courts, and rapidly pushing through the major tax cuts of 2017. Along with a wily and somewhat ruthless approach to running the Senate, McConnell’s success can also be attributed to his truly in-depth understanding of