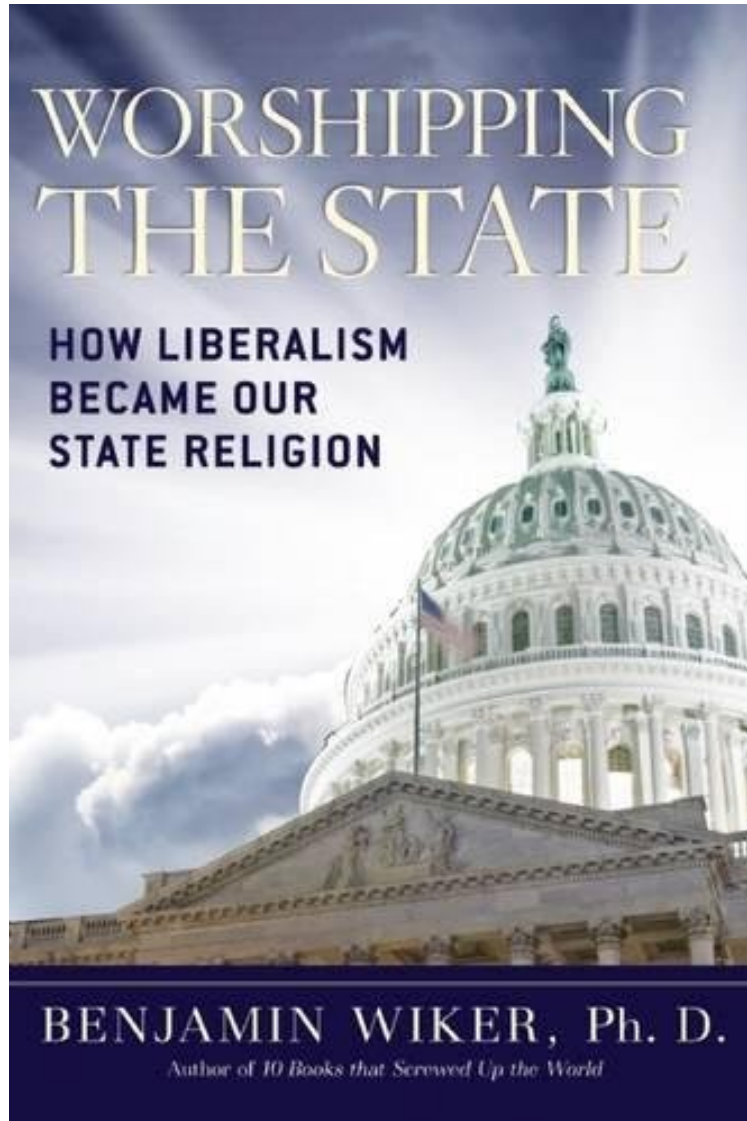


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From the Author "Christianity is being deliberately pushed out of our culture--so that secular liberalism can be established in its place. I use the term 'establish' quite deliberately. One religion is being actively disestablished, while another is being (in fact, largely has been) established in its place. Liberalism is more than a political persuasion. It's a religion with its own doctrines about cosmology and morality. I am aware that this is a controversial claim; it will take the bulk of this book to prove it." From the Back Cover Praise for *Worshipping the State* "This wide-ranging and clearly-written account of the intellectual background of recent efforts to drive Christianity from public life makes clear the depth of the problem. Wiker's account covers figures from Machiavelli through Spinoza, Locke, Jefferson, and the founders of today's education system, and emphasizes the ways in which influential anti-Christian thinkers who may seem very different from each other agree on basic issues. It is a sobering call for the transformation of political and academic life that should be taken seriously by anyone alarmed by the current plunge into the soft totalitarianism of radical secularism." James Kalb, author of *The Tyranny of Liberalism: Understanding and Overcoming Administered Freedom, Inquisitorial Tolerance, and Equality by Command* "Ben Wiker's book is a no-holds-barred assault on liberalism, as the established (secularist) religion of our times. Current discussions of American public philosophy have to confront these fundamental questions: Has liberalism taken an unfortunate turn - one that was not inevitable - and can it be rehabilitated? Or was it rotten at its core, from the start, and therefore irredeemable? This book lays out, with power and passion, one way of answering those questions, and deserves to be part of that discussion." Christopher Wolfe, Ph.D., Emeritus Professor of Political Science at Marquette University, Co-director of the Thomas International Center, and author of *Natural Law Liberalism* (Cambridge) "Benjamin Wiker's book is the most forthright and unblinking analysis yet published of the ubiquitous assault on religion in American society. Not only every religious believer but every believer in religious liberty should read it." James Hitchcock, Professor of History, St. Louis University and author of *What is Secular Humanism?*, *The Recovery of the Sacred*, and *The Supreme Court and Religion in American Life*. About the Author Benjamin Wiker is, first of all, a husband and a father of seven children. He graduated from Furman University with a B.A. in Political Philosophy. He has an M.A. in Religion and a Ph.D. in Theological Ethics, both from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Wiker taught full time for thirteen years, first at Marquette University, then St. Mary's University (MN), Thomas Aquinas College (CA), and finally Franciscan University (OH). During these many years, he offered a wide variety of courses in philosophy, theology, history, the history and philosophy of science, the history of ethics, the Great Books, Latin, and even mathematics. He is now a full-time writer and speaker, with eleven books published, including *Worshipping the State: How Liberalism Became Our State Religion*. His website is benjaminwiker.com