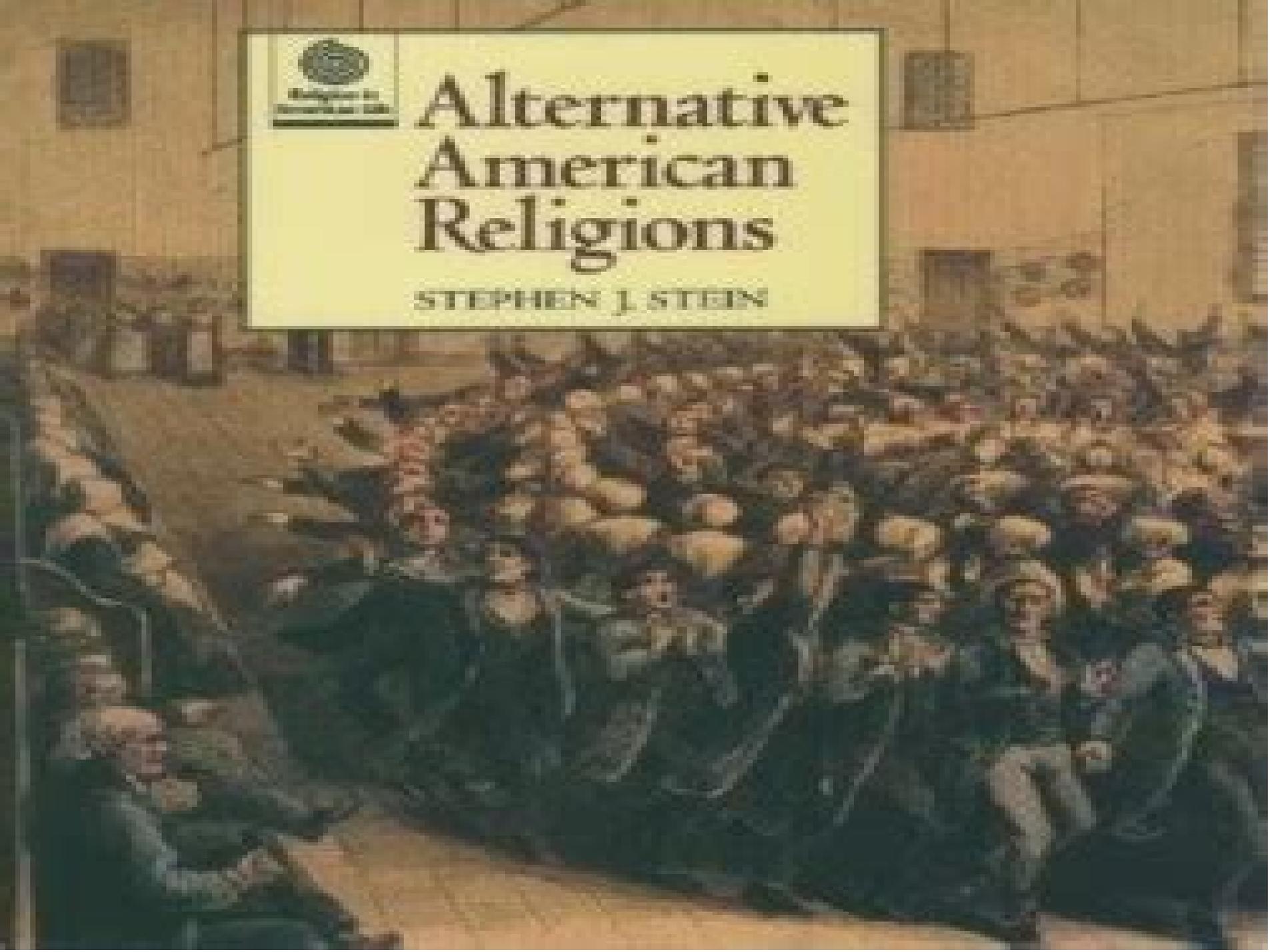


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**Alternative American Religions** Stephen J. Stein, 2000 Through their role in the development of the First Amendment and their exercise of the freedoms it grants alternative religious groups have had a profound influence on American history As Stephen J Stein points out in this vivid overview the history of alternative religion from colonial Puritans to late 20th century Branch Davidians runs parallel to that of dissent in America Committed to fairness of representation Stein describes the evolution and structure of alternative religious movements from both sides the critics and the religious dissenters themselves He investigates obscure groups such as the 19th century Vermont Pilgrims who wore bearskins and refused to bathe or cut their hair alongside better known alternative believers including colonial America s largest outsider faith the Quakers 17th and 18th century Mennonites Amish and Shakers and the Christian Scientists Jehovah s Witnesses Black Muslims and Scientologists of today The book also covers the milestones in the history of alternative American religions from the infamous Salem witch trials and mass suicide murder at Jonestown to the positive ways in which these religions have affected racial relations and the empowerment of women Religion in American Life explores the evolution character and dynamics of organized religion in America from 1500 to the present day Written by distinguished religious historians these books weave together the varying stories that compose the religious fabric of the United States from Puritanism to alternative religious practices Primary source material coupled with handsome illustrations and lucid text make these books essential in any exploration of America s diverse nature Each book includes a chronology suggestions for further reading and index

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general Women have entered the clergy in record numbers and the push for allowing women and gays to enter the clergy in religions that limit or prohibit their roles is on the increase In addition gay couples are leading the same sex marriage movement and other social issues such as abortion stem cell research end of life care etc are still being debated Interest over how people actually live out their religion or spirituality has mushroomed in recent decades thanks in part to the information revolution and popular culture What folks do when they gather together to worship and where they come together has changed dramatically with the advent of the Internet and the role of sports in American life So much has changed and faith in America has become more important than ever as part of our culture our way of life and the way we relate to each other and the world around us The essays found in these pages shed light on our understanding of these transformations and help us comprehend the enormous role of religion in our society and in our world

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In a world inundated with screens and the cacophony of quick conversation, the profound energy and mental resonance of verbal artistry often disappear in to obscurity, eclipsed by the constant barrage of noise and distractions. However, situated within the lyrical pages of **Alternative American Religions**, a interesting work of literary beauty that pulses with natural emotions, lies an unforgettable journey waiting to be embarked upon. Composed by way of a virtuoso wordsmith, this exciting opus manuals visitors on an emotional odyssey, lightly exposing the latent possible and profound affect stuck within the complicated internet of language. Within the heart-wrenching expanse of the evocative evaluation, we shall embark upon an introspective exploration of the book is key themes, dissect its interesting publishing design, and immerse ourselves in the indelible impact it leaves upon the depths of readers souls.

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