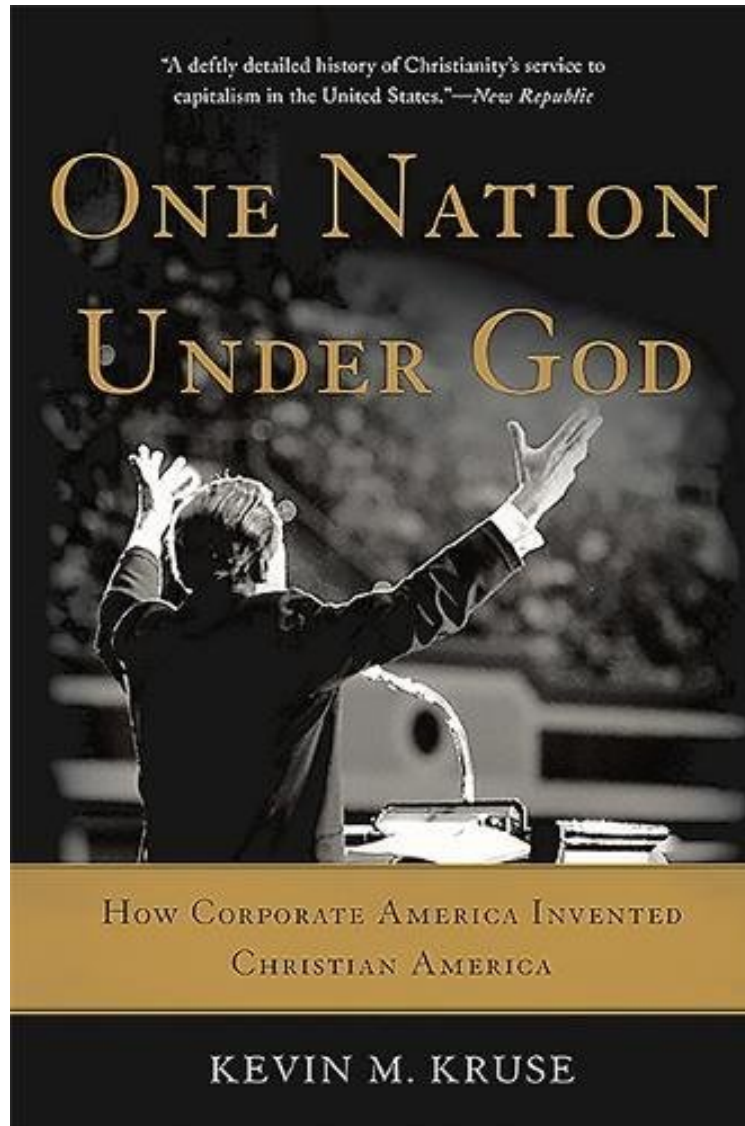


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thesis of this book is interesting. The only issue I have is I don't think Kruse gives room for the politicians and business people to have been acting out of genuine faith, rather than an agenda. Right, wrong, or indifferent it's plausible they made the decisions they did based upon a deep faith. If that's the case, then the shaping of American Culture could be based upon the true faith of it's leaders, and not just a political and economic agenda. Overall the book is well researched, well written, and presented with a very interesting look into the history of this countries politics. If you're interested in American history, politics, or faith then you should read this book. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. If you are interested in gaining a perspective on how right wing evangelicals have gained a foothold in the US I highly recommend it. By George M. Cochran Very informative read regarding the rise of the Religious Right in America. If you are interested in gaining a perspective on how right wing evangelicals have gained a foothold in the US I highly recommend this book. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. It answered a lot of questions for me and I highly recommend it. By Michael Jennings This book is a must read for anyone interested in/concerned about the influence of big business in our Federal government. It answered a lot of questions for me and I highly recommend it.

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Ari Kelman, author of the Bancroft Prize-winning *A Misplaced Massacre* In this brilliant and iconoclastic book, Kevin M. Kruse shows how an unholy alliance of greedy businessmen, venal clergy, and conservative politicians exploited American spirituality for partisan gain. Kruse's research is extraordinary, his prose vivid, his argument profound. *One Nation Under God* is essential reading for anyone interested in understanding contemporary culture in the United States. Lizabeth Cohen, author of *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in America, 1919-1939* Prepare yourself for a startling and important discovery: 'Christian America' is not a legacy of the nation's founders or a construct of the Cold War Era. Rather, as Kevin Kruse so powerfully shows, it was the deliberate invention of conservative corporate leaders who allied with like-minded clergymen in the 1930s to fight the antichrist they most feared: Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. Kruse convincingly argues that the rise of the religious right over the next decades grew out of these anti-liberal politics, not the other way around. 'Church and state' in America has rarely had a better historian than Kruse. *New York Times Book*