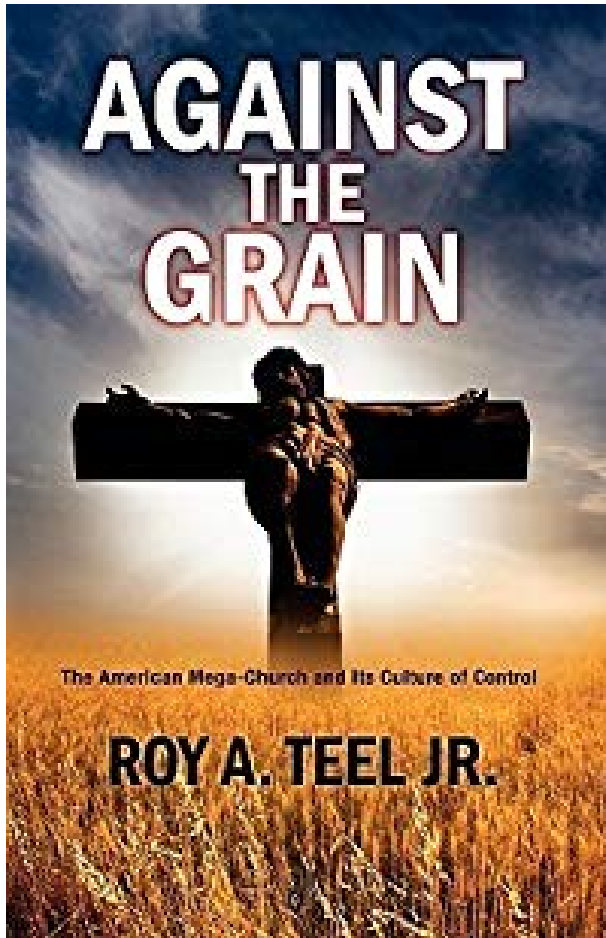


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Against the Grain How can something meant for such good go so bad? Against the Grain takes you inside the mega-church machine. It dissects the structure of these monolithic temples (claimed to be dedicated to God) and shows them for what they really are: huge mega-businesses that survive by using fear, guilt and psychological terror to control their followers. Against the Grain reveals the often unknown mission of these Goliaths of God and the dark recesses of the church, and it explores the psychology they use to manipulate and control their congregations.

This book shows the power that the church has over all aspects of American life, whether you are Christian or not. These churches and their followers shape the country and world that we live in. How? Against the Grain takes you behind the scenes and allows you to read, feel and experience the Christian mega-church step by step. In a pointed look at church aspects that no one wants to talk about, Against the Grain challenges readers to see for themselves what these churches really are, as well as the message they propagate to an oftentimes unwitting audience. It also shows readers the humanity that is affected by these churches and those who founded them, run them and control them. For decades, these churches have been influencing Americans and growing in popularity. But for the first time, Against the Grain guides readers through the paces of membership amid the charismatic influence of puppet masters who tug, stomp, guilt and cajole the hearts and

minds of America. So join me as I go against the grain of the Christian right, and show you how they go against the grain of the people they have sworn to lead-all in the name of God.