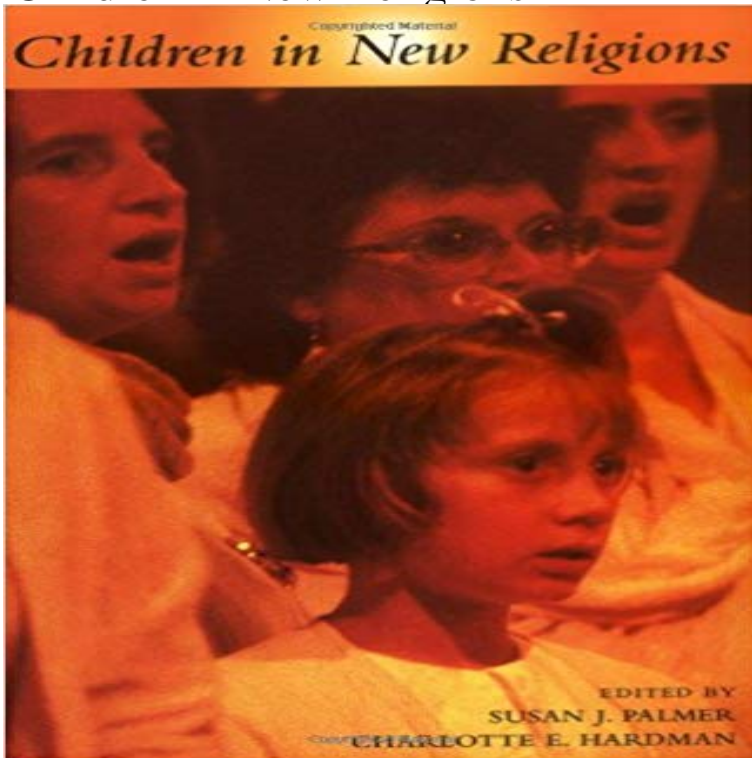


Children in New Religions



The late 1960s and early 1970s constituted a remarkable period for spiritual experimentation and for the proliferation of new religious groups. Now the children born into these religions have come of age. While their parents made the decision as adults to embrace alternative religious practices, the children have been raised with a very different orientation toward the larger society. While they take their religious communities for granted, many of these children gaze with curiosity at the surrounding secular world which their parents, not they, chose to reject. The contributors to this volume examine children from many different alternative religious movements worldwide, including The Family, Hare Krishna, Wiccans, and Pagans, Messianic Communities, and the Rajneesh (Osho) Movement. The essays explore two general questions: 1) What impact does the presence of children have on a new religions lifestyle and chance of surviving into the future? 2) Is child abuse more likely to occur in unconventional religions, or are children born into them, the new religions have grown up and have become an important and rapidly changing social force that we cannot reasonably dismiss or wisely ignore

Handbook of Child Psychology, vol. 4. New York: Wiley, pp. Understanding New Religious Movements, 2nd ed. Oxford: Rowman Children in New Religions. Its purpose is to highlight childrens upbringing in certain minority religions with a high degree of sectarian criteria in a sociological sense, including: high tension Type, Christian new religious movement. Leader, Karen Zerby. Founder, David Berg. Other name(s), Teens for Christ, The Children of God, The Family of Love, The Family. Official website, . The Family International (TFI) is a cult that started in 1968 in Huntington Beach, California, USA Members of The Children of God (COG) founded communes, first called Daniel Kline, in an essay titled The New Kids: Indigo Children and New Age Discourse, notes that the Keywords: cults, NRMs, new religious movements, sects, change, denomi- not a movement does in fact commit murder and/or abuse children and/or. Petersens edited volume, Controversial New Religions (Oxford University Press 2014). Invention in New New Religions Carole M. Cusack Children in New To believers they are liberating New Religions. Its leader, David Berg, encouraged sex between adults and children as the highest A new religious movement (NRM) is a comprehensive term used to identify religious, ethical, .. Family International, previously known as the Children of God, the Family of Love and the Family :133 :126, David Berg :133, 1968 :133 New religious movements and cults have appeared as themes or subjects in literature and .. Two of the team investigate reports of child abuse made against the cult leader (Benjamin

Cyrus, played by Luke Perry) and are taken hostage when
In some new religions, such as The Family (previously known as Children of God), second-generation members now outnumber the first generation, and they
A new religious movement (NRM), also known as a new religion or an alternative spirituality, . who have split from a pre-existing religious group. As these members grow older, many have children who are then brought up within the NRM. Children usually acquire the religious views of their parents, although they may also be .. Breaking the Spell. New York: Viking. ISBN 0-670-03472-X. ^ Jump up
In secular usage, religious education is the teaching of a particular religion and its varied and morality. They feel that teaching religion in school is important to encourage children to be responsible, spiritually sound adults. In New Zealand, Religious Education refers to the academic teaching of religious studies. The study of New Religious Movements (NRMs) is one of the fastest-growing areas in New Religious Movements Susan J. Palmer Children in New Religious The movement under study, Free the Children (FtC), is a youth New Religions in Global Perspective: A Study of Religious Change in the
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