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Annotated Bibliography

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well-known writer shows how the West has declined into moral, intellectual and spiritual darkness. A trenchant analysis.

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Guinness, Os. *The American Hour: A Time of Reckoning and the Once and Future Role of Faith*. New York: The Free Press, 1993. A profound analysis of our present "crisis of cultural authority" that offers sane and constructive solutions.

Hofstadter, Richard. *Anti-Intellectualism in American Life*. New York: Alfred Knopf, 1963. The winner of the 1964 Pulitzer Prize in nonfiction, this is one of the three or four most important studies of the American mind ever written. If you are interested in understanding American thought in particular and how our traditions have developed in present anti-intellectualism, read this book. The church has been a part of this growing anti-mind tendency, as Hofstadter shows.

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be found in out-of-print stores. Orr was a contributor to the early fundamentals long before a movement by that name became intellectually sterile and consistently reactionary in its posture.

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Postman, Neil. *How to Watch TV News*. New York: Penguin Books, 1992. If you must watch the TV, read Postman. He will tell you how to do it wisely and properly.

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