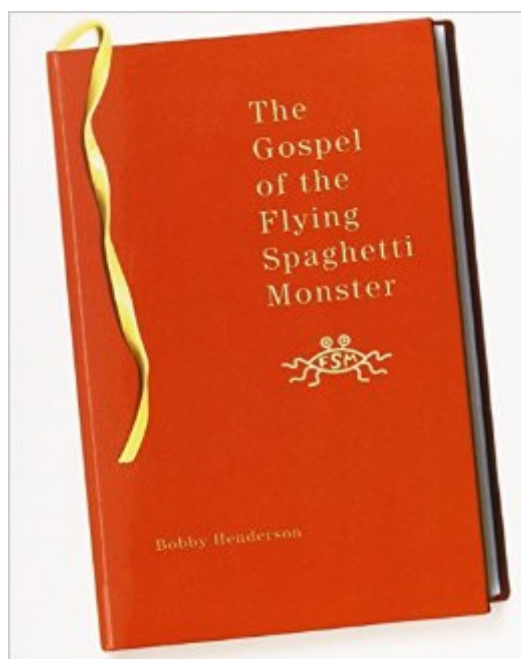


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The Gospel Of The Flying Spaghetti Monster



Synopsis

CAN I GET A RÂ RAMEN FROM THE CONGREGATION?! Behold the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM), today's fastest growing carbohydrate-based religion. According to church founder Bobby Henderson, the universe and all life within it were created by a mystical and divine being: the Flying Spaghetti Monster. What drives the FSM's devout followers, a.k.a. Pastafarians? Some say it's the assuring touch from the FSM's noodly appendage. Then there are those who love the worship service, which is conducted in pirate talk and attended by congregants in dashing buccaneer garb. Still others are drawn to the Church's flimsy moral standards, religious holidays every Friday, or the fact that Pastafarian heaven is way cooler: Does your heaven have a Stripper Factory and a Beer Volcano? Intelligent Design has finally met its match "and it has nothing to do with apes or the Olive Garden of Eden. Within these pages, Bobby Henderson outlines the true facts" dispelling such malicious myths as evolution (only a theory), science (only a lot of theories), and whether we're really descended from apes (fact: Humans share 95 percent of their DNA with chimpanzees, but they share 99.9 percent with pirates!) See what impressively credentialed top scientists have to say: "If Intelligent Design is taught in schools, equal time should be given to the FSM theory and the non-FSM theory." "Professor Douglas Shaw, Ph.D. "Do not be hypocritical. Allow equal time for other alternative theories like FSMism, which is by far the tastier choice." "J. Simon, Ph.D. "In my scientific opinion, when comparing the two theories, FSM theory seems to be more valid than classic ID theory." "Afshin Beheshti, Ph.D. Read the book and decide for yourself!

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Customer Reviews

Let me start by saying that *The Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster* is a great read in a less than stellar book. The quality of the paper and the cover are more like a grade school workbook than anything else I can compare it to. That said, reading the words as written by the Prophet, Pasta be upon his plate, Bobby Henderson is a riot! There are jokes throughout this book that are genuinely laugh-out-loud funny, like the evolution of the tail bone for fighting or the War of Aggression against pirates wages by the Harri Christnas...The book is comprised mostly of a satirical look at the ID movement and claims of the religious kooks out there. There are some rather brilliant passages that are really just ID transposed as FSMism, making one think quite often "how do they believe this crap?" There are some other aspects of the book that read more like "Genesis" than the "open letter" that The Prophet, pasta be upon his plate, is famous for. These are entertaining and serve as a solid foundation for faith in his Noodly presence. But it's the revelation of the FACTS that truly reveal the Glory and prove the existence of our Noodly Master. Oh, and BTW, DO NOT fall for the review of Mr. John Smith. He's trying to shill his book "God Speaks! The Flying Spaghetti Monster in his own Words."

The Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster is one of the funniest things I have come across in a while. Bobby Henderson, a physics grad student, has ingeniously crafted a mock religion that effectively parodies the fundamentalist aspects of western religions (especially Christianity) that mainstream Christians and non-Christians find groan-worthy. Henderson created the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, also known as Pastafarianism, in response to the recent trials over Intelligent Design and whether or not it belongs in a school's curriculum (or whether evolution has no place there). FSM claims that the world was created by a Flying Spaghetti Monster, that pirates are His chosen people, and that Earthly problems, such as global warming are a direct result of the shrinking numbers of (actual) pirates in the world (Henderson has a graph that shows there is a direct correlation between the number of pirates and average global temperatures). Using "facts" and "science", Henderson shows how evolution is wrong and that life can only have been created by the FSM, who obviously has a sense of humor due to certain things that happen in life. He also talks about how FSM heaven is so much better than Christian heaven due to the presence of a beer volcano and a stripper factory. Other great aspects are the twists on biblical stories and places (such as why the great flood occurred or the Olive Garden of Eden) as well as the 8 Commandments (or is it Condiments) or FSM, commonly known as the "8 I'd Really Rather You Didn'ts", due to the fact that each one starts off with, "I'd really rather you didn't...". Obviously, this book requires a sense of

humor to be enjoyed, because it pokes fun at religion. But if you can see this book for what it is, a great parody of some of the stranger aspects of religion, you will definitely enjoy it.

There are already over 100 reviews on this book, most of which talk about the content of it. Rather than add yet another you will likely skim over and ignore, I'm going to talk about the quality of the hard cover version of the book. Many of the reviews comment about the rather poor quality of the paperback. It gets bent, curls, falls apart, or otherwise is just not that sturdy. The hard cover on the other hand is much better. This is how the book should have been published in the first place. The cover has a smooth red finish, and all of the writing and FSM logo are stamped in gold foil onto the cover. It's about 3/4" thick and weighs less than a Kindle. In addition to all this, you are also provided with a single gold ribbon bookmark that fits nicely between the pages without creating a bulge. The only downfall of the hardcover version is its price. While you can get the Gospel in paperback for a few dollars, the hard cover version will set you back \$25-35. If you want a quick read, get the paperback, but if you want a quality version that can stand on your bookshelf next to your Bible, Qu'ran, and Bhagavad Gita, get the hard cover one.

What many of Bobby Henderson's critics seem to miss is that he's not anti-religion, he's anti-teaching-Intelligent-Design in SCIENCE classes. Strangely, he also seems to have a problem with pseudo-science, wherein correlations are accepted as evidence of causal relationships. I particularly love the people who curse him (read the site for some scary threats) and don't seem to get the meaning of the word "parody." 53% of today's Americans believe that humans were plopped down on the planet in the exact form seen today? Sheesh.....thank the beer-factored heaven that there are bright lights like Bobby to cheer us up. Some reviewers are discussing the flimsy workmanship: Nope--Villard is a legitimate company in the Random House family, definitely NOT a vanity press. Who knows why they couldn't spring for a better quality binding? No beer factory or strippers for THEM!

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