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GOD \$ GREEN

An Unholy Alliance

In *God \$ Green: An Unholy Alliance* viewers are taken on an eye-opening journey through decades of religious polarization, political propaganda, corporate deal-making, and environmental injustice based on systemic racism. It's a story often told in light of social and cultural issues. It's told less so in relation to the biggest crisis facing us today—climate change. This documentary tells the story of how potent forces came together to mount an army of climate change skeptics in the name of God, country and capitalism. 2020, USA, in English, 19 minutes, 16:9.

Featuring Anthea Butler, Richard Cizik, Darren Dochuk, Bob Inglis, Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, Joel Salatin, Katherine Stewart, and Rev. Mariama White-Hammond

Directed and Produced by Jeanine Isabel Butler and Catherine Lynn Butler

"I think that there is an unholy alliance that formed between the leaders of what passed as the Moral Majority, let's say, and some people with some very specific economic interests when it comes to climate change. When you allow your faith to be used by people with economic interests, wow, does it get corrupted pretty quickly."

—Bob Inglis

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Featured Speakers



From left to right: Richard Cizik, Anthea Butler, Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, Darren Dochuk, Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Katherine Stewart, Bob Inglis, and Joel Salatin.

Anthea Butler

Anthea Butler is Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. A sought-after commentator on the BBC, MSNBC, CNN, The History Channel and PBS, Professor Butler regularly writes opinion pieces covering religion, race, politics and popular culture for NBC Think, Religion News Service, The Washington Post, and CNN.

Her books include *Women in the Church of God in Christ: Making A Sanctified World*, published by The University of North Carolina Press. Her current projects include two books for UNC Press, *White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America*, out in March 2021, and *Reading Race: How Publishing created a lifeline for Black Baptists in Post Reconstruction America*.

Butler has also served as a consultant on PBS programs including *God in America* and the *American Experience's* documentary *Sister Aimee* on Aimee Semple McPherson. Recently she served as a consultant for two forthcoming series on PBS: *Evangelicalism and Billy Graham*, and *The Black Church in America*. A historian of African American and American religion, Professor Butler's research and writing spans African American religion and history, race, politics, Evangelicalism, gender and sexuality, media, and popular culture.

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Richard Cizik

Richard Cizik is President of the New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good. He was the Vice President for Governmental Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) and one of the most prominent Evangelical lobbyists in the United States. In his position with the NAE, Cizik's primary responsibilities were setting the organization's policy on issues and lobbying the White House, Congress, and the Supreme Court. Since 2003, Cizik has been active in a type of environmentalism known as "creation care"; his stance on global warming has drawn both support and criticism from fellow Evangelicals. He serves on the Board of Advisors of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions. In 2008, he and Nobel Prize winner Eric Chivian, as a team, were named one of the 100 most influential scientists and thinkers by *Time* magazine.

Darren Dochuk

Darren Dochuk is Andrew V. Tackes College Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame. Dochuk's research deals primarily with the United States in the long twentieth century, with emphasis on the intersections of religion, politics, and culture in national life. Dochuk has written widely on modern U.S. history. His most recent book is *Anointed With Oil: How Christianity and Crude Made Modern America* (Basic Books, 2019). He is also the author of *From Bible Belt to Sunbelt: Plain-Folk Religion, Grassroots Politics, and the Rise of Evangelical Conservatism* (Norton, 2011), winner of the Allan Nevins Prize from the Society of American Historians, John H. Dunning Prize from the American Historical Association, and Ellis Hawley Prize from the Organization of American Historians. His research has been supported by several agencies, including the American Council of Learned Societies, National Endowment for the Humanities, American Philosophical Society, Rockefeller Foundation, and the Canadian government.

Bob Inglis

Bob Inglis is the Executive Director of republicEn.org, a growing group of conservatives who care about climate change. He served in the U.S. Congress from 1993 to 1999 and again from 2005-2011, a Republican representing Greenville-Spartanburg, South Carolina. On leaving Congress Inglis went full-time into promoting free enterprise action on climate change, and in 2012 launched the Energy and Enterprise Initiative at George Mason University, now known as republicEn.org.

For his work on climate change Inglis was given the 2015 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. He appears in the film *Merchants of Doubt*, in the Showtime series *Years of Living Dangerously*, and has given TED Talks on political courage and on his metamorphosis on climate change. Inglis was a Resident Fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics in 2011, a Visiting Energy Fellow at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment in 2012, and Resident Fellow at the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics in 2014.

Featured Speakers

Rev. Kyle
Meyaard-Schaap

Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap serves as the National Organizer and Spokesperson for Young Evangelicals for Climate Action. Kyle holds an undergraduate degree in religious studies from Calvin College (B.A. '12), a Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary (M.Div. '16), and is ordained in the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). Much of his professional experience has involved the integration of theology, science, and action toward a deeper awareness of the Christian responsibility to care for God's earth and to love one's neighbors, both at home and around the world.

Kyle has been named to Midwest Energy Group's 40 Under 40 and the American Conservation Coalition's 30 Under 30 cohorts for his work on climate change education and advocacy. Most recently, he was named a Yale Public Voices on the Climate Crisis Fellow for 2020. He has been featured in national and international news outlets such as PBS, NPR, NBC News, Grist, Reuters, and U.S. News and World Report.

Joel Salatin

Joel Salatin is a self-described Christian libertarian environmentalist capitalist lunatic farmer. He co-owns, with his family, Polyface Farm in Swoope, Virginia. Featured in the *New York Times* bestseller *Omnivore's Dilemma* and award-winning documentary *Food Inc.*, the farm services more than 5,000 families, 50 restaurants, 10 retail outlets, and a farmers' market with salad bar beef, pigator pork, pastured poultry, and forestry products.

Salatin is the editor of *The Stockman Grass Farmer*, granddaddy catalyst for the grass farming movement. He writes the *Pitchfork Pulpit* column for *Mother Earth News*, as well as numerous guest articles for *ACRES USA* and other publications. A frequent guest on radio programs and podcasts targeting preppers, homesteaders, and foodies, Salatin's practical, can-do solutions tied to passionate soliloquies for sustainability offer everyone food for thought and plans for action.

Katherine Stewart

Katherine Stewart has been reporting at the intersection of religion, politics, policy, and education for over a decade. She has contributed to *The New York Times*, *American Prospect*, *Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, the *Advocate*, the *Guardian*, and *Religion Dispatches*. Her previous book, *The Good News Club: The Christian Right's Stealth Assault on America's Children* was published in 2012. She also published two novels and co-wrote a book about the musical *Rent*. She lives in New York City.

Rev. Mariama
White-Hammond

Rev. Mariama White-Hammond is the founding pastor of New Roots AME Church, which launched in October 2018 to "reimagine what church can be." She is an advocate for ecological and social justice, youth engagement, and Spirit-filled organizing. As former director of Project HIP-HOP (Highways Into the Past- History, Organizing and Power), she used the arts as a tool to raise awareness for social issues from juvenile incarceration to funding for public transportation. Rev. Mariama is also a fellow with the Green Justice Coalition, where she works with working class neighborhoods and communities of color to organize for climate justice. She speaks around the country calling for a movement that unites sustainability and equity.

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For over twenty years, sisters Jeanine and Catherine Butler have worked together, and independently, to develop and produce over thirty hours of non-fiction entertainment—from history and current events to scientific explorations that span the globe. They've produced and directed long and short form documentaries in over 20 countries for a wide array of clients, including PBS and National Geographic, as well as, NGO's and non-profits seeking to globally share their message and mission. As storytellers, they're intimate approach puts a human face to every story and strives to capture the visual poetry within each moment. In doing so, their work has garnered numerous industry awards, including multiple Emmy Awards and a National Emmy Nomination for Best Historical Programming for their acclaimed PBS Documentary "Documenting the Face of America."

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About UVA's Religion, Race & Democracy Lab

The Religion, Race & Democracy Lab is a research, teaching, and public engagement initiative to explore the complex interrelationships of religion and race with democracies both local and global. We bring researchers, students, journalists, and public leaders together to focus on the ways these complex forces are found in and shape our everyday lives. We are committed to the idea that learning more about how religion and race work with democratic societies can help us to live together in today's pluralistic and increasingly global societies. The Lab's work is made possible with funding from the Mellon Foundation and UVA's Democracy Initiative, an ambitious, interdisciplinary research and teaching enterprise to study how democracies have fared in their efforts to achieve legitimacy, stability, civil equality, accountability, prosperity, and resilience in the face of contemporary and past challenges.

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