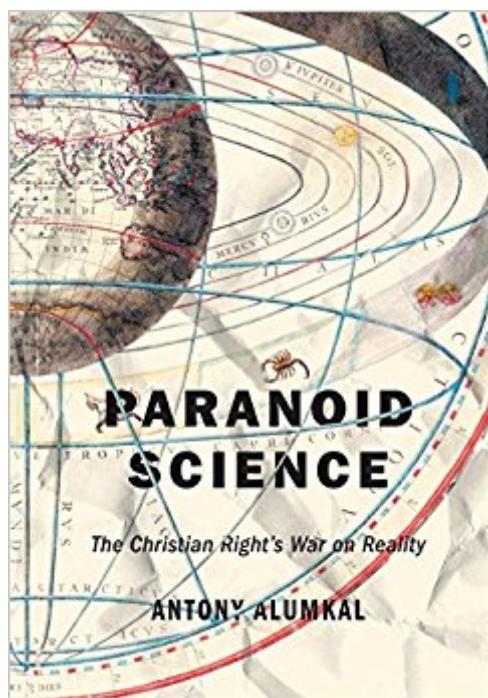


The book was found

# Paranoid Science: The Christian Right's War On Reality



## Synopsis

Explores the Christian Right's fierce opposition to science, explaining how and why its leaders came to see scientific truths as their enemyFor decades, the Christian Right's high-profile clashes with science have made national headlines. From attempts to insert intelligent design creationism into public schools to climate change denial, efforts to "cure" gay people through conversion therapy, and opposition to stem cell research, the Christian Right has battled against science. How did this hostility begin and, more importantly, why has it endured?Antony Alumkal provides a comprehensive background on the war on science—how it developed and why it will continue to endure. Drawing upon Richard Hofstadter's influential 1965 essay "The Paranoid Style in American Politics," Antony Alumkal argues that the Christian Right adopts a similar paranoid style in their approach to science. Alumkal demonstrates that Christian Right leaders see conspiracies within the scientific establishment, with scientists not only peddling fraudulent information, but actively concealing their true motives from the American public and threatening to destroy the moral foundation of society. By rejecting science, Christian Right leaders create their own alternative reality, one that does not challenge their literal reading of the Bible. While Alumkal recognizes the many evangelicals who oppose the Christian Right's agenda, he also highlights the consequences of the war on reality—both for the evangelical community and the broader American public. A compelling glimpse into the heart of the Christian Right's anti-science agenda, *Paranoid Science* is a must-read for those who hope to understand the Christian Right's battle against science, and for the scientists and educators who wish to stop it.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 256 pages

Publisher: NYU Press (May 23, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1479827134

ISBN-13: 978-1479827138

Product Dimensions: 6.2 x 1.1 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 2 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #173,390 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #7 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Christian Denominations & Sects > Christian Science #241 in Books > History >

## Customer Reviews

"Alumkal shows that hostility toward science -- including a kind of fearful contempt toward scientists -- is fairly palpable."-Inside Higher Ed"A small but highly organized network of conservative Christians maintains a successful pseudo-scientific campaign to challenge established scientific topics including evolution, sexual orientation, bioethics, and climatology that they find threatening to their worldview. Alumkal's unflinching critical analysis of their popular writings and educational media provides an excellent window into the political culture and theological motivations, mindsets and machinations within this movement. Fit for the times, *Paranoid Science* is an engaging reading that elucidates the extent to which religious motivations can distort scientific inquiry for political ends." -Jerry Z. Park, Associate Professor of Sociology, Baylor University"Through extensive research, Alumkal provides a rich, nuanced, and detailed view of mid-20th-century American evangelicalism's right-wing political expression and its often dangerous impact on science in the service of the common good. His conclusions indicate that when such a powerful paranoia cannot be deescalated, it must be contained. Education and persuasion are the tools for change, and Alumkal's book succeeds in both respects."-Publishers Weekly"Paranoid Science is a reliable and insightful guide to the fever swamps of evangelical science denial. A gripping, disturbing, and important contribution." -Glenn Branch, Deputy Director, National Center for Science Education

Antony Alumkal is Associate Professor of Sociology of Religion at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. He is the author of Asian American Evangelical Churches: Race, Ethnicity, and Assimilation in the Second Generation.

This book exposes the imperfections and hidden fears behind the Christian right's campaign against science. It is must reading for those who wonder why these religious groups oppose science.

Timely book and well written. Thought provoking.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Paranoid Science: The Christian Right's War on Reality Only the Paranoid Survive: How to Exploit the Crisis Points That Challenge Every Company Surviving Schizophrenia: My Story of Paranoid

Schizophrenia, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Depression, Anosognosia, Suicide, and Treatment and Recovery from Severe Mental Illness Journey Untold My Mother's Struggle with Mental Illnesses: Bipolar, paranoid schizophrenia, or other forms of mental illness is debilitating for everyone including the families left to try to cope World War 2 History's 10 Most Incredible Women: World War II True Accounts Of Remarkable Women Heroes (WWII history, WW2, War books, world war 2 books, war history, World war 2 women) Dawn of the New Everything: Encounters with Reality and Virtual Reality How to Read a Christian Book: A Guide to Selecting and Reading Christian Books as a Christian Discipline Loving God: Krsna and Christ: A Christian Commentary on the Marada Sutras (Christian Commentaries on Non-Christian Sacred Texts) A Christian Girl's Diary: The everyday happenings of an average christian teenage girl. (Christian Books For Life Book 4) World War 1: Soldier Stories: The Untold Soldier Stories on the Battlefields of WWI (World War I, WWI, World War One, Great War, First World War, Soldier Stories) Civil War: American Civil War in 50 Events: From the Very Beginning to the Fall of the Confederate States (War Books, Civil War History, Civil War Books) (History in 50 Events Series Book 13) World War 1: World War I in 50 Events: From the Very Beginning to the Fall of the Central Powers (War Books, World War 1 Books, War History) (History in 50 Events Series) American Fascists: The Christian Right and the War on America Christian Coaching, Second Edition: Helping Others Turn Potential into Reality Christian Science: The Line of Light, Why Am I a Christian Scientist, & Plagiarism World War I - 9 Book Collection: Nelson's History of the War, The Battle of Jutland & The Battle of the Somme: Selected Works from the Acclaimed War Correspondent ... Perspective and Experience During the War World History: Ancient History, American History, and the History of Europe, Russia, China, India, World War 1 and 2, Vietnam War, Cold War, Medicine, Science and Technology Sketching User Experiences: Getting the Design Right and the Right Design (Interactive Technologies) Cook Right 4 Your Type: The Practical Kitchen Companion to Eat Right 4 Your Type Eat Right for Your Type Live Right for Your Type (4 blood types, 4 diets 4 blood types, 4 programs)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)