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Society without God: What the Least Religious Nations Can Tell Us About Contentment

By Phil Zuckerman

New York University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Society without God: What the Least Religious Nations Can Tell Us About Contentment, Phil Zuckerman, This title is winner of the 2008 "Foreword Magazine" Book of the Year Award in Religion Category. Before he began his recent travels, it seemed to Phil Zuckerman as if humans all over the globe were 'getting religion' - praising deities, performing holy rites, and soberly defending the world from sin. But most residents of Denmark and Sweden, he found, don't worship any god at all, don't pray, and don't give much credence to religious dogma of any kind. Instead of being bastions of sin and corruption, however, as the Christian Right has suggested a godless society would be, these countries are filled with residents who score at the very top of the 'happiness index' and enjoy their healthy societies, which boast some of the lowest rates of violent crime in the world (along with some of the lowest levels of corruption), excellent educational systems, strong economies, well-supported arts, free health care, egalitarian social policies, outstanding bike paths, and great beer. Zuckerman formally interviewed nearly 150 Danes and Swedes of all ages and educational backgrounds...



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