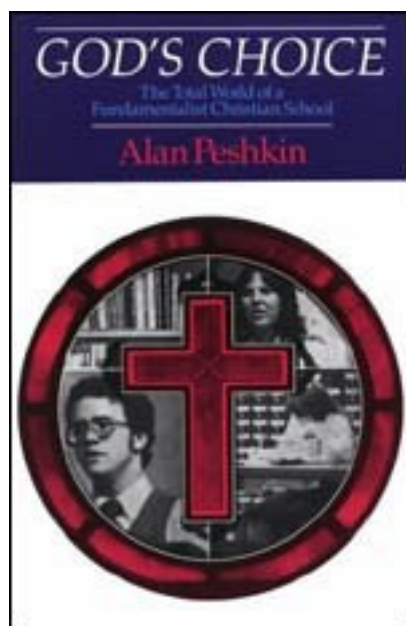


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From the bestselling author of Witness to Hope comes an inside account of the election of Pope Benedict XVI and an unflinching view of the Catholic Church at the dawn of a new era. After 25 years of John Paul II's guidance, the Catholic Church is entering a new age, with its bedrock traditions intact but pressing questions of its vitality to address in a rapidly changing world. Beginning with a portrait of John Paul's last months, God's Choice will then offer an account of the complex conclave process that produced Benedict XVI as the next pope. Drawing on Weigel's unprecedented access during the post-John Paul II interregnum, readers will be offered an inside view of the issues and personalities that shaped the conclave's deliberations. Weigel will also survey the current state of the Church around the world: the remarkable vitality of Catholicism in Africa; the new center of the world's Catholic population -- Latin America; the collapse of Catholic faith and practice in much of western Europe,

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