Zombies, Cylons, Faith, and Politics at the End of the World

In the past decade, apocalyptic scenarios have become increasingly popular in popular culture. From the zombie apocalypse of AMC's "The Walking Dead" to the Cylons of Syfy's "Battlestar Galactica," these stories explore humanity's darkest fears and hopes.



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But what do these stories have to tell us about ourselves? In his new book, "Zombies, Cylons, Faith, and Politics at the End of the World," Dr. Charles H. Feldman argues that these stories are not just escapist entertainment. They are also a reflection of our deepest anxieties about the future.

Feldman, a professor of political science at SUNY Brockport, draws on a wide range of examples from popular culture to illustrate how these stories explore our fears of violence, disease, and social collapse. He also shows

how these stories can provide us with hope and inspiration in the face of adversity.

For example, Feldman argues that the zombie apocalypse stories of "The Walking Dead" and "28 Days Later" reflect our fears of a world where violence and chaos reign supreme. These stories show us how quickly civilization can collapse and how easily people can turn on each other.

However, Feldman also argues that these stories can offer us hope. In the face of overwhelming odds, the characters in these stories often find ways to cooperate and rebuild their communities. They show us that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope for redemption.

Feldman also explores the role of religion and politics in apocalyptic scenarios. In the "Battlestar Galactica" reboot, for example, the characters struggle to reconcile their faith with the horrors of war. They must also grapple with the political challenges of governing a society that is on the brink of extinction.

Feldman argues that these stories can help us to understand the importance of religion and politics in shaping our response to the end of the world. He shows how these stories can provide us with comfort and support in the face of adversity. They can also help us to think critically about the role of government and the importance of social cohesion.

"Zombies, Cylons, Faith, and Politics at the End of the World" is a fascinating and thought-provoking book that will appeal to anyone interested in popular culture, religion, or politics. Feldman's insights are both timely and insightful, and his book is sure to spark debate.

About the Author

Dr. Charles H. Feldman is a professor of political science at SUNY Brockport. He is the author of numerous books on religion and politics, including "The End of the World as We Know It: Apocalyptic Faith and the Cold War" and "Theology in a New Key: Exploring the Intersection of Religion and Public Life."



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