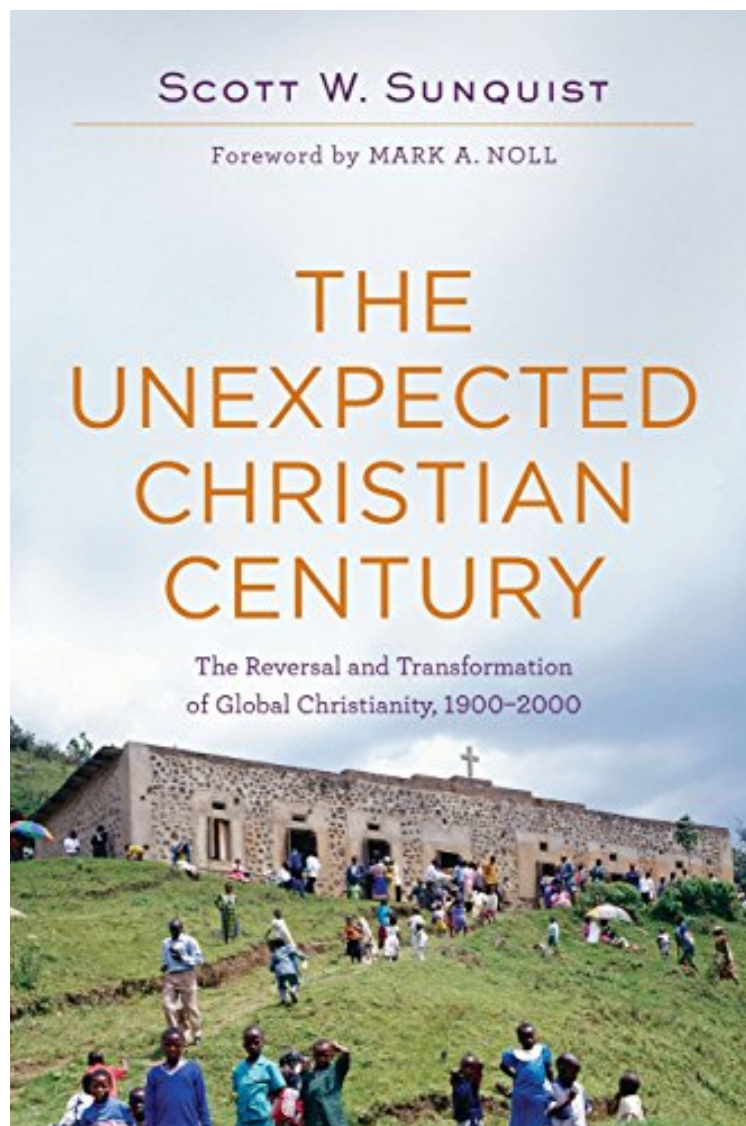


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ObrienOverall, this is a very good and useful book. As a fairly informed Catholic, I see parallels between the experiences of my church and that of our "separated brothers:" the collapse of Christendom in the first-world balanced by the rise of a vibrant third-world Christianity. As part of an overall picture of Christianity, this book provides an essential introduction on its growth and shifts in the last century. However, as a global survey of such a momentous period, it could not provide details on any one individual, country, or movement. I suppose that this could be a criticism of any textbook, no matter how well written: to cover everything essential to the overall picture, the view must remain very high level, and the story has to shift quickly from one topic to the next. Perhaps the worth of such a book can be judged by whether the reader is left wanting to learn more; in that sense, the book worked for me.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy TKExcellent0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Condensed and beautiful!By Living VineThis book is a wonderful picture of Christianity in the 20th century. God has used many events to bring about His glory, and the author provides countless of those details in a thoughtful way.

In 1900 many assumed the twentieth century would be a Christian century because Western "Christian empires" ruled most of the world. What happened instead is that Christianity in the West declined dramatically, the empires collapsed, and Christianity's center moved to Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific. How did this happen so quickly? Respected scholar and teacher Scott Sunquist surveys the most recent century of Christian history, highlighting epochal changes in global Christianity. He also suggests lessons we can learn from this remarkable global Christian reversal. Ideal for an introduction to Christianity or a church history course, this book includes a foreword by Mark Noll.

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