

The Church of Harry Potter? It's a Thing

Clerical robes may now come with wands. For the Colson Center, I'm John Stonestreet with The Point.

A group of secular students at Harvard Divinity school, feeling spiritually hungry and deprived of moral instruction, are turning to the "Harry Potter" series as a kind of Bible.

Their new podcast called "Harry Potter and the Sacred Text," is described by *The Washington Post* as "a weekly church-like service for the secular" which seeks to draw morality and meaning from the story of the boy wizard with the lightning-bolt scar.

It's now one of the most downloaded podcasts on iTunes, and its hosts are touring the country, drawing droves of eager young converts.

One student told the *Post* after listening, "I feel like I'm born again." Secularism, according to the hosts, doesn't "speak to [their peers'] hearts and souls." Apparently, imaginary magic does.

Writing at The Federalist, Amelia Hamilton points out that these quasi-religious gatherings further prove that human beings are fundamentally religious creatures, and will try to fill the God-shaped void in their hearts with anything, even a children's fantasy series. {eo}

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