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Newt rediscovers God in America

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Times must be difficult at Ignatius Press, but apparently the conservative Jesuit, Fr. Joe Fessio, couldn't help himself in embracing one of the most divisive public personas in Newt Gingrich. Gingrich and his wife created an "inspiring walking tour of the nation's important buildings ...."

Fessio, the former provost of Tom Monaghan's pet project, Ave Maria Unviersity, and now theologian in residence at the school, fawns over Newt. "Newt Gingrich's Ph.D. in history really shines through in both this DVD and the book it evolved from."

Here's the whole description from Ignatius Press [1]:

> "In this new documentary film, Newt and Callista Gingrich take us on an inspiring walking tour of our nation?s important buildings, monuments and memorials in Washington D.C. and show the very important role that religion played in the minds of the founders of this country who created our government. It makes clear that the founders of the USA believed that you could not have a free society unless it was founded upon a belief in God as the source of a value system and moral code that required a personal responsibility that supported free and open institutions.
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> Newt Gingrich's Ph.D. in history really shines through in both this DVD and the book it evolved from. Gingrich and his wife, both practicing Catholics, provide an excellent factual ? but nonpolitical ? perspective of how the founders of this country felt about God and how God inspired them as they laid the foundations for what became the United States of America. The DVD does an especially good job of showing why and how the founders created the firewall between government and religion. The authors correct the common misconception of what the founders were trying to avoid when they separated church and state in the founding documents of this country."

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