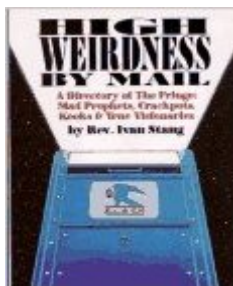


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Rev. Stang is a priest in the "Church of the SubGenius" -- a tongue-in-cheek "cult" popular among technology geeks and other bright types, which *pretends* to believe in the world coming to an end every day now and that one is only saved if one believes in "Bob" and acts in a way that increases the amount of "slack" in the universe. This "church" asks for no money or time from their members, mind you, but occassionally declares the world is going to end as an excuse for a party (e.g., after the first "X day" had come and gone, they declared "Dos Equis" day, and when THAT didn't end the world, they declared -- you guessed it -- "Triple X day". I leave to one's imagination how the church recommended those days to be celebrated...). Still, as Stang notes, the church is a joke, but it's not ONLY a joke -- it satirizes the many REAL cults and crazy organizations that are out there. Stang, using the mail, contacted practically ALL weird clubs and organizations in the US at the time. The book is a fascinating read. First of all, it describes people, organizations, and weird societies you probably never knew existed: e.g., "Christian Technocracy", which makes the Nazi party look positively benign; "Weirdo" magazine for absurd, psychotic, yet genius-level, underground art; Jack Chick's lunatic (if seriously-meant) Christian comics; numerous strange cults, such as the breathetarians, and numerous sci-fi UFO cults (with their weird publications); and all sorts of far-left

tiny "real communist parties" who believe everybody except them is a Nazi; conspiracy theorists of all stripes (anti-IRS folks, people who think Reagan was a masonic communist zionist tool -- seriously -- and so on.) You might THINK you know how strange people's politics or religion can be.

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