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Distinguished historian and public intellectual goes global in latest book

In *The New Shape of World Christianity: How American Experience Reflects Global Faith*, Mark A. Noll offers a compelling assessment of global Christianity in light of the American Christian experience.

“The main point of this book is that American Christianity is important for the world primarily because the world is coming more and more to look like America. Therefore, the way that Christianity developed in the American environment helps to explain the way Christianity is developing in many parts of the world,” Noll explains.

Noll is Francis McAnaney Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, where he has been on the faculty since fall of 2006. Prior to this appointment, Noll taught history and theology for 27 years as McManis Professor of Christian Thought at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. While at Wheaton, Noll cofounded and directed the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals.

Noll's main academic interests concern the interaction of Christianity and culture in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Anglo-American societies. He has published articles and reviews on a wide variety of subjects involving Christianity in modern history, and he currently serves as advisory editor for *Books & Culture* and subeditor for *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*.

Noll is also the author of numerous books, including *The Civil War as a Theological Crisis*, *Is the Reformation Over?*, *The Old Religion in a New World*, and *The Rise of Evangelicalism: The Age of Edwards, Whitefield and the Wesleys* (IVP, 2004).

Noll's *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*, which highlighted the anti-intellectual tendencies within the American evangelical movement, was featured in a cover story in the popular American literary and cultural magazine *The Atlantic* in 2000. In 2005, Noll was named by *Time* magazine as one of the twenty-five most influential evangelicals in America. Noll was awarded a National Humanities Medal in the Oval Office by President George W. Bush in 2006.

Noll is a graduate of Wheaton College, Illinois (B.A., English), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (M.A., Theology), and Vanderbilt University (Ph.D., History of Christianity). He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.