The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society

The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society (Brad S. Gregory). written by Charles. Exhaustively documented, and in some ways just exhausting, though at the same time exhilarating, Brad Gregory’s The Unintended Reformation is a towering achievement. It synthesizes centuries of history and multiple avenues of thought to analyze how we arrived at certain negative aspects of modernity. Gregory’s claim is that we got here as the result of the unintended consequences of choices made in response to “major, perceived human problems.” Those choices were, initially, the Reformation’s religious choices, which ran counter to the entire worldview of medieval Christianity. Literature is an inherently social product, but it isn’t always commensurate with its public face or accepted manifestations, and the processes of publication aren’t always as seamlessly collaborative as literary scholars sometimes imagine. Are the sanitized texts of Osip Mandelstam presented by Soviet editors to be accepted on the grounds that they are collaborative products? Reclaiming works of literature from the censorship they were subject to, often for the duration of their authors’ lifetimes, is not a Romantic endeavor, but rather an effort to reveal the social antagonisms and broader THE UNINTENDED REFORMATION HOW A RELIGIOUS REVOLUTION SECULARIZED SOCIETY the unintended reformation how a religious revolution secularized society review nelson h minnich joshua benson hans j hillerbrand simon ditchfield paul the unintended reformation how a religious revolution secularized society by brad s gregory cambridge ma belknap press 2012 574 pp 3995 isbn 9780674045637 this book values the ?life questions? about ?the sort of person. impact of the reformation brad gregory the unintended reformation how a religious revolution secularizedthomas f mayer ed