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It has the ring of authenticity to me, coinciding, as its author also says about himself, with my own memories of the world I knew when I was young. Maybe the 1970s were the last era where a serious religious case could have been put to the culture as being required. Church attendance fell more sharply than church membership or affiliation in the first half of the twentieth century, but Brown is striving to show that in the end, the hegemony of an idea is not simply demonstrable by statistics, but exists in the form of a more intangible ethos and atmosphere, and is no less real for all that.

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Callum Brown challenges the generally held view that secularization was a long and gradual process dating from the industrial revolution.

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Using the latest techniques of gender analysis, and by listening to people's voices rather than purely counting heads, the book offers new formulations of religion and secularization. Church attendance remained steady and relatively high amongst a range of social groups and in different localities.

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Statistical enquiry, however, dispenses with large areas of religion which are not simply quantifiable.

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Just give it time and it'll trip off the tongue and be a baby's first words. There were two paragraphs on this in my penultimate draft which got unaccountably cut from the final version when I was reworking order and cutting words. Secularisation is now a defining feature of modern British society yet this is not a slow, inexorable movement over several centuries but a remarkably sudden and culturally violent eventâ p.

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For they missed a serious trick, regarding prophetic signs of the times that were occurring .

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It may well be the last service we will see to the church if it continues to confuse Steve Chalk with Martin Luther King, Tim Farron with Solzhenitsyn-but sadly on Browns projections I fear that this is what is going to happen .

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