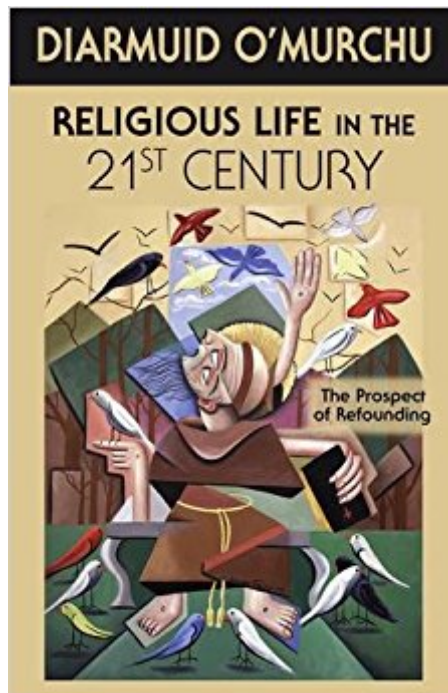




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The only drawback is that it has a very strong odor - not real unpleasant, but very noticeable.

Challenging.

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