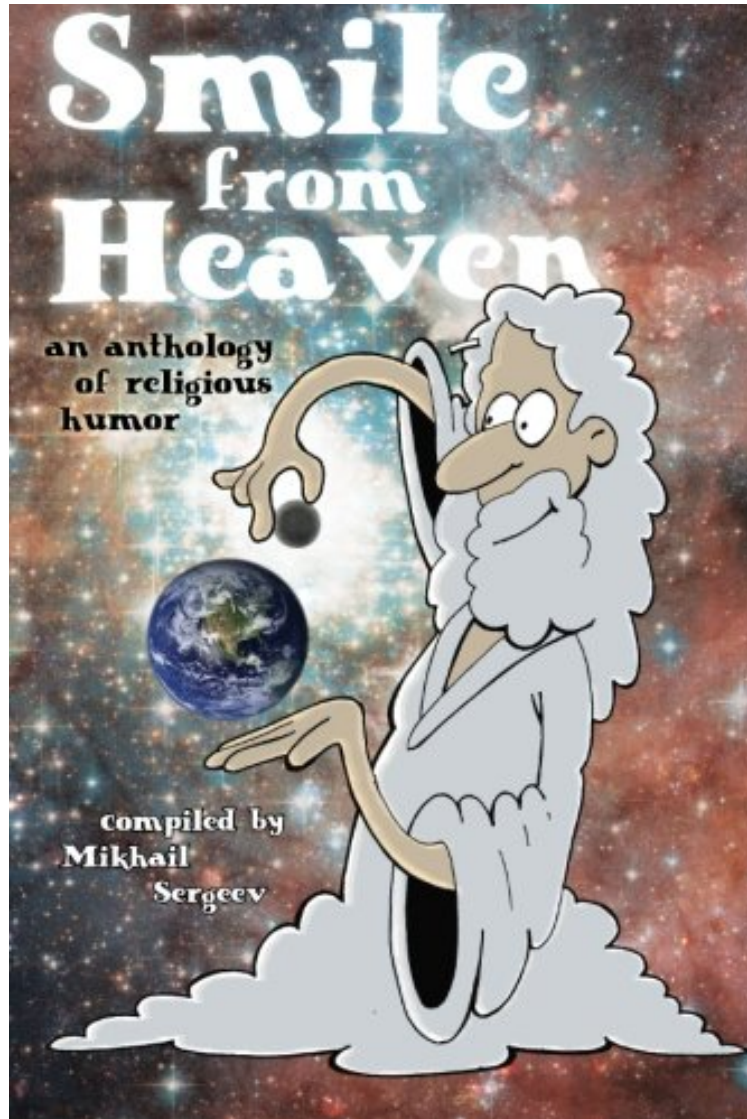


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11th Commandment (Jewish jokes); Born Again and Again (Catholic Protestant jokes); New (Russian) Testament (Soviet Orthodox Christian jokes); Priest, Swami and Rabbi (inter-religious humor); Sinning is Believing (self-explanatory); It will Only Look Like Eternity (jokes about the afterlife); and finally Fun Ever After (miscellaneous jokes). The article by Peter Crimmins from WHYY public radio and the list of the sources concludes the book.

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