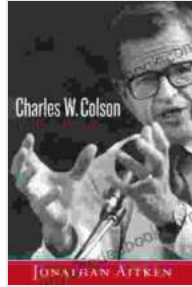


Charles Colson: A Life Redeemed

Charles Wendell Colson (October 16, 1931 – April 21, 2012) was an American politician, author, and evangelical Christian leader. He served as Special Counsel to President Richard Nixon from 1969 to 1973, and was a key figure in the Watergate scandal. After his conviction for obstruction of justice, Colson served seven months in prison. Upon his release, he experienced a religious conversion and became an outspoken advocate for Christian principles. He founded Prison Fellowship in 1976, a ministry that provides support to prisoners and their families. He also wrote over 30 books, including the bestselling "Born Again." Colson's life and work have had a profound impact on the world, and his story is a powerful testimony to the power of redemption.

Early Life and Career

Charles Colson was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on October 16, 1931. His father was a lawyer, and his mother was a homemaker. Colson grew up in a comfortable home and attended private schools. He was a bright and ambitious student, and he graduated from Brown University in 1953 with a degree in political science. After college, Colson worked as a journalist and then as a lawyer. In 1968, he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He served one term before being appointed Special Counsel to President Richard Nixon in 1969.



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Watergate Scandal

As Special Counsel to the President, Colson was responsible for overseeing the White House staff. He quickly became known for his ruthless and aggressive tactics. He was involved in several controversial incidents, including the break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate Hotel. When the Watergate scandal broke in 1972, Colson was one of the first people to be implicated. He was convicted of obstruction of justice and sentenced to one to three years in prison. He served seven months in prison before being released on parole in 1974.

Conversion to Christianity

While in prison, Colson experienced a religious conversion. He read the Bible and began to attend Christian services. He came to believe that he was a sinner who needed to be forgiven by God. After his release from prison, Colson dedicated his life to serving God. He founded Prison Fellowship in 1976, a ministry that provides support to prisoners and their families. He also wrote over 30 books, including the bestselling "Born

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Legacy

Charles Colson died on April 21, 2012, at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Patty, and their three children. Colson's legacy is one of redemption and forgiveness. He was a man who made many mistakes, but he found forgiveness and redemption through his faith in Jesus Christ. Colson's life and work have inspired millions of people around the world, and his story is a powerful reminder that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace.

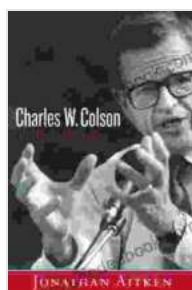
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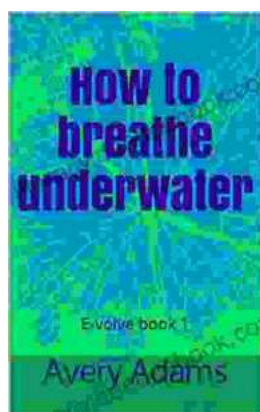
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