

Finding Religion

for solo violin, solo cello, and orchestra

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Finding Religion (2022)

Commissioned by the Eastern Music Festival for world premiere with violinist Jeffrey Multer, cellist Julian Schwarz, and the EMF Orchestra led by Maestro Gerard Schwarz

Duration: 14:40

Instrumentation:

1 Flute
1 Piccolo
1 Oboe
1 English Horn in F
2 Clarinets in Bb
2 Bassoons

2 Horns in F
1 Trumpet in C
1 Trombone
1 Tuba

Timpani
1 Percussionist: china cymbal, medium suspended cymbal, tam-tam, vibraphone, large triangle, sizzle cymbal, crash cymbals, xylophone, tambourine, hi-hat

Harp

Piano

Solo Violin

Solo Cello

Strings

Notes:

- In the brass, “+O+O+O+O” indicates rapid alternation of open to close with a harmon mute.
- Dotted slur lines in all parts are used to indicate that tremolos between beats or measures, but under the lines, should not be re-attacked, but rather should be continuous.
- Harp harmonics are written where they should be played.
-  indicates for the percussionist and timpanist to mute
- the timpanist is asked to place a cymbal on the 29 inch drum in measure 226. This can be any kind of suspended cymbal (large, small, etc.), but should only be placed on the drum for that passage.

Program Note:

Finding Religion is inspired by an art song composed by Charles Ives titled *Religion* and by my life-long journey to make sense of religion as a concept.

The Ives song sets text the following text from a poem by James T. Bixby:

There is no unbelief.

And day by day and night by night, unconsciously.

The heart lives by faith the lips deny;

God knows the why.

I am Jewish, more culturally than religiously, and growing up in a non-religious household I have grappled with the concept of religion my entire life: how it fits into my life if at all and what my beliefs would even be, Jewish or otherwise. As I have moved through my adult life, it has occurred to me that in some ways, as humans, we are all religious in the sense that religion is a set of core values and beliefs, some of which may defy the ability to be scientifically proven, but inform our belief system and worldview nonetheless. For some, this indelible need is met through organized religion, but for others, it is met through a personally forged set of ideas and values. My own personal religion has come into focus, a blend of agnosticism and nascent Jewish beliefs passed down knowingly or unknowingly through non-religious generations of my family. This the Ives setting of this Bixby poem struck me as it perfectly illustrates - in a humorous, ironic, and remarkably self-aware way - the zealous insistence that we are all religious even if we deny it. It exudes levity while inviting the reader to sincerely contemplate its message. Additionally, I grew up in Danbury, CT, the same hometown as Charles Ives and am the artistic director of the Charles Ives Music Festival. Ives was famous for quoting folk songs and music that was important to him, often in ironic ways, and *Finding Religion* features multiple quotations and variations of the Ives song. This extra layer of irony feels suited to a work inspired by this poem and Ives setting of it. The piece begins with a hazy version of in the initial chorale heard in the Ives song, which is the beginning of a journey to eventually finding a direct quotation later in the piece, in which we “find religion.” I express my sincerest gratitude to my friend and colleague Julian Schwarz for his remarkable musicianship, confidence in me as a composer, and for his warm and wonderful friendship that have led to years of thoughtful conversation and baseball games – all of which are as a critical an inspiration to this work as the Ives poem itself.

To my parents

Score in C

Finding Religion
for solo violin, solo cello, and orchestra

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Slow, resolute ♩ = 54

Piccolo

Flute

Oboe

English Horn

I

Bb Clarinets

II

I

Bassoons

II

I

F Horns

II

C Trumpet

Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion

Harp

Piano

Solo violin

Solo cello

mf teneramente

p

mf

f > p

p

pp

china cymbal

medium suspended cymbal

p

pp

mp

ppp

p

f

pp

mp

pp

mf

f > p

p

Slow, resolute ♩ = 54

I

Violins

II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

(ord.)

poco sul pont.

div.

pp

mp

sul tasto

pp

mp

pp

sul tasto

pp

mp

pp

sul tasto

pp

mp

pp

(unis.)

sul tasto

pp

mp

pp

[illegible]

11

Picc. *p* *pp*

Fl. *p* *pp*

Ob. *p* *pp*

E.H.

I

Bb Cl. II

I

Bn. II

I

F Hn. II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc. *p* *pp*

Hp. *p*

Pno. *p*

Solo vln. *p* *mf* *p* *con affetto* *p*

Solo vlc. *p* *mf* *p* *con affetto* *p*

I

Vln. II

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *f*

D.b.

pizz. *f* *pizz.* *f* *unis. pizz.* *f* *pizz.* *f*

(unis.) arco ord. *p*

div. arco ord. *p*

arco ord. *p*

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This page of a musical score, likely for a symphony, contains the following elements:

- Instrumentation:** The score includes parts for Piccolo (Picc.), Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), English Horn (E.H.), Clarinets in Bb (Bb Cl. I and II), Bassoons (Bn. I and II), Horns (F Hn. I and II), Trumpets (C Tpt.), Trombones (Trb.), Trombones (Tb.), Timpani (Timp.), Percussion (Perc.), Harp (Hp.), Piano (Pno.), Solo Violin (Solo vln.), Solo Violoncello (Solo vlc.), Violins (Vln. I and II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vlc.), and Double Bass (D.b.).
- Measure Numbers:** The page is numbered 18 at the top left and bottom left.
- Section Markers:** A large letter 'A' in a box is placed above the first measure of the Piccolo and Flute staves, and below the first measure of the Violin I staff.
- Dynamic Markings:** Various dynamics are indicated throughout the score, including *mp* (mezzo-piano), *pp* (pianissimo), *p* (piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *ppp* (pianississimo).
- Articulation and Performance Instructions:** The score includes numerous slurs, accents, and specific performance directions such as "straight mute" for the C Trumpet, "large triangle" for the Percussion, "arco ord." (arco ordering) for the Violins, and "cantabile" for the Solo Violoncello.
- Complexity:** The score is highly complex, featuring many multi-measure rests, ties, and intricate melodic lines, particularly in the woodwinds and strings.

B

24

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Tim.

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

B

24

I

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

C

A bit quicker

= 66

39

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

C

A bit quicker

= 66

rit. **D** Tempo Primo ♩ = 54

[illegible]

57

poco accel. *rit.*

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

57

arco

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

poco accel. *rit.*

66

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

66

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

[illegible]

15

81

G

Grandioso

= 54

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

II

I

II

I

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc.

Crash Cymbals

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

I

(unis.)

II

(unis.)

Vla.

(unis.)

Vlc.

(unis.)

D.b.

81

G

Grandioso

= 54

I

(unis.)

II

(unis.)

Vla.

(unis.)

Vlc.

(unis.)

D.b.

[illegible]

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[illegible]

98 **H** (♩ = 66) *accel.*

H = 72

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc.

Xylophone

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

98 **H** (♩ = 66) *accel.*

H = 72

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

senza sord.

senza sord.

senza sord.

senza sord.

pizz. senza sord.

I Fleet, energetic ♩ = 144
(♩=♩)

101

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Xylophone

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

I Fleet, energetic ♩ = 144
(♩=♩)

101

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

pizz.

pizz.

pizz.

f div. pizz.

f

106

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

tambourine

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

106

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

[illegible]

116

J

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

116

J

on the string

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

122

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

122

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

127

Picc. *< f* *f* *sfp* *f*

Fl. *< f* *f* *sfp* *f*

Ob. *f* *mf* *f*

E.H. *f* *mf* *f*

I *f* *mf* *f*

Bb Cl. II *f* *mf* *f*

I *f* *f* *f*

Bn. II *f* *f* *f*

I *< fp* *f* *p* *f*

F Hn. II *< fp* *f* *p* *f*

C Tpt. *mf* *fp* *f*

Trb. *fp* *f*

Tb. *fp* *f*

Timp. *f*

Perc. *hi-hat* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *f*

Hp. *f* *p* *ff*

Pno. *8^{va}* *loco* *f* *sf* *ff*

Solo vln. *f*

Solo vlc. *f*

127

I *< f* *pizz.* *arco* *div.* *f*

II *< f* *div. pizz.* *unis. arco* *f*

Vla. *< f* *pizz.* *arco* *f*

Vlc. *f* *f*

D.b. *f*

This page of a musical score, likely for a symphony, contains the following elements:

- Instrumentation:** The score includes parts for Piccolo (Picc.), Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), English Horn (E.H.), Clarinets in B-flat (Bb Cl. I and II), Bassoon (Bn. I and II), French Horns (F Hn. I and II), Cornet (C Tpt.), Trumpet (Trb.), Trombone (Tb.), Timpani (Timp.), Percussion (Perc.), Harp (Hp.), Piano (Pno.), Solo Violin (Solo vln.), Solo Viola (Solo vlc.), Violins (Vln. I and II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vlc.), and Double Bass (D.b.).
- Rehearsal Markers:** The page features two rehearsal markers, both labeled 'K', located at the beginning of the woodwind and string sections.
- Tempo and Measure:** The tempo is marked '132' at the top left of the page.
- Dynamic Markings:** The score includes various dynamic markings such as *f* (forte), *ff* (fortissimo), *p* (piano), *pp* (pianissimo), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *sf* (sforzando), and *ffz* (fortissimo with accent).
- Performance Instructions:** Specific performance instructions include 'senza sord.' (without mutes) for the French Horns and 'div.' (divisi) for the strings.
- Articulation:** The score uses various articulation marks, including accents, slurs, and phrasing slurs, to indicate the intended playing style.
- Time Signatures:** The score changes time signatures throughout, including 3/4, 4/4, and 5/4.
- Other Details:** The percussion part includes specific instructions for 'china cymbal' and 'tam-tam'.

[illegible]

L

151

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

senza sord.

Trb.

senza sord.

Tb.

Timp.

mf

hi-hat

Perc.

f

mf

p

f

mf

ff

Hp.

Pno.

8va

8va

ff

ff

loco

loco

f

Solo vln.

f

sf

ff

pizz.

arco

Solo vlc.

f

sf

ff

pizz.

arco

151

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

f

f

f

fp

f

M

[illegible]

174 N A bit slower, lyrical ♩ = 132

Picc. *pp*

Fl. *pp*

Ob. *pp*

E.H. *pp*

I *pp* *mp* *pp*

Bb Cl. II *pp* *mp* *pp*

Bn. I *pp*

II *pp*

I *pp* *mp* *pp*

II *pp* *mp* *pp*

C Tpt. *pp*

Trb. *pp* *mp* *pp*

Tb. *pp* *mp* *pp*

Timp. *p*

Perc. *sempre p*

Hp. *sempre p*

Pno. *sempre p* *ped.*

Solo vln. *p* *mf* *p*

Solo vlc. *p* *pp* *p*

174 N A bit slower, lyrical ♩ = 132

Vln. I *p* *mf* *p* *pp* *p*

II *p* *mf* *p* *pp* *p*

Vla. *unis.* *p* *mf* *p* *pp* *p*

Vlc. *sul tasto* *p* *mf* *p* *pp* *p*

D.b. *sul tasto* *p* *mf* *p* *pp* *p*

179

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

Bb Cl.

I

Bn.

II

Bn.

I

F Hn.

II

F Hn.

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Tb.

Timp.

vibraphone

Perc.

8^{va}

Hp.

8^{va}

Pno.

8^{va}

Solo vln.

8^{va}

Solo vlc.

179

I

Vln.

II

Vln.

Vla.

Vla.

Vlc.

Vlc.

D.b.

D.b.

190

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

vibraphone

Perc.

Harp

Piano

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

190

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

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195

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

vibraphone

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

195

I

Vln.

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

[illegible]

208 **Q**

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[illegible]

216 $\text{♩} = 66$

Picc. *ff* *p* *rit.*

Fl. *ff* *p*

Ob. *ff* *p*

E.H. *ff* *p*

I *ff* *p*

Bb Cl. II *ff* *p*

I *ff* *p*

Bn. II *ff* *p*

I *ppp*

F Hn. II *ppp*

C Tpt. *ppp*

Trb. *p* *f* *ppp*

Tb. *p* *f* *ppp*

Timp. *ff*

Perc. *ff*

Hp. *ff* *p*

Pno. *ff* *p* *

Solo vln. *rit.*

Solo vlc.

216 $\text{♩} = 66$

I unis. *p* *ff*

II unis. *p* *ff*

Vla. unis. *p* *ff*

Vlc. unis. con sord. *p* *f*

D.b. (unis.) con sord. *p* *f*

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220

R

Tempo Primo

= 54

place cymbal on 29 inch drum
and play this passage on 29' on 32', no cymbal

Timp.

4/4

Perc.

vibraphone

arco

Solo vln.

4/4

Solo vlc.

4/4

poco sul pont.

ord.

sempre p

p

mf

p

mf

p

mf

p

mf

p

f

220

R

Tempo Primo

= 54

Vln.

I

4/4

II

4/4

Vla.

4/4

Vlc.

4/4

D.b.

4/4

p

pp

pp

ppp

ppp

niente

niente

niente

niente

niente

A bit quicker

= 63

230

Cadenza

4/4

Cadenza

4/4

mf

mf

mf

f

rit.

a tempo

234

4/4

4/4

p

cantabile

pizz.

p semplice

mf

238

4/4

4/4

mf

f

mf

f

Gaining momentum

= 80

240

4/4

4/4

p

ff

p

243

4/4

arco

 4/4

p

ppp

f

f

mf

ff

247

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

250

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

253

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

256

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

259

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

264

Tempo Primo ♩ = 54

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

269

con sord.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

275 **S** Con tutti *accel.* $\text{♩} = 88$ *accel.*

Picc. *p* *pp* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Fl. *p* *pp* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Ob. *p* *pp* *p* *f* *p* *f*

E.H. -

I *p* *pp* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Bb Cl. II *pp* *pp* *mp*

I *pp* *pp* *mp*

Bn. II *pp* *pp* *mp*

I *pp* *pp* *mp*

F Hn. II *pp* *pp* *mp*

C Tpt. -

Trb. *pp* *pp* *mp*

Tb. *pp* *pp* *mp*

Timp. *pp* *pp* *pp*

Perc. *pp* *pp* *pp*

Hp. *pp* *pp* *mf*

Pno. *p* *p* *p*

Solo vln. -

Solo vlc. -

275 **S** Con tutti *accel.* $\text{♩} = 88$ *accel.*

I -

Vln. II -

Vla. -

Vlc. *p* *p* *mp*

D.b. *pp* *pp* *mp*

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279

T Fleet, energetic ♩ = 144

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

279

T Fleet, energetic ♩ = 144

I

Vln.

II

(unis.)

Vla.

mf

div.

unis.

Vlc.

mf

D.b.

mf

pizz.

mf

p

p

div.

p

mf

p

mf

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283

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

I

F Hn.

II

C Tpt.

Trb.

Tb.

Timp.

Perc.

Hi-hat

Sizzle cymbal

Hp.

Pno.

Loco

Solo vln.

Solo vlc.

283

I

II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

Arco

Div.

Unis.

Div.

The musical score is a page from a larger work, numbered 48. It features a variety of instruments including woodwinds (Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, English Horn, Clarinets in Bb and F, Bassoons), brass (Trumpets, Trombones, Tuba, Timpani), percussion (Percussion, Hi-hat, Sizzle cymbal), strings (Violins, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass), and piano. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 283 to 286, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The second system covers measures 287 to 290, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The music is characterized by dynamic markings such as p (piano), f (forte), mf (mezzo-forte), and sf (sforzando), as well as articulation marks like accents and slurs. The woodwinds and brass sections play melodic lines, while the strings provide a rhythmic and harmonic foundation. The percussion section includes a hi-hat and sizzle cymbal, adding texture to the music. The piano part features a complex, arpeggiated figure. The overall mood is dramatic and intense, with a focus on dynamic contrast and rhythmic precision.

288

Picc. *ff*

Fl. *ff*

Ob. *ff*

E.H. *ff*

I *ff*

Bb Cl. *ff*

II *ff*

I *ff*

Bn. *ff*

II *ff*

I *ff*

F Hn. *ff*

II *ff*

C Tpt. *ff*

Trb. *ff*

Tb. *ff*

Timp. *ff*

Perc. *ff* hi-hat medium suspended cymbal *pp* *mp*

Hp. *mf*

Pno. *p* *mf* *p*

Solo vln. *ff* *port.* *p* *mf*

Solo vlc. *ff* *port.* *p* *mf*

I *ff* pizz. *f* unis. arco *p* *mf* *p*

II *ff* pizz. *f* unis. arco (unis.) *p* *mf* *p*

Vla. *ff* pizz. *f* unis. arco *p* *mf* *p*

Vlc. *ff* pizz. *f* unis. arco *mf* *p*

D.b. *ff* pizz. *f* arco *mf* *p*

300 **U** Presto ♩ = 160 Finding Religion

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E.H.

I

Bb Cl.

II

I

Bn.

II

ff

I

F Hn.

II

ff

C Tpt.

f

Trb.

ff

Tb.

ff

Timp.

sf

Perc.

Xylophone

8va

loco

loco

8va

loco

8va

loco

Pno.

f

Solo vln.

ff

Solo vlc.

ff

300 **U** Presto ♩ = 160

Vln. I (unis.)

Vln. II (unis.)

Vla. (unis.)

Vlc. (unis.)

D.b. (unis.)

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