The Theology of Battlestar Galactica: American Christianity in the 2004-2009 Television Series

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The reimagined television series Battlestar Galactica (2005 to 2009 on the Sci Fi Channel), features
religion and theology among its central concerns – but does not simply use its myriad faiths as plot
devices or background material. Battlestar Galactica is, in and of itself, a theological text. Over the course
of 87 episodes and two television movies, the series' narrative arc explores the meanings of salvation,
prophecy, exile, apocalypse, resurrection, and messianism, and clearly demonstrates the working of a
divine will in a material world. The book offers a systematic theology for each of Battlestar Galactica's
invented religions and surveys echoes of American Christianity in the groundbreaking series.