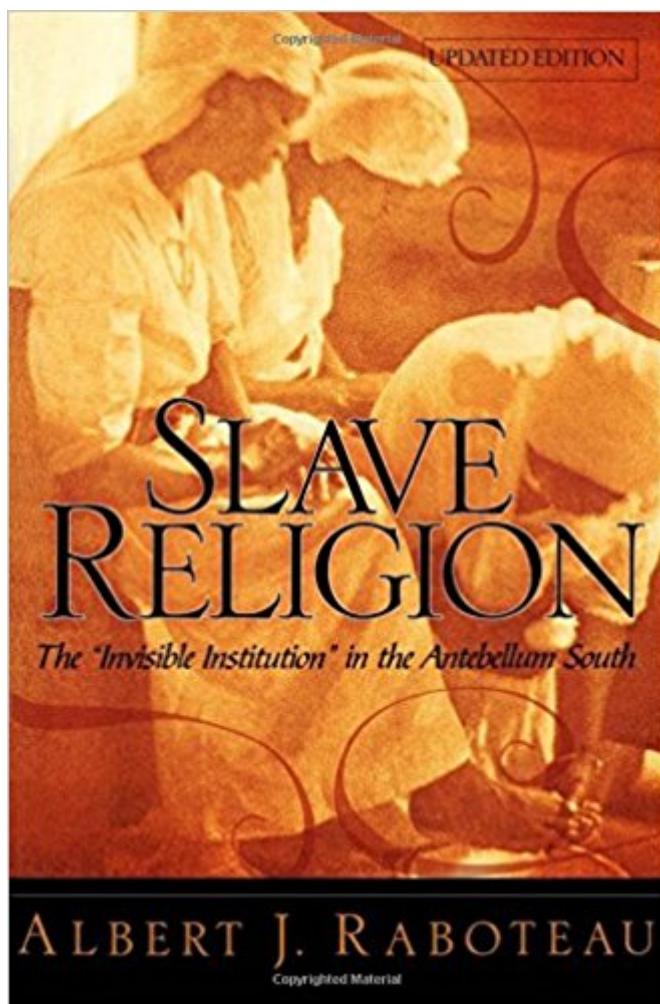


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# Slave Religion: The "Invisible Institution" In The Antebellum South



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