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Televenge by Pamela King Cable

NEW NOVEL DELIVERS INSIDE LOOK AT MANIPULATION IN AMERICA'S BIBLE BELT—EXPOSING SEX AND DEBAUCHERY

Former mega-church member spins yarn describing evangelical zealots and dogmatic lifestyle and re-imagines tragic and inspiring events in unique *roman à clef* fashion

Dogmatism: a statement of a point of view as if it were an established fact.

For most Americans, it would be hard to imagine being stripped of their freedoms – of speech, religion, career direction, generation of wealth, the right to bear children, and more. However, for Americans who are deeply rooted in a mega-church, 'choice' is not an option. It's the pastor's way or the highway, and if you choose to leave, it could be a fatal mistake.

Author and former mega-church member, Pamela King Cable introduces very real religious, political and relationship themes and events, as only a televangelism-insider could, through her new fictional thriller, *Televenge*—scheduled to hit bookshelves in October. Unveiling dramatic story and character twists, and occasions when perception should not be confused with reality, Cable's novel highlights church corruption, but most of all the idea of unconditional love.

Built on our fascination with America's mega-churches and their fantastical beliefs and lifestyles, the plot takes on themes of sex, abuse, murder, friendship, family, and redemption. *Televenge* also reveals how the balance of power can be tipped and lives destroyed in an instant.

The novel charts the life of Andie Oliver, a faithful woman to God, to her handsome husband Joe, and to televangelist Reverend Calvin Artury, a Godfather in a Mafia of holy men. Raised to be subservient and submissive in the tradition of the Bible-belt South of the 1970's, she becomes a prisoner of that tradition. Her dream of children, home, and marriage falls apart when the ministry team hires Joe. Violence, abuse, debauchery, and infidelity ensue, and Andie is entangled in scandal. She must evade ruthless adversaries who will go to any lengths to protect their pastor. Therefore, Andie battles the darkest side of televangelism, forever changing a nation of evangelicals.

Vivid and tragic, *Televenge* exposes chaos in the mega-church, and embraces those who discover unconditional love in a religious world fraught with fear and intimidation. In pitch-perfect voices, Pamela

King Cable's emotionally rich debut novel, with extraordinary twists and hairpin turns, creates four remarkable characters who will stay with the reader long after they finish the book.

Cable's story is loosely entrenched in *Televenge*, leading her to study televangelism markets and the devastating effects of many mega-churches. During that time she interviewed more than a hundred people who broke away from their church for many of the same reasons she did. This helped her grow, heal, and create this novel.

"Televenge takes on numerous issues relevant to our current global landscape—from domestic abuse, to fraud, murder, and extortion, to the manipulative rhetoric of religious AND political zealots," says Cable. "I hope Televenge provides inspiration and courage for those who are in or are thinking about leaving a manipulative situation and otherwise reveals to them the possibilities of unconditional love."

Author of the highly popular book, *Southern Fried Women*, Pamela King Cable grew up during the 60s as a fundamentalist, attending revivals in tents, tabernacles, and clapboard churches. For twenty-five years, she was a member of a mega-church operated by a TV evangelist.

She attended The University of Akron and Kent State University. A decade in the making, Cable wrote *Televenge* to help herself heal after a bitter divorce, years of submission and even abuse; to show that "pastors are human," and to encourage others struggling in dogmatic churches to hold their pastors accountable, share their stories, and save their families from ruin. It is a story of hope, a love story for the ages.

Cable now lives on a farm in Ohio with her husband, Michael, and is working on her next novel. To learn more about the author, you can visit www.pamelakingcable.com.

<u>Televenge</u> will be published by <u>Satya House</u> in October 2012 and is available for pre-order at <u>Amazon.com</u>, BarnesAndNoble.com, as well as other online booksellers.

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