CARDINAL SIN

whatever your religion, murder is the worst sin

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SERIES SYNOPSIS:

A murderous Rabbi to an Old Testament-quoting serial killer, honour killings and followers of extreme cults, **Cardinal Sin** explores some of the most gruesome murders that were driven by faith in religion. This 10 part series brings alive the stories behind the capture of killers whose homicidal behavior was driven by a warped interpretation of religion or used as an excuse to justify vengeance, retribution, or chastisement. Featuring interviews from eye-witness accounts, survivors, family and friends, alongside expert analysis, we chart a victim's suffering in the name of religion and a killer's path to hell.

A TRUE CRIME SERIES WHICH CHARTS THE ROLE PLAYED BY RELIGION IN MURDER...

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INSIDE THE MIND OF A SERIAL KILLER
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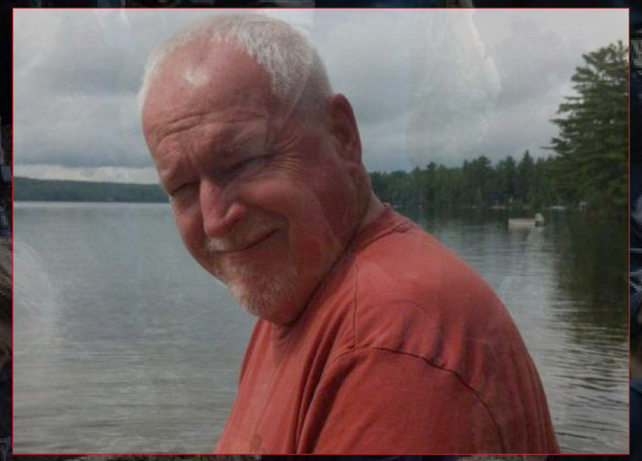
NURSES WHO KILL

EPISODE 1: BRUCE MCCARTHER

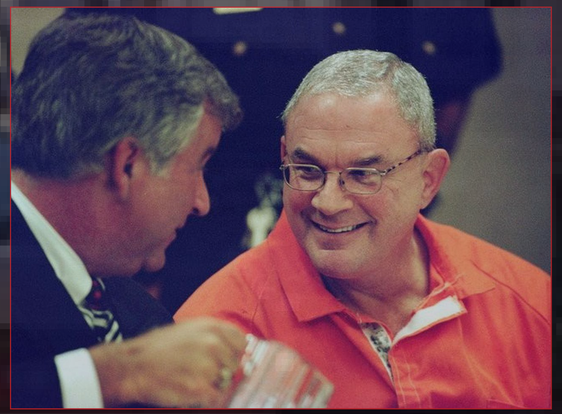


Married with children and obviously a devout Christian, being gay meant Bruce McArthur kept a secret - from his family, from the world…from God. The turmoil it left McArthur in to be both a Christian and homosexual is what some psycholohgists beieve drove him to kill 4 men who he believed were too obviously effeminate and so ostentatiously gay whilst he could not be. Central to his modus operandi was to frequent a Church in Toronto's gay village. From there he appeared to be both a god-fearing man and an avuncular Christian who played the part of Father Christmas each year at the local shopping Mall. He had covered up his sexuality for decades, now he had found an effective way of covering up that he was a serial killer.

EPISODE 2: PETER TOBIN

In September 2006, Tobin was working as a church handyman at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Glasgow. He had assumed the name of Pat McLaughlin to avoid detection, as he was still on the Violent and Sex Offender Register following his 1994 convictions for rape and assault. An arrest warrant had been issued for him in November 2005 after he moved from Paisley without notifying the police, but he was not discovered until he became a suspect in Kluk's murder at the church. Angelika Kluk, a 23-year-old student from Poland, was staying at the presbytery of St Patrick's Church, where she worked as a cleaner to help finance her Scandinavian Studies course at the University of Gdańsk. She was last seen alive in the company of Tobin on 24 September 2006, and is thought to have been attacked by him in the garage attached to the presbytery. She was beaten, raped and stabbed, and her body was concealed in an underground chamber beneath the floor near the confessional in the church. Forensic evidence suggested that she was still alive when she was placed under the floorboards.

EPISODE 3: FRED NEULANDER



The Rabbi who appeared to have hired a private detective to find out who had killed his wife, Carol, told him only the facts as the Police had revealed. That Carol was beaten to death probably during a robbery. Rabbi Neulander had his doubts and suggested various lines of enquiry. He suggested consulting a friend from the synagogue who was a 'psychic', he suggested a series of trails. But the private detective and Neulander knew all along what had happened - becuase Neulander had hired the Private Detective to arrange Carol's murder. Neulander had fallen for another woman - Radio host Elaine Soncini and wanted Carol out of the way. Divorce would have cost him his job as senior rabbi at Congregation M'kor Shalom, a thriving Cherry Hill synagogue in Philadelphia. One dayJenoff and the rabbi talked about enemies of Israel. Neulander asked him whether one of his roommates, a pharmacist, could recommend a combination of drugs that could kill a person and not leave a trace.What followed was the evil murder and a tale of greed and envy.

EPISODE 4: DON MILLER

Miller was an ever-present on Sundays at the East Lansing Methodist Church in Michigan. It's where he liked to see Martha Sue Young. Weeks after she went missing, Don also met Marita Choquette - she turned up dead with her hands placed in a praying position. Turns out Don liked to go to Church, meet women and then kill them. Four times he snatched women before murdering them. To get him to tell families where the bodies of their loved ones were buried, he demanded a plea deal which would see him admit to two charges of manslaughter and not to be charged with the other two offences. Which means he is due to be released when he reaches 71 years old.

EPISODE 5: CHAD AND LOURI DAYBELL

In a grim and bizarre case, the doomsday religious beliefs of an Idaho couple motivated them to kill their two children. Lori Vallow Daybell and Chad Daybell killed 7-year-old Joshua "JJ" Vallow and 17-year-old Tylee Ryan. The couple 'endorsed and espousedspecific religious beliefs in order to justify or encourage the killing of the two children and Chad Daybell's late wife,' according to Police. The children's bodies were found on the family property. Chad Daybell ran a small publishing company, releasing doomsday-focused fiction books loosely based on the theology of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He also recorded podcasts about preparing for the apocalypse, and friends said he claimed to be able to receive visions from "beyond the veil." Police began searching for Tylee and JJ after relatives reported them missing

EPISODE 6: BEN FIELD

28 year old Ben duped 69 year old Peter Farquhar into a fake relationship to get him to change his will. Farquhar was found dead in a quaint Buckinghamshire village and Field tried to make his death look like an accident. A Baptist Minister's son, he worked locally as a church warden and befriended the elderly man and soon after, they held a betrothal ceremony before a campaign of abuse started. Eventually killing Farquhar with a cocktail or drugs and alcohol, Field was also found to be duping an elderly woman locally. Although he was found not guilty of attempting to murder her, he embarked on a campaign where he'd leave 'messages from God' on her mirrors and she eventually left her house to him in her will.

EPISODE 7: GARY RIDGEWAY

Gary Leon Ridgway was drawn to the sacred, but addicted to the profane. He cried at church services and watched television with a Bible in his lap. He also tied up his sex partners, and by his own admission, pursued prostitutes with the ardor of a parched alcoholic. Ridgway became the prime suspect in four murder linked to a series of homicides around Green River in Washington. Was his religious fervor the prime motivation in attacking the women - if so, it may have led to him being overlooked as the possible killer not of 4 women, but of 49. Psychologists suggest the killer focused on prostitutes because he thought they were evil. Ridgeway staged rituals and left religious signs behind on at least eight of the victims.

EPISODE 8: BIBLE JOHN

Record
Scotland's National Newspaper
MURDER
DID YOU SEE HER?
Mrs PATRICIA DOCKER, 25, found

Three women, snatched from the street, raped and then murdered by the same man - their killer tried one more time but his target escaped to give Police both a description and a chilling fact: he quoted from the Old Testament of the bible at her throughout the time he spent stalking and attacking her. Police believe his victims went through the same chilling process Patricia Docker, 25 year old, an auxiliary nurse working in South Glasgow. Jemima McDonald, 32 years old, a married mother of three and Helen Puttock, 29, described as a "lovely girl"; she was one of four children, were all killed within a few hundred yards of a Glasgow Dance Hall. Bible John has never been found enabling a fascinating and ongoing Detective story.

EPISODE 9: DANIEL RUDA AND WIFE MANUELA

German couple Daniel Ruda and wife Manuela killed a friend by stabbing. They were acting on the orders of the devil. "Satan ordered us to sacrifice a human". The self-professed Satanists confessed to the stabbing of Frank Haagen, a friend and colleague. Frank Haagen's body was found mutilated and decomposing in the Ruda's apartment in Bochum, a city in the west of Germany. A pentagram, the five-pointed star of the devil, was carved into his chest. The couple's apartment had been turned into an altar for Satanic worship. Human skulls cluttered the floor, cemetery lights hung from the ceiling, and a coffin stood in the bedroom. The couple indulged in rituals like blood drinking and animal sacrifice.

EPISODE 10: IFTIKHAR AND FARZANA AHMED

Devout Muslims, the parents thought their daughter had become too Westernised. Shafilea was taken to Pakistan by her family months before she disappeared for an arranged marriage which she rejected. While in Pakistan, Shafilea drank bleach, resulting in serious health problems. Her family maintained that she had drunk the substance by accident, After being in hospital she tried to rebuild her life, took a job in telesales and went to college. But when her mother picked her up a row ensued about her choice of western 'unislamic' clothes. Her college, Great Sankey High School and Engineering College, reported her missing after she had not been seen for more than a week. Iftikhar and Farzana stuck to their story that Shafilea was a disruptive teenager and had run away from home. Shafilea's body was washed up months later in the Lake District following floods in the Lake District. It was six years later, after an armed robbery at their home, that the parents were finally brought to justice after calling police on their own daughter Alesha. Alesha

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