

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910682542103321
Autore	De Wildt Lars
Titolo	The Pop Theology of Videogames : Producing and Playing with Religion // Lars de Wildt
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Amsterdam : , : Amsterdam University Press, , 2023
ISBN	90-485-5513-2
Edizione	[First edition.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (158 pages) : illustrations
Collana	Games and Play ; ; 8.
Disciplina	794.8
Soggetti	Video games - Religious aspects - Christianity Video games - Religious aspects
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Chapter 1. Introduction -- Part I. Producing Religion "Which choices lead game-makers to use religion in their videogames?" -- Chapter 2. Making Religion at Ubisoft -- Chapter 3. Indie-pendent: the Arthouse Gods of Indie games -- Part II. Consuming Religion "How do players make sense of and relate to religion in videogames?" -- Chapter 4. Public Religion on Videogame Forums -- Chapter 5. Single-player Religion -- Part III. Conclusion -- Chapter 6. Pop Theology. -- Bibliography -- Index.
Sommario/riassunto	Young people in the West are more likely to encounter religion in videogames than in places of worship like churches, mosques or temples. Lars de Wildt interviews developers and players of games such as Assassin's Creed to find out how and why the Pop Theology of Videogames is so appealing to modern audiences. Based on extensive fieldwork, this book argues that developers of videogames and their players engage in a 'Pop Theology' through which laymen reconsider traditional questions of religion by playing with them. Games allow us to play with religious questions and identities in the same way that children play at being a soldier, or choose to 'play house.' This requires a radical rethinking of religious questions as no longer just questions of belief or disbelief; but as truths to be tried on, compared, and discarded at will.