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***Absence of Faith*, a new novel, about hope, mystery, and the renewal of faith**

RALEIGH, NC - The mystery starts when Doctor Carson Hyll falls asleep at the wheel and drives off a bridge into a river. He experiences one of the worst nightmares of his life when the young intern is knocked unconscious and has a near death experience so real, so frightening that he thinks he died and went to hell.

When others in the small coastal town of Ocean Village have similar negative near death experiences about their worst fears and wake up with burnt skin, they believe they went to hell and that God has abandoned them.

The residents rush into the hospitals and doctors' offices with the slightest ailments fearful of dying, and hopeful that the doctors can prevent them from dying. Matters get worse when a local Satanist cult uses the opportunity to promote their beliefs and win over many of the town residents.

Will they solve the mystery and stop a madman who seemingly has the power of Satan from destroying all known religions in the world along with people's belief in the future? Or will Kyle Mabus succeed and be the next antichrist, who 16th century prophet Nostradamus predicted would walk the earth in the late 20th century, early 21st century?

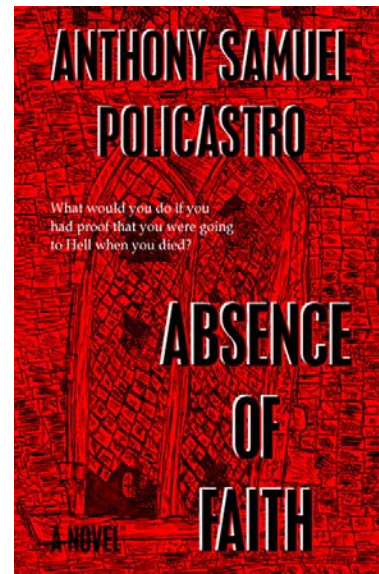
Absence of Faith will appeal to a wide audience in light of the new interest in spirituality and religion with the popularity of Dan Brown's bestseller, *The DaVinci Code*, and with the increasing threat of newly discovered diseases.

Absence of Faith is written in the outer limited point of view (same POV as Hemingway's novels) and the book is plot-driven, similar to best selling author Michael Crichton's style, but with more in-depth character development.

Links to *Absence of Faith*:

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