

APOTHEOSIS Pokes Multicultural Hornet's Nest

Novel Spotlights Legal Fight Over Right to Perform "Religious" Ritual

BOULDER, COLORADO, UNITED STATES, July 14, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [APOTHEOSIS](#) begins with the illegal practice of a ritual in the backwoods of Indiana. Those responsible assert their cultural and religious rights when arrested for performing the ceremony in which a very young widow--merely a child--throws herself on a funeral pyre. The novel is the latest release by [Armin Lear Press'](#) fiction imprint, Thousand Acres.

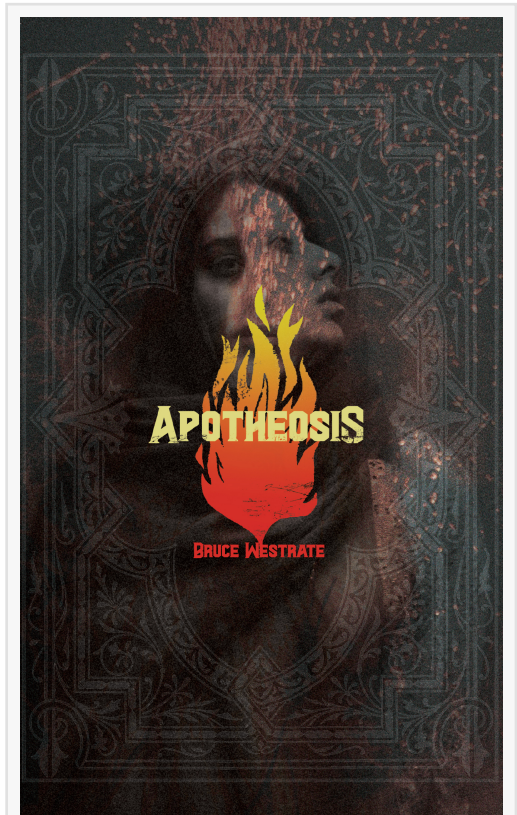
On an early morning one November, two teenaged hunters emerge from their pickup in a forest, intent on bagging a buck before noon. While preparing the site, their attention is riveted to a nearby stand of beech trees. The two friends get vastly more than they bargained for, as they stumble across a revival of the ancient, banned Hindu rite known as sati.

A ten-year old girl, burned to death on the funeral pyre of her "husband," becomes the focal point of a trial in which her father-in-law is called to account for complicity in the ceremony which took her young life.

The local prosecutor soon finds himself embroiled in a spectacular case, swirling around issues of religious toleration, cultural bigotry, and multicultural diversity, which sweep the small community into a vortex of national publicity and communal conflict.

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British Empire (Krieger, 2002), titled "Acknowledged Truths: Lord Bentinck and the Abolition of Sati." Westrate lives in Dallas with Sally, his wife of more than four decades.

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