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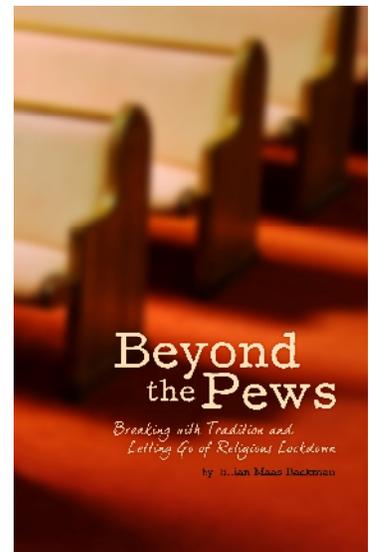
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About the Author



Jillian Mass Backman is an award-winning radio personality and Intuitive Life Facilitator. She graduated from the University of Texas in San Antonio with a degree in Psychology. An expert in *Energy Management*, she helps others achieve a harmonious balance between their intuitive and intellectual selves so that they can enjoy a more peaceful and fulfilling way of life.

Jillian opened a successful spa and wellness center in the 90s and before long, requests for her to speak and teach poured in from around the globe. Her first radio show, *I.T.S. For You*, broadcast from WLKG.FM in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, was followed by her current worldwide blog talk radio show, ***Change Already! Your Future, Your Choice***. Along an array of interesting guests, Jillian's groundbreaking program offers listeners step-by-step methods for personal transformation.

Jillian has been a key-note speaker at numerous colleges, seminars, and book conferences. Her client base includes corporate executives, international business leaders, celebrity musicians, artists and school administrators.

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*“Beyond the Pews is a beautifully written, illuminating book. The author’s experiences and lessons she offers to readers reveal the essential love that is God—the medicine that can cure all.”...**Swami Mohan Das Bairagi***

*“Jillian Mass Backman is an intuitive explorer; her unique exercises show you how to become aware of the presence of divine intuition in nature, in yourself, and in other people. **Beyond the Pews** is filled with psychic-spiritual epiphanies and insightful exercises for increasing intuition and appreciating the awesomeness of life.”....**Dennis Fairchild, author of *The Kitchen Tarot* and *The Fortune-telling Handbook****

*“Jillian Maas Backman is an extraordinary teacher. For years she has been guiding her clients along the path of self-discovery to peace and understanding. Now her astounding book, **Beyond the Pews**, is destined to transform countless more lives.”....**Susan Murphy Milano, violence expert, author of *Times Up: How to Safely Leave an Abusive and Stalking Relationship****

*“In **Beyond The Pews** Jillian Maas Backman delicately and necessarily bridges the gap between religion and spirituality, showing that there is no difference at all when you listen to the inner voice and follow your heart. Her personal trials and discoveries inspired her to embrace her true essence. She encourages her readers to seek their own answers as she provides guidance along the path of creative self-discovery and ignites that which already exists within.”....**April Claxton, CEO and Founder of The Movement Within, author of *The Movement Within: 8 Steps to Ignite The Movement Within You****

*“This book is part biography, part poetry, and all spiritual guidance. It’s the story of the growth of an intuitive, and it’s a workbook for readers to come to understand and contribute to the essential interdependence of human and angelic beings. Backman writes with color and grace, and invites us all on a journey of pure joy.”.... **Louise Marley, author of *Mozart’s Blood* and *The Brahms Deception****



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Suggested Interview Questions for Jillian Maas Backman, author of *Beyond the Pews*

1. When a person has gone through a traumatic experience, they may be struggling with upsetting emotions, frightening memories, or a sense of constant danger that the person just can't kick. Or a person can feel numb, disconnected, and unable to trust other people. Talk about the importance of this as it relates to your book.
2. Can you give an explanation of "soul work" and the lesson plans in *Beyond the Pews* as it applies to the average person who is involved in a traditional church?
3. Bad things happen to all of us why is it that some people seemingly can shake it off and others cannot?
4. Are there specific signs or sensory perceptions that one should recognize as being from divine beings?
5. Are we better equipped to handle trauma at certain stages of our lives?
6. Why is it important for readers of *Beyond the Pews* to do the lesson plans?
7. One of the goals for the book you provide is to understand it's not the objective facts that determine whether an event is traumatic, but your *subjective emotional experience* of the event. The more frightened and helpless you feel, the more likely you are to be traumatized.
8. In *Beyond the Pews* you talk about your childhood experiences and the ability to communicate with angelic beings, do you think human beings are chosen, or is this ability available to everyone?
9. People are more likely to be traumatized by a stressful experience if they're already under a heavy stress load or have recently suffered a series of losses.
10. Why is it important to balance ego in order to gain clarity?
11. In *Beyond the Pews* you talk about a spiritual "second awakening." Do you see this as being a fringe ideology or something that can or will become mainstream thinking?
12. Where does one find their own "spiritual leader?" How would you describe the ability to recognize this leader, and are they on a higher spiritual plane?
13. Do we as human beings play different roles within the spiritual world? How does one define what that role may be?