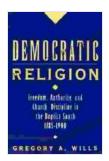
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The second part of the book examines the period from the American Revolution to the Civil War. This period was marked by a growing tension between freedom and authority. On the one hand, Baptists continued to value individual liberty. On the other hand, they also began to recognize the need for a more centralized denominational structure. This tension was reflected in the debates over such issues as slavery, missions, and education.

The third part of the book examines the period from the Civil War to 1900. This period was marked by a gradual shift towards a more centralized denominational structure. This shift was due in part to the growing number of Baptists in the South, as well as the increasing influence of urban centers. It was also due to the rise of new denominational leaders, such as John A. Broadus and Basil Manly Jr.

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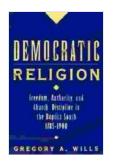
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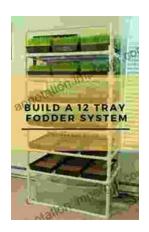
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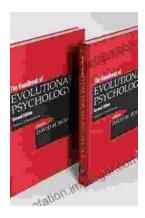
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