This book was written as a commentary on Babson’s involvement in efforts to reform the church system. The author refers to many of Babson’s activities in the church, in which he was often questioned for overstepping his bounds as a member of the congregation. His advice to the clergy and the public was sometimes viewed as too preachy and self-righteous instead of observational. Shumway aims to look objectively at the issue, exploring the dynamics of Babson’s zealous relationship with God and the church system.