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- Kelly Baker on [why we shouldn't say religion can be evil](#)
- Steve Thorngate reviews [the Mercyland project](#): "Growing up, my listening habits progressed from the evangelical subculture's schlockiest pop to its Americana fringe to secular alt-country. One common thread: prolific sideman Phil Madeira." (subscription required)