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SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, SHIELD OF FAITH: RELIGION IN AMERICAN WAR AND DIPLOMACY

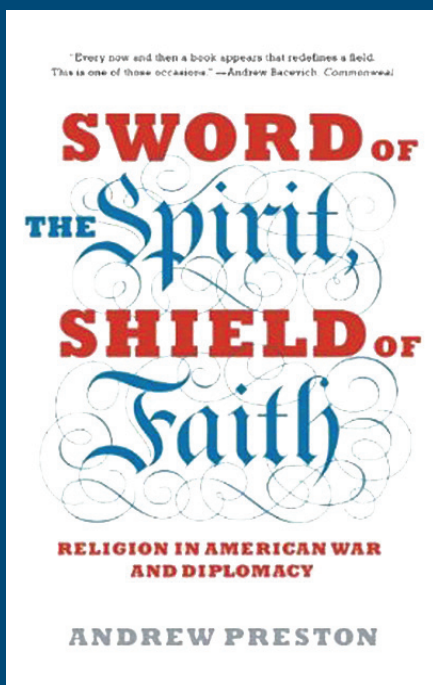
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Jon Meacham, author of *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power and American Gospel* writes: "Faith is one of the most influential factors in our national life, and Preston's excellent book gives religion its due as a force that shapes who we are, what wars we fight, and which causes we make our own."