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Monica Duffy Toft, Daniel Philpott, and Timothy Samuel Shah New York: Norton, 2011. God's Century is an important book with a very clear theme. It describes and explains the resurgence of religion in the final quarter of the twentieth century, arguing that--like it or not--religion is here to stay. It follows that we need not only to take note of the significance of religion in the modern world order, but also to understand the factors that lie behind this very diverse phenomenon. The latter point is important. Religion is hugely varied both in itself and in the effect that it has on any given society: it can endorse the democratic order, it can engender terrorism, it can create and sustain civil wars, and it can help to heal the wounds of earlier conflicts. [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED] How so? The core of this book lies in trying to understand these questions: what is happening with regard to religion and why? It begins with a statement that is counter-intuitive for many people. The resurgence of religion, these authors argue, "has been driven by religious people's desire for freedom" (9), especially the desire to live out their faith in the public as well as the private realm. Such initiatives, moreover, have

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