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I decided to use this book as a supplementary reader for my history class emphasizing the importance of religion on American political, economic and social development. The work contains a

number of good essays and many short primary selections on the topic but is somewhat uneven. For example, there is little material on the effect of religion on the reform impulse prior to the Civil War except for the abolitionist movement. Nevertheless, I decided it was the best book available for the class.

"Major Problems" is just an academic phrase. It's not about problems. It is about interesting people, groups, and movements in American religion and their impact on American government, culture, and history.

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