
I have never been a fan of Ronald Reagan. When he was president and concluded his speeches with "God bless you and God bless America," or some variation of that familiar formula of politicians, I thought it was just one more expression of "civil religion." So, I never gave much attention to Reagan's religion, although I have known for some time that his denominational background was the same as my own, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). But I have had a "conversion experience" from reading these two books, especially Kengor's. I have discovered that Reagan was a man of lifelong faith, one whose faith permeated his personal and political lives.

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