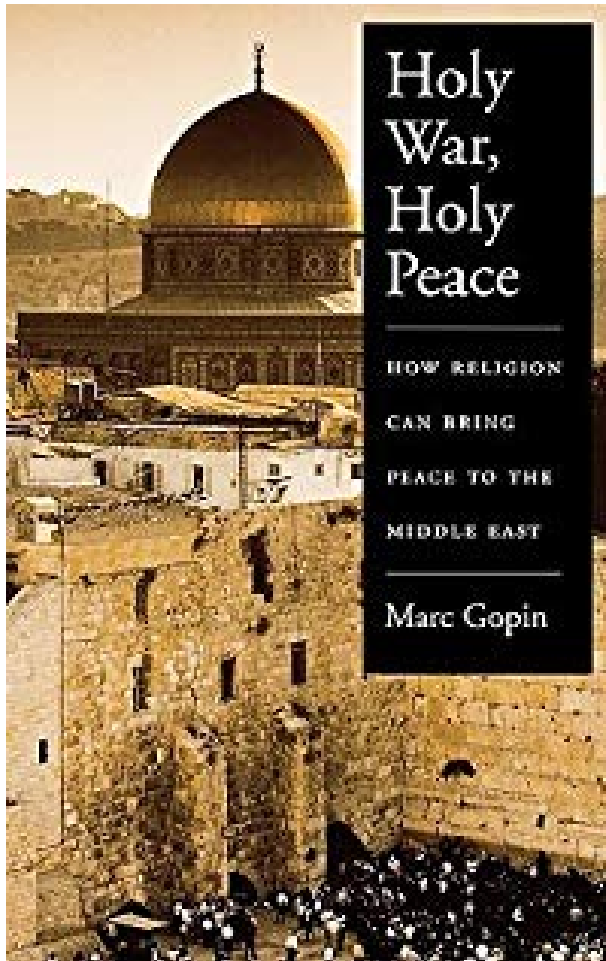


# Holy War, Holy Peace: How Religion Can Bring Peace to the Middle East



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Gopin's analysis of the theoretical, theological, and political planes shows us what has been achieved thus far, as well as what must be done next in order to ensure effective final settlement negotiations and secure, sovereign, democratic countries for both peoples.