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**How Can ‘The One True Religion’ Accept Democracy?
The Experience of Catholicism and Islam”**

The world's two most populous and powerful religions faced a crisis when their worldly and territorial holdings were removed: the Roman Catholic Church after 1870 when the Papal States fell, and Islam after 1922 when the Caliphate was abolished. Both entities had fallen to liberal democratic forces. One came to terms with and influenced liberal democracy; the other is still in crisis over the prospect. The irony is that secular democratic forces in the West are, at the same time, suspicious or hostile to the Christian tradition, while they seek to accommodate some of the more militant elements of the Islamic tradition.

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