

Faith And Duty

Excerpt from Last Series of Christian Aspects of Faith and Duty: Discourses I have at length yielded to the often-expressed wish of several friends that I would publish another volume of my father's Sermons. The only consideration that has deterred me from doing so hitherto, has been the recollection of his own words, constantly repeated to those who urged him to publish more, that he would have entirely to re-write every Sermon, to put it into, a shape in which he would think fit to offer it to the public. As this cannot be done now, I can but hope that the reader will remember the writer's opinion, and kindly overlook anything in the style or expression that may seem to be more suitable for delivery than for publication. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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resources, especially in the crucible of war. In *Duty and Destiny*, Smith unpacks Churchill's paradoxical religious views and carefully analyzes the complexities of his legacy. This thorough examination of Churchill's religious life provides a new narrative structure to make sense of arguably the most important person of the twentieth century.

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'...there is no finer human being in public life than John Anderson' Prime Minister John Howard, October 10, 2004 Australia's former Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson is the subject of a revealing and intimate portrait from Melbourne writer, Paul Gallagher. *Faith and Duty* charts the National Party leader's long-time political partnership with John Howard while revealing the pain and tragedies of a remarkable life. From the nightmare of his sister's accidental death to the loss of his infant son in the midst of political storms, Anderson's story is a uniquely

candid account of personal triumph, family strength, unwavering integrity and faith and determination in the face of great loss.

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