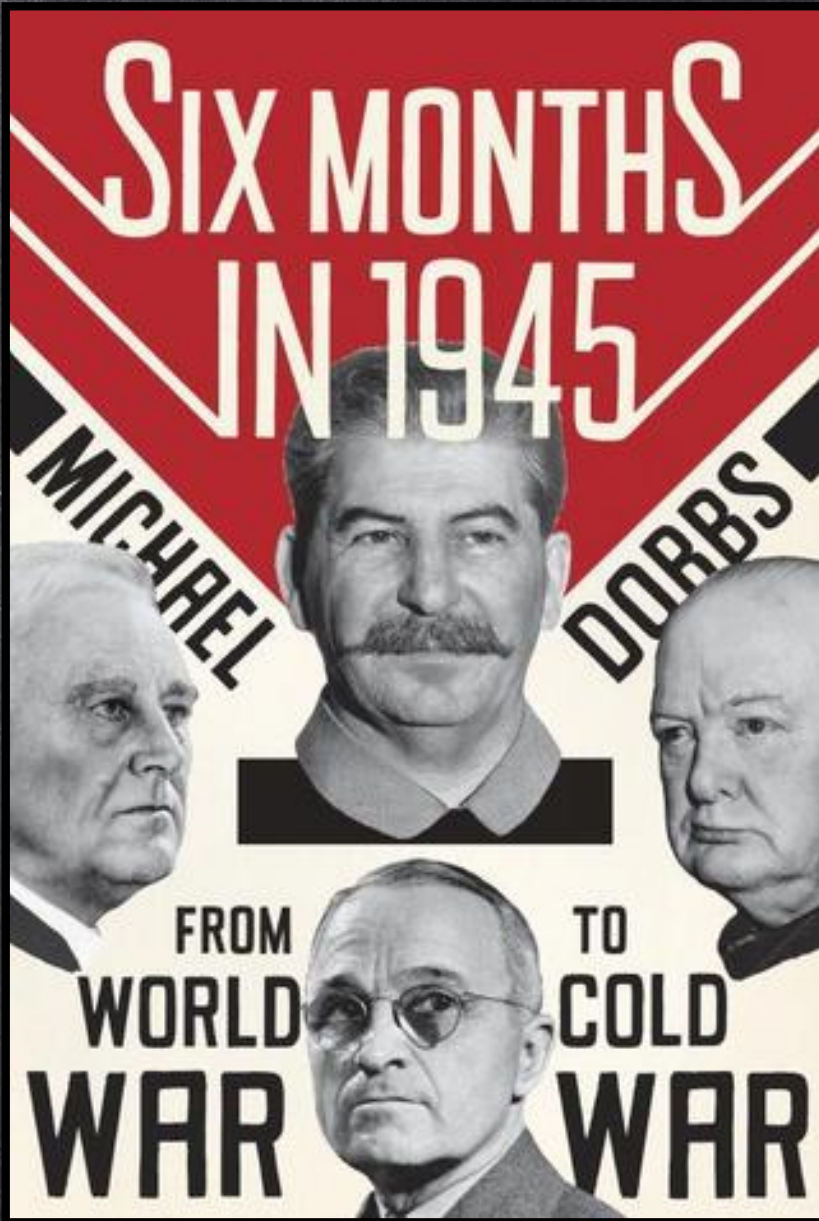




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Jesus's disciples should be neither inquisitors (Matt. 7:1–5) nor simpletons (7:6). Neither censoriousness nor naïveté helps the church. Yet unless one has removed the log from one's own eye, one will not be able to discern the difference between a fellow disciple with a relatively minor problem and an enemy who will do great harm to the kingdom. If genuine introspection does not occur, a disciple may blunder on the side of judgmental hypocrisy or naive gullibility. Ignorance of oneself is often mixed with arrogance toward others, with disastrous results.