Contents

Notes on Contributors ix
Acknowledgments xv

Introduction
Andrew R. Murphy

Part I “Religion” and “Violence”: Defining Terms, Defining Relationships 5
1 Religion and Violence: Coming to Terms with Terms
   John D. Carlson

2 The Myth of Religious Violence
   William T. Cavanaugh

Part II Disciplinary Perspectives 35
3 Religion and Violence: An Economic Approach
   Anthony Gill

4 Religion, Identity, and Violence: Some Theoretical Reflections
   Aziz Esmail

5 Anthropological Reflections on Religion and Violence
   Bettina E. Schmidt

6 Spiritual Devotion and Self-Annihilation: An Evolutionary Perspective
   Ariel Glucklich

7 The Sociology of Religious Violence
   Charles Selengut
8 Religion, Law, and Violence
   David E. Guinn

9 Mediating Religious Violence
   Jolyon Mitchell

10 Gender in the Production of Religious and Secular Violence
   Janet R. Jakobsen

11 Explaining Religious Violence: Retrospects and Prospects
   Hector Avalos

Part III Traditions and Movements, Concepts and Themes

12 Christianity and Violence
   Jonathan Ebel

13 Genesis 34 and the Legacies of Biblical Violence
   Elliott Horowitz

14 Islam and Violence
   Beverley Milton-Edwards

15 Religion and Violence in Hindu Traditions
   Jeffery D. Long

16 Buddhism and Symbolic Violence
   Bernard Faure

17 Religion, Violence, and Shintō
   Walter A. Skya

18 Confucian Ethical Action and the Boundaries of Peace and War
   Don J. Wyatt

19 Violence in Chinese Religious Culture
   Barend J. ter Haar

20 The Dialectic of Violence in Jainism
   Christopher Key Chapple

21 Just War and Jihad of the Sword
   James Turner Johnson

22 Jihad and Martyrdom in Classical and Contemporary Islam
   David Cook

23 Sacred Terror: The Psychology of Contemporary Religious Terrorism
   James W. Jones

24 The Transformation of Failure and the Spiritualization of Violence
   Ian Reader
25 Sacrifice and Violence
Kathryn McClymond 320

26 History, Humiliation, and Religious Violence
Ellen Posman 331

27 Reconceptualizing Totalitarianism and Fascism
Robert Imre 343

Part IV Case Studies: Religion and Violence, Past and Present 355

28 Enduring the Sacred Scars of Slavery
Yolanda Pierce 357

29 South Asia: From Colonial Categories to a Crisis of Faith?
Yasmin Khan 367

30 Gender, Religion, and Violence during the Holocaust
Judith Tydor Baumel-Schwartz 379

31 Women in the Śātric Tradition: Colonialism, Law, and Violence
Nandini Bhattacharyya-Panda 389

32 Biblical Metaphors for Interventionism in the Spanish-American War
Matthew McCullough 406

33 Sudan: Religion and Conflict
Jok Madut Jok 417

34 The Battle for Australia: Salvation and Conquest
Marion Maddox 424

35 Fundamentalist Violence and Women: Iran, Afghanistan, and Algeria
Valentine M. Moghadam 439

36 Anti-Jewish Violence in Late Imperial Russia
Robert Weinberg 451

37 Religion, Pluralism, and Conflicts in the Pacific Islands
Yannick Fer 461

38 Ritual Violence and Violent Ritual in Chinese Popular Religion
Avron Boretz 473

39 The Politics of Protestant Violence: Abolitionists and Anti-Abortionists
Joel Olson 485

40 Colonialism and Civil War: Religion and Violence in East Africa
Ben Jones 498

41 Rethinking Religion and Violence in the Middle East
Jeroen Gunning 511
42 Cromwell, Mather, and the Rhetoric of Puritan Violence  
Andrew R. Murphy  
524

Part V Future Prospects: Beyond Violence?  
539

43 Liberation Theology and the Spiral of Violence  
Thia Cooper  
541

44 Religion and Nonviolence in American History  
Ira Chernus  
554

45 Religious Peacebuilding  
Maria Pilar Aquino  
568

Index  
594