

Does Religion Lead to Violence? – Sources that Serve Understanding

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Doesn't Religion Lead to Violence?

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- Christopher J. H. Wright, *The God I Don't Understand: Reflections on Tough Questions of Faith* (Zondervan, 2008)

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- Thomas F. Madden, *The Concise History of the Crusades* (Rowan & Littlefield, 2013)
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- J. Daryl Charles & Timothy J. Demy, *War, Peace and Christianity: Questions and Answers from a Just War Perspective* (Crossway, 2010)
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