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Religion as a catalyst both for conflict and its termination is a subject that has exercised many. Explosive events in the US and the Middle East have brought Islamic extremism to public attention in the Twenty First Century but from the Crusades and the Wars of Religion, to still simmering tensions in Northern Ireland, the links between religion and conflict have a long history.

While religion has been used to motivate and inspire some combatants as well as to vilify others, it is considered simplistic to assume that removing the religious element in a conflict would immediately speed up its resolution.

This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on religion and warfare. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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