

# Terror and Religion

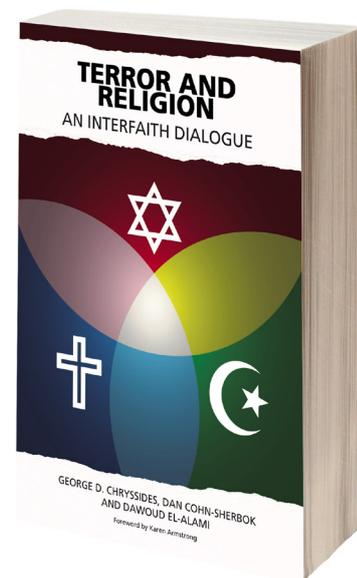
## An interfaith dialogue

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and Dawoud El-Alami**

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With Islamist violence rising as groups such as Al-Qaeda and ISIS make their mark across the globe, discussions about terror, violence, and religion have never been more important. *Terror and Religion* brings together leading academics – Rabbi, Dan Cohn-Sherbok, Christian author and lecturer, George D. Chryssides, and Islamic scholar Dawoud Sudqi El-Alami – in a dialogue that engages with the most pressing questions of our time.

Focusing particularly on the ISIS terrorist attacks, the authors engage with thorny issues such as: Does Islam preach violence? How can we reconcile all three faiths' histories of violence with their aims of peace, love and justice? What causes violence? Should freedom of speech be limited? Can reconciliation between different faith groups ever be achieved?

The dialogue presents an honest and forthright introduction to truths and misconceptions about Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. In considering the problematic relationship between faith, terror and violence, the discussants find both common ground and challenging disagreements.

**Category:**

Religious, political

**Sales highlights:**

A dialogue that contains passionate, conflicting ideas about terror, war and violence that will engage readers and draw them into the debate. It covers the truths and misconceptions about Judaism, Christianity and Islam and will provide a useful companion to the study of religion. Ideal for students and academics, the book is also accessible to anyone with a keen interest in the topics covered.



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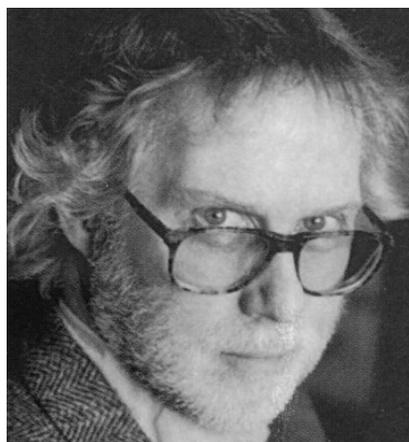
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