KANT’S RELIGION WITHIN
THE BOUNDARIES OF MERE REASON

Kant’s *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason* was written late in his career. It presents a theory of “radical evil” in human nature, touches on the issue of divine grace, develops a Christology, and takes a seemingly strong interest in the issue of scriptural interpretation. The essays in this *Critical Guide* explore the reasons why this is so, and offer careful and illuminating interpretations of the themes of the work. The relationship of Kant’s *Religion* to his other writings is discussed in ways that underscore the importance of this work for the entire Critical philosophy, and provide a broad perspective on his moral thought; connections are also drawn among religion, history, and politics in Kant’s later thinking. Together the essays offer a rich exploration of the work which will be of great interest to those involved in Kant studies and philosophy of religion.

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ApH Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View Ak 7

Brief Briefwechsel Ak 10–11
CAM: Correspondence, trans. Arnulf Zweig

Dm On the Form and Principles of the Sensible and Intelligible World Ak 2
CAM: Theoretical Philosophy, 1755–1770, trans. David Walford and Ralf Meerbote

EM The Only Possible Argument in Support of a Demonstration of the Existence of God Ak 2
CAM: Theoretical Philosophy 1755–1770, trans. David Walford

End The End of All Things Ak 8
CAM: Religion and Rational Theology, trans. Allen W. Wood

Fort What Real Progress has Metaphysics Made in Germany since the Time of Leibniz and Wolff? Ak 20
CAM: Theoretical Philosophy after 1781, trans. Peter Heath

G Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals Ak 4
CAM: Practical Philosophy, trans. Mary J. Gregor
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IC  Proclamation of the Imminent Conclusion of a Treaty of Perpetual Peace in Philosophy Ak 8
CAM: Theoretical Philosophy after 1781, trans. Peter Heath

Idea  Idea for a Universal History from a Pragmatic Point of View Ak 8

KpV  Critique of Practical Reason Ak 5
CAM: Practical Philosophy, trans. Mary J. Gregor

KrV  Critique of Pure Reason Ak 3–4

KU  Critique of the Power of Judgment Ak 5
CAM: Critique of the Power of Judgment, trans. Paul Guyer and Eric Matthews

L  Lectures on Logic Ak 9
CAM: Lectures on Logic, trans. J. Michael Young

MA  Conjectural Beginning of Human History Ak 8

MD  Metaphysik Dohna Ak 28
CAM: Lectures on Metaphysics, trans. Karl Ameriks and Steve Naragon

MetM  Metaphysik Mongrovius Ak 29
CAM: Lectures on Metaphysics, trans. Karl Ameriks and Steve Naragon

ML1  Metaphysik L1 (Pölitz) Ak 28
CAM: Lectures on Metaphysics, trans. Karl Ameriks and Steve Naragon

MM2  Moral Mongrovius Ak 29
CAM: Lectures on Ethics, trans. Peter Heath

MPC  Moral Philosophie Collins Ak 27
CAM: Lectures on Ethics, trans. Peter Heath

MS  Metaphysics of Morals Ak 6
CAM: Practical Philosophy, trans. Mary J. Gregor

O  What Does it Mean to Orient Oneself in Thinking? Ak 8
CAM: Religion and Rational Theology, trans. Allen W. Wood

OP  Opus Postumum Ak 21–22
CAM: Opus Postumum, trans. Eckart Förster and Michael Rosen
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