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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
CAM: *Anthropology, History, and Education*, trans. Robert B. Louden
- 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
CAM: *Anthropology, History, and Education*, trans. Allen W. Wood
- KpV* *Critique of Practical Reason* Ak 5
CAM: *Practical Philosophy*, trans. Mary J. Gregor
- KrV* *Critique of Pure Reason* Ak 3–4
CAM: *Critique of Pure Reason*, trans. Paul Guyer and Allen W. Wood
- 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
CAM: *Anthropology, History, and Education*, trans. Allen W. Wood
- MD* *Metaphysik Dohna* Ak 28
CAM: *Lectures on Metaphysics*, trans. Karl Ameriks and Steve Naragon
- Metaphysik K₂* Ak 28
- 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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- P* *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics that Will be Able to Come Forward as Science* Ak 4
CAM: *Theoretical Philosophy after 1781*, trans. Gary Hatfield
- PPV* *Metaphysik der Sitten Vigilantius* Ak 27
CAM: *Lectures on Ethics*, trans. Peter Heath
- R* *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason* Ak 6
CAM: *Religion and Rational Theology*, trans. George di Giovanni
- Ref* *Reflexionen* Ak 14–23
- RM* *Of the Different Races of Human Beings* Ak 2
CAM: *Anthropology, History, and Education*, trans. Holly Wilson and Günter Zöller
- S* *The Conflict of the Faculties* Ak 7
CAM: *Religion and Rational Theology*, trans. Mary J. Gregor and Robert Anchor
- Theod* *On the Miscarriage of all Philosophical Trials in Theodicy* Ak 8
CAM: *Religion and Rational Theology*, trans. George di Giovanni
- Ton* *On a Recently Prominent Tone of Superiority in Philosophy* Ak 8
CAM: *Theoretical Philosophy after 1781*, trans. Peter Heath
- VA* *Lectures on Anthropology* Ak 25
CAM: *Lectures on Anthropology*, trans. G. Felicitas Munzel and Allen W. Wood
- VpR* *Lectures on the Philosophical Doctrine of Religion* Ak 28
CAM: *Religion and Rational Theology*, trans. Allen W. Wood
- WA* *An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment?* Ak 8
CAM: *Practical Philosophy*, trans. Mary J. Gregor
- ZeF* *Toward Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch* Ak 8
CAM: *Practical Philosophy*, trans. Mary J. Gregor