

#### RELIGION AFTER METAPHYSICS

How should we understand religion, and what place should it hold, in an age in which metaphysics has come into disrepute? The metaphysical assumptions which supported traditional theologies are no longer widely accepted, but it is not clear how this "end of metaphysics" should be understood, or what implications it ought to have for our understanding of religion. At the same time there is renewed interest in the sacred and the divine in disciplines as varied as philosophy, psychology, literature, history, anthropology, and cultural studies. In this volume, leading philosophers in the United States and Europe address the decline of metaphysics and the space which this decline has opened for non-theological understandings of religion. The contributors are Richard Rorty, Charles Taylor, Jean-Luc Marion, Gianni Vattimo, Hubert L. Dreyfus, Robert Pippin, John D. Caputo, Adriaan Peperzak, Leora Batnitzky, and Mark A. Wrathall.

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