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## Preface

It would be an understatement to call the completion of this volume a struggle. It was a struggle not only because its chapters were planned and written during the COVID pandemic but also because two of the prospective contributors died, although of nonpandemic causes. Aside from forcing us all to contemplate our own frailty, these deaths threw a wrench into scheduling, both temporally and with regard to the topics covered. While the volume could be vastly expanded were we to take into consideration religion and war in less traditional contexts, nonetheless this remains an outstanding compilation, although somewhat traditional in scope. The twenty-three chapters included herein should offer scholars and students valuable insights into the union of religion and war under four rubrics: classical foundations, just war, religious nationalism, and featured conflicts.

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