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THE FORGE OF FAITH: REVEALING THE DUALITY OF RELIGION IN GLOBAL CONFLICT

The intersection of religion and international conflicts persists as a perennially relevant subject within scholarly discourse, gaining heightened significance in the modern era. A general agreement has been reached regarding the dual nature of religion, drawing on various fields of study such as sociology, political science, history, and religious studies. This consensus acknowledges that while religion can indeed act as a catalyst for international conflict or exacerbate pre-existing tensions, it simultaneously harbors the potential for fostering reconciliation and peacebuilding efforts. By scrutinizing the genesis of this dichotomy and meticulously examining the intricate interplay between divergent perspectives, this article seeks to unravel the complexities inherent in delineating the demarcation between religion and politics. Upon conducting this investigation, it becomes apparent that the contradictory nature of the responses provided is not only unavoidable, but also intellectually legitimate within the scope of scholarly examination.

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