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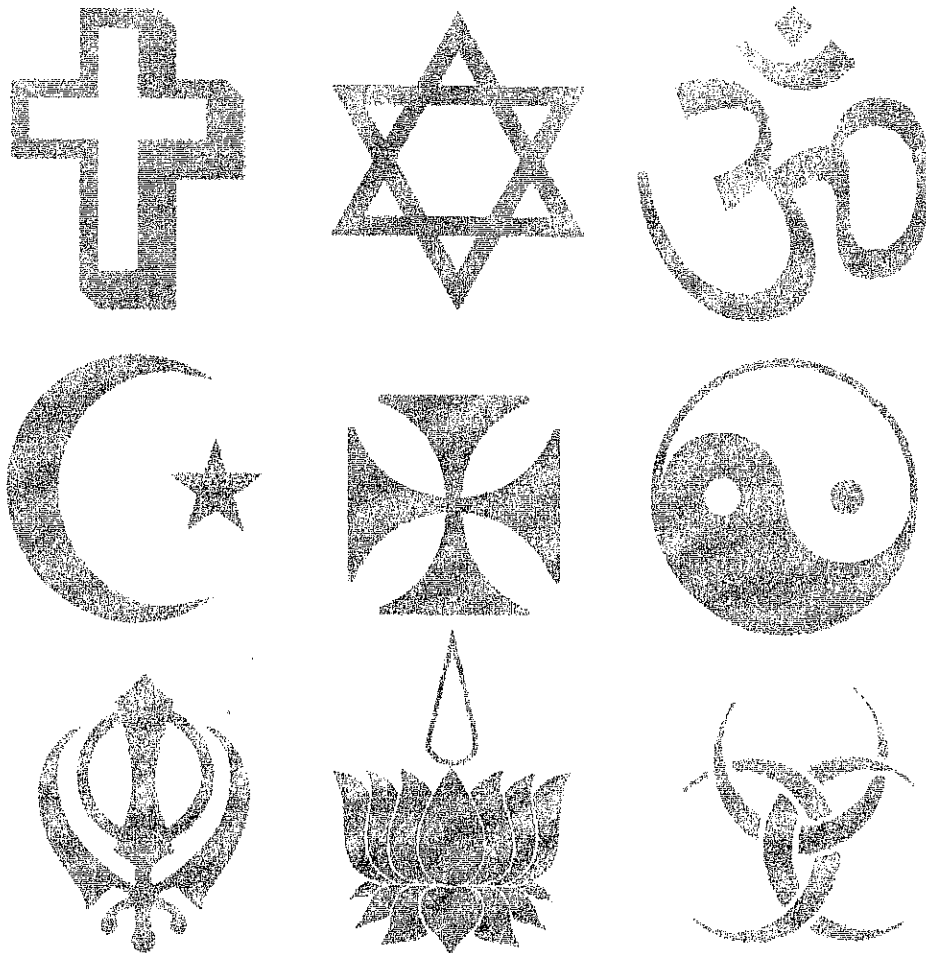
THE PARADOX OF RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE

A public lecture by Dr. Gary Kessler, Levan Scholar-in-Residence

Tuesday, April 21, • 7:00 p.m.
Bakersfield College Fireside Room

The paradox of religious violence is deeply buried in religion itself. Violence is not some outside, corrupting force but finds its home alongside the good that religion can also inspire. Whenever religion is present, the potential for violence as well as the potential for peace are present.

Dr. Kessler is Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Comparative Religion at California State University, Bakersfield. He is the author/editor of numerous books and scholarly articles, including *Studying Religion: An Introduction Through Cases*. He is currently working on a book dealing with religion and violence, tentatively titled *The Dark Side of Religion*.



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