

# RELI 233H: Religion and Violence



Santiago Matamoros (St. James the Moor Slayer), Anonymous, 18th C., Cuzco, Peru

This course examines the problematic interplay between religion and violence across diverse regions and historical moments. It tests accusations that religion is inherently violent through the reading of sacred texts, historical cases and critical theories. Discussion will focus primarily on Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, but will range outside of these traditions to track idioms of martyrdom, war, sacrifice and ritualized suffering in other religious contexts and diverse global encounters.

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TuTh  
2:00PM-3:15PM

**General Education  
Requirements: Fulfills  
HS, GL**

