

While religion can be a source of healing, peace and reconciliation, it can also be at least a trigger if not an underlying cause for conflict between peoples of varying beliefs. With that awareness, the International Academy of Practical Theology convened its 2007 meeting around the theme of “Religion, Diversity and Conflict.” From the multiple seminars, lectures and studies presented at that meeting, a selection was chosen for this volume. Representing contributions from four continents, and drawing upon perspectives from African Traditional Religions, Judaism, Islam and Christianity this volume offers a rich introduction to the problems and promises of religion in dialogue with 21st century diversity. With contributions from leading figures in the field across a range of methods, Religion, Diversity and Conflict also serves as a veritable primer on the field of practical theology.