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The Lerner Workshop in Religion and Society at NYU

THE MYTH OF RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE

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In this lecture, Cavanaugh takes on the common idea that religion is more inherently prone to violence than secular ideologies and institutions. He argues that the distinction between "religious" and "secular" is an arbitrary one, a modern Western creation, and is not embedded in the nature of things. He asserts that people are just as inclined to kill for nation, freedom, the flag, and oil as they are for God or gods and that there is no essential difference between "religious" and "secular" ideologies and institutions.

Join us as we explore the myth of religious violence!

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