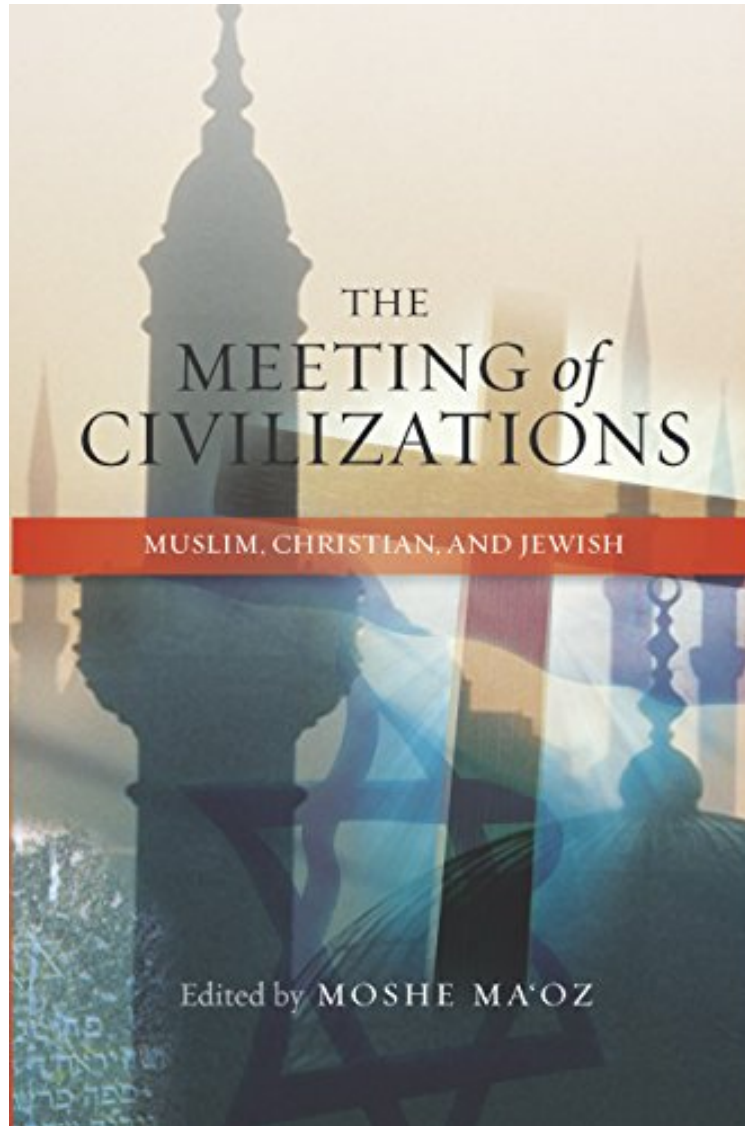


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The horrific acts of anti-Western and anti-Jewish terrorism, carried out by Muslim fanatics during the last decades, have been labeled by politicians, religious leaders, and scholars as a "Clash of Civilizations." However, as the contributors to this book explain, these acts cannot be considered an Islamic onslaught on Judeo-Christian civilization. While the hostile ideas, words, and deeds perpetrated by supporters among the three monotheistic civilizations cannot be ignored, history has demonstrated a more positive, constructive - albeit complex - relationship among Muslim, Christians, and Jews during medieval and modern times. For long periods of time, they shared divine and human values; cooperated in cultural, economic, and political fields; and influenced one another's thinking. This book - now in paperback - examines religious and historical themes of these three civilizing religions, the impact of education on their interrelationship, the problem of Jerusalem, and contemporary interfaith relations. Noted scholars and theologians - Jewish, Christian, and Muslim - from the US, Canada, Egypt, Indonesia, Israel, Pakistan, Palestine, and Turkey contributed to this book, the theme of which was first presented at an international conference organized by the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and the Divinity School of Harvard University.

The first thing to note is the honesty of these papers. The authors do not sugar-coat the wars or the discrimination among the children of Abraham whether by Christians, Muslims, or (rarely) Jews. On the whole, the contributors correctly hold that historically Christians have been less tolerant than the other two religious groups, though both Christians and Muslims have often denied full citizenship to the other children of Abraham. Recommended. Choice