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Religious terrorism used to penetrate widely rather than ethnic terrorism because religion has no ethnic boundaries nor geographical borders. In the era of imperialism and colonialism of Western Europe, Christian missionaries had worked as the front-line of invasion to Africa and Latin America. Although the missionaries itself might not be conscious as the invaders, they treated the native religions as being inferior to Christianity. They raised the flag of "God" or "Christ". There were many terroristic activities by the native religious powers against the invasion of Christianity.

There are three types of religious terrorism; against different religion, against political ideology and against another sect of the same religion. For Muslims the different religion means Judaism or Christianity which are the same monotheism. In logical meanings, "Jehovah" of Judaism, "God" of Christianity and "Allah" of Islam are the same one because the supreme existence of monotheism should be only one. Accordingly, Muslims are taught that Allah, God and Jehovah are exactly the same one. But Judaism and Christianity recognize each other as Old Testament and New Testament whereas they never accept Allah is same as God or Jehovah. Thus, the religious conflicts have been continuing for centuries in the form of Jewish-Christian versus Islam.

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