

BRUTAL VIOLENCE IN THE NAME OF RELIGION, PORTRAYED IN HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY FICTIONS

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ABSTRACT

This article tries to foreground the truth about how brutal was the violence against the losers by the victors in the wars and riots in the past and present in the name of religion. It all started from the Crusade, waged by the Pope Urban II against the Muslim rulers to recapture the Holy city i.e., Jerusalem. Crusade was an historical event. Even much beyond the Crusade, human beings were so cruel and brutal in their attack on their enemies like a predator to its prey in the Stone Age. Many centuries have passed and so many spectacular discoveries have been revealed; yet, new trends of globalization and digitalization have not changed man's aggressive and cruel nature towards the enemy even after one's death. This article will bring out the graphical depiction of the various types of violence being waged against its own species. It not only deals with the description of the violence in the past but also delineates the cruel and brutal violence on minorities during riots and ethnic conflicts in the name of religion.

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