CONTENTS

List of Contributors ix

PART I INTRODUCTION

1. The Economics of Religion as a Field of Inquiry 3
   Rachel M. McCleary

PART II RELIGION AND HUMAN CAPITAL

   Evelyn L. Lehrer

3. Religious Norms, Human Capital, and Money Lending in Jewish European History 57
   Maristella Botticini and Zvi Eckstein

4. Islam and Human Capital Formation: Evidence from Premodern Muslim Science 81
   Eric Chaney

5. The Effects of the Protestant Reformation on Human Capital 93
   Sascha O. Becker and Ludger Woessmann

6. Religion and the Spread of Human Capital and Political Institutions: Christian Missions as a Quasi-Natural Experiment 111
   Robert D. Woodberry

PART III THE NATURE OF RELIGIOUS ECONOMIES

7. Toward Better Measures of Supply and Demand for Testing Theories of Religious Participation 135
   Daniel V. A. Olson
8. Immigrants, Migration, and Religious Economies
   Darren E. Sherkat

   Ran Abramitzky

10. The Economics of Sainthood (A Preliminary Investigation)
    Robert J. Barro, Rachel M. McCleary, and Alexander McQuoid

11. On the Socioeconomic Consequences of Religious Strife
    and Coexistence
    Murat Iyigun

PART IV REGULATION OF THE RELIGION MARKET

12. Religion under Communism: State Regulation, Atheist Competition,
    and the Dynamics of Supply and Demand
    Steven Pfaff

13. Rethinking the Study of Religious Markets
    Daniel M. Hungerman

14. Religion and Civil Liberties in the United States
    Anthony Gill

15. Secularization and Economic Models of Religious Behavior
    Steve Bruce

PART V ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF RELIGION

16. The Political Economy of the Medieval Church
    Robert B. Ekelund, Jr., Robert F. Hébert, and Robert D. Tollison

17. Funding the Faiths: Toward a Theory of Religious Finance
    Laurence R. Iannaccone and Feler Bose
PART VI DATA SETS ON RELIGION

18. Data and Directions for Research in the Economics of Religion 343
   Roger Finke and Christopher D. Bader

19. International Religious Demography: An Overview of Sources and Methodology 365
   Todd M. Johnson and Brian J. Grim

Index 383