

#### **Notes to Chart 4**

#### **Situations selected to illustrate the manipulation of religious belief and association to achieve a political objective**

These examples of manipulation are among the situations that have had the most dramatic consequences and have contributed to a chain reaction that has brought the world to the current state of crisis.

- A** Pursuit of policies by the early Church to enable it to gain a position of political power within the Roman Imperial system of government in an effort to manipulate successive imperial powers of the first millennium CE in order to impose its interpretation of the norms of social and communal conduct on all peoples within the bounds of empire.
- B** Manipulation of the common people by the church to serve its political purposes by financing crusades from the sale of indulgences
- C** Measures taken by the church when Constantinople fell under Muslim control to manipulate Europe's powers into a programmed crusade against Islam with the aim of extending its influence to encompass those portions of the world (and their people) not then known to, or accessible to, European power; the bull *Rominus Potifex* and the Treaty of Tordesillas.
- D** Manipulation of their national churches by European governments in order to gain trade access or to subjugate and colonize countries of East Asia
- E** The Balfour Declaration: negotiation between the Zionist community (as a component of the Jewish community) and the British Government involving manipulation of each by the other for mutual political benefits
- F** General McArthur's Christian Reconstruction of post-war Japan by restricting religious freedom, accelerating the entry of Christian missions and enforcing the Shinto Directive in an attempt to impose the victor's religion on the vanquished and to satisfy a political aim of the United States – to prevent the rise of Communist influence