

## **Fatal Love: History, Violence and Vicarious Desire in Modern India**

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There exists a narrative which holds that modern forms of historical consciousness, becoming available through orientalist texts in the colonial period, led to the building of new religious identities in India. The pre-historical past, we are told, as much as the anti-historical thinking of figures like Gandhi, pose the only resistance to the violent potential of this consciousness. I want to look at the thinkers exemplifying the violence of such a consciousness to argue that it is premised upon desire and even love for the religious rival rather than his consignment to an alien and hostile history.

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