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there is something wrong with us and the world we find ourselves in in the christian tradition the concept of god s salvation describes the divine intervention to overcome this brokenness however such language might easily be misunderstood in the increasingly secular west to make the reality of the doctrine of salvation understandable relevant and attractive for europeans in the west we might begin to think of it more in terms of relationship well being and wholeness using a biblical term salvation is about the shalom of the reign of god this volume explores the lived salvation practices of faith communities and missions and their conceptualisations in the west how is the good life perceived and practiced contributors are clive marsh jan martijn abrahamse dejan aždajić k francis adebayo philip bartholomä janel kragt bakker nigel rooms karen zwijze koning hans schaeffer berdine van den toren lekkerkerker jack barentsen chris james sake stoppels annemieke de jonge bert roor evelien van duffelen harvey kwiyani james butler kathy ross ross lockhart and stefan paas

as the epicenter of christianity has shifted towards africa in recent decades pentecostalism has emerged as a particularly vibrant presence on the continent this collection of essays offers a groundbreaking study of the complex links between politics and african pentecostalism situated at the intersection between the political the postcolonial and global neoliberal capitalism contributors examine the roots of the pentecostal movement s extraordinary growth how pentecostalism intervenes in key social and political issues such as citizenship party politics development challenges and identity and conversely how politics in africa modulate the pentecostal movement pentecostalism and politics in africa offers a wide ranging picture of a central dimension of postcolonial african life opening up new directions for future research

informative guide offering interpretation and analysis of african immigrant christianities in western societies and their impact on the wider local global religious scene

ukah describes with great historical and sociological incisiveness one of the prime movers of this transformation the redeemed christian church of god rccg which has more than 10 000 congregations in more than 80 countries around the world

this book presents a social scientific reading of the challenges of memory and recovery in times of crisis drawing on different interpretations of what constitutes crisis this collection uses lenses of economics identity and commemoration to question how memory and recovery is being constituted through larger discourses of political claims of moving forward healing and identity memory and recovery in times of crisis examines how memory is dis or re interred through social processes and further how recovered memories are challenged or legitimized it also presents a set of questions that will stimulate further reflections on what kind of role understandings of memory of crisis can play in recovery given the world we find ourselves living in in 2017 a world subject to multiple intersecting crises how we understand the dynamics of memory and recovery is a pressing issue indeed this book will appeal to both scholars and students of anthropology and sociology

this book examines the contributions both intentional and unintentional of nigerian pentecostal churches and ngos to development studying their development practices broadly in relation to the intersecting spheres of politics economics health education human rights and peacebuilding in sub saharan africa pentecostalism is fast becoming the dominant expression of christianity but while the growth and civic engagement of these churches has been well documented their role in development has received less attention the nigerian pentecostal landscape is one of the most vibrant in africa churches are increasingly assuming more prominent roles as they seek to address the social and moral ills of contemporary society often in fierce competition with islam for dominance in nigerian public space some scholars suggest that the combination of an enchanted worldview an emphasis on miracles and prosperity teaching and a preoccupation with evangelism discourages effective political engagement and militates against development however nigerian pentecostalism and development argues that there is an emerging movement within contemporary nigerian pentecostalism which is becoming increasingly active in development practices this book goes on to explore the increasingly transnational approach that churches take often seeking to build multicultural congregations around the globe for instance in britain and the united states nigerian pentecostalism and development spirit power and transformation will be of considerable interest to scholars and students concerned with the intersection between religion and development and to development practitioners and policy

makers working in the region

issues of homosexuality are the subject of public and political controversy in many african societies today frequently these controversies receive widespread attention both locally and globally such as with the anti homosexuality bill in uganda in the international media these cases tend to be presented as revealing a deeply rooted homophobia in africa fuelled by religious and cultural traditions but so far little energy is expended in understanding these controversies in all their complexity and the critical role religion plays in them complementing the companion volume public religion and the politics of homosexuality in africa this book investigates christian politics and discourses on homosexuality in sub saharan africa the contributors present case studies from various african countries from nigeria to south africa and from cameroon to uganda focusing on pentecostal catholic and mainline protestant churches they critically examine popular christian theologies that perpetuate homophobia and discrimination but they also discuss contestations of such discourses and emerging alternative christian perspectives that contribute to the recognition of sexual diversity social justice and human rights in contemporary africa

the background to the wings of faith was introduced with a divine call through a dream in which the lord mandated the writer to effectively share her faith in writing with testimonies of the several wonderful things the lord has done in her life in response to her faith in jesus christ and her prayers and cries to god for help in every areas of her challenges from which she has found relevance and purpose in life as referenced in philemon 1 6 that the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in christ jesus the wings of faith is a catalogue of testimonies of my faith testifying that since i gave my life to christ through faith in the name of jesus as the son of god and as my lord and personal savior through confession and repentance and forsaking of my sins and baptism by immersion daily reading and studying of the bible and prayer and fellowship with the brethren and faith in the word of god which i communicate to god through prayer by the help of the holy spirit my life has never been the same again the word of god that i pray with bears fruit which results to testimonies as a widow god has

shown me his faithfulness as the husband of the widow and as the father of the fatherless to my children he has pleaded my case against opposition defended the cause of my children did not leave us as orphans but revealed things to come so as to warn us relieved us of burdens provided for us healed us intervened in very difficult situations and made ways of escape for us helped us and sent helpers to us raised us up from the dust lifted us up from the ash heap brought us out of darkness and translated us into his marvelous light that we should show forth his praises this is the praise of god the testimony of jesus that he called us to bear fruits of testimony to bring glory to his name and encourage people who hear our testimonies to have faith in god by believing in the name of jesus christ his son so that jesus christ in turn will draw them to the father who is pleased to give us the kingdom that through faith in the name of jesus we might reign with him in his kingdom and live eternally to the glory of god

to be resolute decided focussed determined strong willed and single minded you must have discovered purpose the preacher said to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven your relevance lies in discovering your purpose if every woman can discover the purpose of god for her existence then the world will be a better place my father in the lord once said you are blessed for a purpose you are empowered for a purpose you are endowed for a purpose and talented for a purpose in order for you to become a vessel unto honour and ultimately fit for the masters use you must find you purpose and walk in it

uncovers the influence of yoruba culture on women s religious lives and leadership in religions practiced by yoruba people women in yoruba religions examines the profound influence of yoruba culture in yoruba religion christianity islam and afro diasporic religions such as santeria and candomblé placing gender relations in historical and social contexts while the coming of christianity and islam to yorubaland has posed significant challenges to yoruba gender relations by propagating patriarchal gender roles the resources within yoruba culture have enabled women to contest the full acceptance of those new norms oyeronke olademo asserts that yoruba women attain and wield agency in family and society through their economic and religious roles and yoruba operate

within a system of gender balance so that neither of the sexes can be subsumed in the other olademo utilizes historical and phenomenological methods incorporating impressive data from interviews and participant observation showing how religion is at the core of yoruba lived experiences and is intricately bound up in all sectors of daily life in yorubaland and abroad in the diaspora

from global missionizing among proselytic faiths to mass migration through religious diasporas religion has traveled from one side of the world and back again it continues to play a prominent role in shaping world politics and has been a vital force in the continued emergence spread and creation of a transnational civil society exploring how religious roots are shaping organizations that seek to aid people across political and geographic boundaries service movements this book focuses on how religious movements establish structures to assist people with basic human needs such as food clothing shelter education and health examining a multitude of faith traditions with origins in different parts of the world seven contributing chapters with an introduction and conclusions by the senior author offer a unique discussion of the intersections between religious transnationalism and social movements

an exploration of the global growth and social and political impact of pentecostalism

la littérature sur le thème des Églises d initiative africaine est très abondante en anglais mais ce phénomène n est pas encore un sujet de réflexion très abordé et approfondi dans le monde francophone il suscite souvent des réactions stéréotypées et négatives qui contrastent avec l appréciation positive des membres et des promoteurs des Églises d initiative africaine comment faut il donc voir ce mouvement d envergure croissante cet ouvrage donne la parole à la fois aux membres et missiologues issus des Églises d initiative africaine et aux voix extérieures pour présenter ce phénomène en faisant une description puis une évaluation de la contextualisation faite par ces Églises et mouvements ce deuxième texte en français sur les Églises d initiative africaine rédigé dans une perspective évangélique est le fruit d un travail collectif des doctorants en missiologie de la faculté de théologie évangélique de bangui au cameroun élargi à quelques missiologues du

réseau évangélique de missiologues pour la francophonie il intéressera tous ceux qui désirent mieux connaître les Églises d initiative africaine

social scientists and philosophers confronted with religious phenomena have always been challenged to find a proper way to describe the spiritual experiences of the social group they were studying the influence of the cartesian dualism of body and mind or soul led to a distinction between non material spiritual experiences i e related to the soul and physical mechanical experiences i e related to the body however recent developments in medical science on the one hand and challenges to universalist conceptions of belief and spirituality on the other have resulted in body and soul losing the reassuring solid contours they had in the past yet in western culture the body soul duality is alive not least in academic and media discourses this volume pursues the ongoing debates and discusses the importance of the body and how it is perceived in contemporary religious faith what happens when body and soul are un separated entities is it possible even for anthropologists and ethnographers to escape from natural dualism the contributors here present research in novel empirical contexts the benefits and limits of the old dichotomy are discussed and new theoretical strategies proposed

evangelical christianity is known for its defence of traditional christian teachings and resistance to liberalizing trends many western evangelicals themselves do not yet realize how their faith is being reshaped by the modern zeitgeist caught in the current explores how and why western evangelicals are changing church attendance is declining conservative moral positions are unpopular and young people are drifting away from the faith evangelism is avoided so few are joining congregations yet these surface changes are only symptoms of a more profound shift that church leaders have not fully apprehended drawing upon 125 interviews with british and canadian clergy and active laity sam reimer argues that evangelicals have been deeply influenced by a post christian culture that has rejected institutional religious authority and embraced self spirituality as individual evangelicals struggle to navigate these waters and to distance themselves from politicized evangelicalism in the united states they are caught between conformity and resistance

between faithfulness to church moral teachings and accommodation of secular values many are responding by turning inward to define their christian beliefs for themselves the ironic result is that the decline of institutional religious authority is not happening just in western culture but within evangelical churches as well caught in the current is an insightful and nuanced assessment of how british and canadian evangelicals are navigating a post christian culture often in ways that are distinct from how their counterparts in the united states approach it

the megachurch is an exceptional recent religious trend certainly within christian spheres spreading from the usa megachurches now reached reach different global contexts the edited volume handbook of megachurches offers a comprehensive account of the subject from various academic perspectives

issues of same sex relationships and gay and lesbian rights are the subject of public and political controversy in many african societies today frequently these controversies receive widespread attention both locally and globally such as with the anti homosexuality bill in uganda in the international media these cases tend to be presented as revealing a deeply rooted homophobia in africa fuelled by religious and cultural traditions but so far little energy is expended in understanding these controversies in all their complexity and the critical role religion plays in them this is the first book with multidisciplinary perspectives on religion and homosexuality in africa it presents case studies from across the continent from egypt to zimbabwe and from senegal to kenya and covers religious traditions such as islam christianity and rastafarianism the contributors explore the role of religion in the politicisation of homosexuality investigate local and global mobilisations of power critically examine dominant religious discourses and highlight the emergence of counter discourses hence they reveal the crucial yet ambivalent public role of religion in matters of sexuality social justice and human rights in contemporary africa

this book focuses on the location of the religious heritage of africa within the academic study of religion including indigenous african religions african christianities african american forms of islam the religions of african americans afro caribbean religions and afro brazilian religions

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