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From Africa to America Otto Harrassowitz Verlag

The emergence of Pentecostalism in Ghana has attracted a massive following and generated institutions that have significantly impacted Christian discourse and national life. The movement has produced prominent leaders who have developed exemplary Christian education programs and generated volumes of Christian literature unprecedented in Ghanaian Christianity. Nevertheless, public opinion often upbraids church leaders for unethical conduct. Despite the concern for high moral standards set by Pentecostal church polity and ministerial ethical codes, reports of Pentecostal ministerial misconduct appear regularly in the media. Although congregation members and perceptive public observers appreciate the constructive moral impact of Pentecostal ministers, instances of promiscuity, power abuse, financial misappropriation, and superstition reveal a gap between ethical ideals and practice. As this research reveals, factors behind unethical ministerial conduct include inadequate training, poor accountability, and a general low level of ethical reflection. *Good Pastors, Bad Pastors* suggests that a multidimensional approach of responsible reportage, emphatic moral education, appropriate but sympathetic response to moral failure, and peer-review accountability could help uphold a higher standard of ministerial ethics.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana, and Her Musical Tradition African Books Collective
 This book has been written to commemorate 175 years of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. It intends to provide a balanced account of the role of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana since the early nineteenth century, and as such, sheds much light on the history and development of Ghana over the past two centuries. It covers the contributions of the Basel missionaries and their Scottish successors, and emphasises the contributions of the locals to the mission, particularly in developing local languages, translating sacred texts and compiling dictionaries and proverbs. It illuminates the achievements of the Church and the contributions it has made to the development of moral and spiritual life, education, agriculture, health, Ghanaian languages and music. However criticism of the missionaries is not reserved, being levelled at the rigidity and intolerant attitude of the missionaries towards the indigenous culture.

Peace Without Power University of Pennsylvania Press

In 1948 the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and with it a profusion of norms, processes, and institutions to define, promote, and protect human rights. Today virtually every cause seeks to cloak itself in the righteous language of rights. But even so, this universal reliance on the rights idiom has not succeeded in creating common ground and deep agreement as to the scope, content, and philosophical bases for human rights. Makau Mutua argues that the human rights enterprise inappropriately presents itself as a guarantor of eternal truths without which human civilization is impossible. Mutua contends that in fact the human rights corpus, though well meaning, is a Eurocentric construct for the reconstitution of non-Western societies and peoples with a set of culturally biased norms and practices. Mutua maintains that if the human rights movement is to succeed, it must move away from Eurocentrism as a civilizing crusade and attack on non-European peoples. Only a genuine multicultural approach to human rights can make it truly universal. Indigenous, non-European traditions of Asia, Africa, the Pacific, and the Americas must be deployed to deconstruct—and to reconstruct—a universal bundle of rights that all human societies can claim as theirs.

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Missionary history in Africa asserts that political history on the continent cannot be understood without an in depth understanding of the workings of the missions: missionary activities and ideologies were central to political consciousness. The Anglican Church was involved in society,

education, health and politics right from its first foray into Malawi. This study considers the nature of the involvement of that Church in society, and how it engaged with the State from its genesis in the colonial period through the post-independence period to the new post-Banda political dispensation in 1994. It illustrates how the Church was involved on both sides of the independence struggle; and interrogates why it fell conspicuously silent thereafter.

White Christianity Is Fraudulent Afram Publication

This book discusses the foreign policy of Ghana's first independent government and this momentous early period in the postcolonial history of Ghana, under the stewardship of Kwame Nkrumah. At this time, Nkrumah had a place on the world stage and Ghana was the driving force of Africa in global diplomacy. The book explores how Ghana was able to pursue an activist foreign policy with few resources and little strategic importance. The author elucidates several areas of foreign policy in which Ghana punched above its weight such as the formation of the OAU, the restructuring of the Commonwealth, disarmament and world peace and the imperative of China resuming its membership of the UN and seat on the Security Council.

The Trail Blazers Graphic Communications Group

The Anglican Church, by virtue of being the Christian communion most closely tied to the colonial history of the West Africa sub continent, could be said to be the oldest historic mission ecclesial body within the region. Emeritus Professor Canon John Samuel Pobee's work *The Anglican Story in Ghana* is the only published full length monograph of Ghanaian Anglicanism since Church of England missionaries first set foot on the soils of the then Gold Coast in the middle of the 18th century. It is a historical account that features insights into the work and activities of the various dioceses of the Anglican Church including their contributions to education, social evangelism and education in particular. Each chapter is illustrated with pictures of key personnel dating back to the colonial era.

Daily Graphic Wipf and Stock Publishers

Upon arrival in the United States, most African immigrants are immediately subsumed under the category "black." In the eyes of most Americans—and more so to American legal and social systems—African immigrants are indistinguishable from all others, such as those from the Caribbean whose skin color they share. Despite their growing presence in many cities and their active involvement in sectors of American economic, social, and cultural life, we know little about them. In *From Africa to America*, Moses O. Biney offers a rare full-scale look at an African immigrant congregation, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana in New York (PCGNY). Through personal stories, notes from participant observation, and interviews, Biney explores the complexities of the social, economic, and cultural adaptation of this group, the difficult moral choices they have to make in order to survive, and the tensions that exist within their faith community. Most notably, through his compelling research Biney shows that such congregations are more than mere "ethnic enclaves," or safe havens from American social and cultural values. Rather, they help maintain the essential balance between cultural acclimation and ethnic preservation needed for these new citizens to flourish.

The Ghanaian Establishment The Empowerment Project Publications

"Justice Arthur presents a wealth of intriguing material, an impressive thick description of the conflict and a thorough analysis of the many, very complex factors that contribute to the conflict. His work on the multiple dimensions of the conflict is knowledgeable, comprehensive and plausible and it clearly shows that the so-called religious conflicts are never about 'religion' only." - Prof. Dr. Eva Spies (University of Bayreuth, Germany). "Justice A. Arthur has laid out a multidisciplinary, multi-perspective and long-term analysis of the clashes on the noise ban in Accra. The chapters are convincingly set up in order to manage the complexity of approaches, covering religious studies, theology, mission studies as well as anthropology, legal and political studies." - Prof. Andreas Heuser (University of Basel, Switzerland).

Free At Last Graphic Communications Group

In our time the study of law and religion is emerging as a wide-ranging and vital academic discipline, with increasingly urgent implications for society at large. Lying at the intersection of a variety of other disciplines ? law, theology, religious studies, political science, sociology and anthropology, to name only the most obvious ? the field of law and religion is generating a burgeoning volume of interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research and study. The current volume is proof of this. The discussion of the relationship between law and religion, as seen from a variety of perspectives in Africa, underscores the critical importance of the issues involved in the everyday life of all citizens. It is accordingly vital for governments to take note of the scholarly results that are produced. We hope that this volume will contribute to this aim.

A History of Christianity in Ghana Graphic Communications Group

John Samuel Pobee studied at Adisadel 1950-56 obtaining both the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate. Subsequently, he studied at University of Ghana and Selwyn College, University of Cambridge. He had his priestly formation at Westcott House, Cambridge. At the University of Ghana, he was Head of Department for the Study of Religions, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Admissions and Examinations . He later worked at the World Council of Churches in Geneva. He is Emeritus Professor at the University of Ghana. He is married to Martha, a career diplomat of the Ghana Foreign Service. He is currently the Vicar-General of the Anglican Diocese of Accra.

Area Handbook for Ghana Wipf and Stock Publishers

The recent political crises in Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Georgia should alert all to the fact that the emergent democracies that mushroomed all over Africa and Eastern Europe at the end of the last century cannot be taken for granted. They face multiple obstacles including political manipulation, poverty, dependency, racism, ethnicism, religious extremism, short-sighted nationalism, fraud, and corruption of all types. Are these democracies sustainable? Were the skeptics right? Are the obstacles due to internal or external factors or both? Could democracy itself with its emphasis on freedom and self-determination cause ethnic conflicts? This book does not only identify and analyze the main obstacles but also argues that they can be overcome with thoughtful strategies. These include identifying the inherent strengths and weaknesses of democracy, contextualizing some democratic ideals and practices for developing economies, minimizing dependences, making religion an ally for fighting fraud, corruption, and for promoting peace and social transformation, and adopting a pro-democracy and pro-development philosophy of education. Rev Dr. Joseph Osei is Professor of Philosophy at Fayetteville State University, NC. His PHD in Philosophy is from The Ohio State University (1991), the M.A is from Ohio University (1986) and the B.A. in Philosophy & Religion is from The University of Ghana (1981). Osei is also a graduate of Trinity Theological Seminary (Legon) and an ordained minister of The Methodist Church, Ghana. He was born at Kokofu, Ashanti, Ghana in 1951 and is married to Victoria Osei. They have five kids: Lucy, Gina, Suzie, Miriam, and Emmanuel.

Church, State, and Society in Malawi African Books Collective

What is African theology? What are its distinctive traits and characteristics, modes of investigation, and style of expression? Can African theology reach wider and run deeper than simple propositional articulation? What concerns and special circumstances have shaped its outlook? What unique burdens or hurdles imposed by the past must African theology surmount? What challenges and opportunities lie before it? What are African theology's prospects? As a field of Christian engagement, is it condemned to be only an appendage to theology imported from the West and the North? Or does it have a distinctive contribution to make and gifts to share, not just within the continent of Africa, but also with the Christian world at large? These questions exercise the mind and soul of the African church. A worthy capstone to a lifetime of service as a theologian, educator, and ecumenical leader, this volume offers John Samuel Pobee's considered and mature reflections on issues he raised nearly forty years ago when he published *Toward an African Theology*.

The Living Church AFRICAN SUN MeDIA

Bitterness is a subtle issue because it may not be apparent; however, its consequences are far reaching. Unknown to a person, bitterness can affect them spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, or even inhibit personal blessings. In fact, bitterness is like drinking poison and expecting another person to die. *Free At Last: Breaking the Chains of Bitterness* is meant to help you identify and break the chains of bitterness. In this book, the author reveals: · How people slip downwards into bitterness, · How to identify the root of bitterness, · Moving from brokenness towards healing and restoration; and · How to avoid bitterness *Free At Last: Breaking the Chains of Bitterness*, speaks directly to the hearts of the hurting and broken and helps them work towards total healing and restoration. It is also a useful guide for anyone helping others to enjoy the freedom of forgiveness. Endorsements In his maiden book, *Free At Last*, Rev Prosper Asamoah gives an excellent expose on bitterness with a touch of his personal story. I thought I knew what bitterness was until I read the book. At the end of each chapter, he provides some "Points for Personal Reflection" and this is what makes his book different from others on the market. After reading this book, you will be a changed person. I believe the demons of bitterness are weeping because they have been exposed. God bless you Rev, Your book says it all. Rev. Sammy Okae (Author and Pastor) "*Free At Last*" is a powerful book that boldly confronts the hidden and often misunderstood issue of bitterness. After reading the book, I was personally challenged to evaluate my heart to check if I was harboring any form of bitterness. Prosper Asamoah does a superb job unveiling the depths of bitterness and exposing its cunning causes and symptoms. I highly recommend this book for everyone - before, during, or after experiencing disappointment. This book could literally save your life! Rev. Moses Asamoah, Jr. Senior Pastor Living Destiny Tabernacle Norfolk, VA USA More often than not, our dealings with loved ones and associates have left scars of bitterness in our lives; some lasting a lifetime. Everyone who loves has the tendency of being hurt and becoming bitter. No one has control over how others treat him or her. Bitterness is troubling and destructive; it defiles one's life, according to Hebrews 12:15. Thus, it is imperative that we recognize and deal with it as fast and tactfully as we can, when it creeps in on us. That is where this book comes in handy! Rev. Prosper

Asamoah has provided insightful experiential lessons in recognizing, overcoming, and avoiding bitterness. '*Free at Last: Breaking the Chains of Bitterness*' is a true blessing and I strongly recommend this masterpiece for anyone who has friends and family and wishes to live a happy life free from the stress and pain of bitterness. John Ntim Fordjour CEO, Initiatives Group Bitterness is real and indeed a silent killer. This book, *Free at Last*, deals with this subtle issue, which I strongly believe, is the root cause of many unanswered prayers, unfulfilled lives and discontentment, particularly, in the church. I strongly recommend this book to every believer as it will either help you come out of this canker or avoid the trap of bitterness as everybody including strong believers is at risk of being bitter. It is very practical, straightforward and very relevant to the world today. The pages of this book contain healing virtues for a hurting society! Norbet Bosso Founder and President, Norbet Bosso Ministries The fangs of bitterness will pierce into your spirit, soul and eventually destroy your body. Rev. Prosper did not intend this book to be an academic tool but a life-transforming aid. He has shared in his own experience, the effects of bitterness, and in an unequivocal and authoritative manner, provided the deepest insight into the issue of bitterness. This is book is relevant because bitterness is a subtle issue which can plague well - meaning individuals and Christians. An inch of allowance for bitterness is a visa to a deadly epidemic in your life. The teaching and content of this book are simply unparalleled. This should not be a book just to decorate your shelf but must be consumed ferociously for freedom from bitterness. *Free at Last* is not an option but compulsion. Rev. Patrick Otieku- Boadu General Secretary Victory Bible Church International One of the commandments with a promise is embedded in our Lord's prayer, which asks for forgiveness as we forgive others. Many of us, even those of us "called according to His purpose", have redefined forgiveness to mean many things, including forgiving, but not forgetting. "*Free At Last*" is an eye opener as to how to be free from the shackles of bitterness and enjoy the blessings in really living at peace with all people. May the Lord bless the writer and enable all who read this book to be doers of the Word, no matter how difficult, for we can indeed do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Amen. Dr. (Mrs) Ellen Hagan Chief Executive, L'aine Services Ltd. Vlisco Ambassador, 2013 CIMG Marketing Woman Of The Year, 2011

Law and Religion in Africa Xulon Press

The heinous transatlantic chattel slave trade in African bodies was executed by a presidium syndication of royals, Quakers, churches, theologians, philosophers of religion, historians, intellectuals, anthropologists, scientists, European invented Jews (The Jews and the Expansion of Europe to the West. 1450-1800, edited by Paolo Bernardini and Norman Fiering) The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts and Intellectuals. The slave trade was a nefarious system and institution based on cultural racism, avariciousness, inveterate mendacities, economic rapacity for empire building and political hegemony of Britain in Europe and the world. There was no sodality or encomium in the slave trade. Rather, it was the most egregious and unparalleled holocaust-genocide, racial- war in mans chronological history. The syndication of peoples and institutions used the apparition of an invented Caucasian Jesus Christ as Redeemer of the world without any historical evidence to brutally enslaved and murdered Africans that they had kidnapped into forceful displacement, deracination, morcellation and enslavement. Africans were deracinated (forcefully displaced) (brutally uprooted without any regard for the community, customs, traditions, religious customs- practices) with morcellation that truncated gregarious African families, societies institutions, kingdoms and communities. Reparations were made by Britain at the end of the slave trade to the planters and nothing to the African slaves. (20,000.000). (Nicholas Draper-The Price of Emancipation Slave-ownership, Compensation and British Society at the End of Slavery). African slaves were left in a state of penury, facing systems and institutions of racism, inverse-development, abandonment and destitution. The legacy and impact of the profligate slave trade on Africa is pandemic in Africa today with the psychological and theological impact on Africans confidence, self-determination, economic empowerment, heuristic critical theological liberation and technological advancement are at a point of paralysis throughout Africa and it is horrendous to experience it in the twenty first century.

Daily Graphic NYU Press

Proceedings from the conference "Changing relationships between churches in Africa and Europe in the 20th century: Christian identity in the times of political crises," which took place October 8-12, 2005 at Makumira University College of Tumaini University in Tanzania.

Pentecost Outside Pentecostalism African Books Collective

The basis for this project is to verify and determine the extent to which contemporary prophetic ministry in Ghana appropriates prophetism in the early church, Corpus Paulinum, and traditional prophetism in Ghana. The spirit of prophecy which was believed to have ceased in Judaism and during the intertestamental period has now been restored at the inauguration of Christianity. Notwithstanding, Paul gave stipulations for prophets and prophecy in the church in 1 Corinthians 14. This confirms that prophecy was a common phenomenon in the early church and Pauline communities. Contemporary prophetic ministry in Ghana claimed to have conformed to Pauline stipulations concerning prophets and prophecy in the church, but what is their level of conformity? Contemporary prophetic ministry is becoming popular due to its appeal and compatibility with religious worldviews and its pragmatic outlook that resonates with the Ghanaian phenomenon of religion. As an adherent of the Akan traditional religion would go to a religious intermediary for ebisa (literally to "inquire" or "ask") into present or future happenings, contemporary prophets have positioned themselves to be agents of ebisa in Ghanaian Christianity. This book explores biblical and traditional understandings of prophetism that have influenced contemporary Christian understanding of prophets and prophecy in the church.

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