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*What Every American*

*So-Called Negro Should  
Know about Elijah  
Muhammad Books.com*  
Islam has become an  
increasingly attractive  
option for many

African-Americans. This book offers an ethnographic study of this phenomenon & asks what attraction the Qur'an has for them & how the Islamic lifestyle accommodates mainstream US values.

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A free ebook version of this title is available through Luminos, University of California Press's open access publishing program for monographs. Visit [www.luminosoa.org](http://www.luminosoa.org) to learn more. The Yoruba of southwestern Nigeria are exceptional for the copresence among them of three religious traditions: Islam, Christianity, and the indigenous orisa religion. In this comparative study, at once historical and anthropological, Peel

explores the intertwined character of the three religions and the dense imbrication of religion in all aspects of Yoruba history up to the present. For over 400 years, the Yoruba have straddled two geocultural spheres: one reaching north over the Sahara to the world of Islam, the other linking them to the Euro-American world via the Atlantic. These two external spheres were the source of contrasting cultural influences, notably those emanating from the world religions. However, the Yoruba not only imported Islam and Christianity but also exported their own orisa religion to the New World. Before the voluntary modern diaspora that has

brought many Yoruba to Europe and the Americas, tens of thousands were sold as slaves in the New World, bringing with them the worship of the orisa. Peel offers deep insight into important contemporary themes such as religious conversion, new religious movements, relations between world religions, the conditions of religious violence, the transnational flows of contemporary religion, and the interplay between tradition and the demands of an ever-changing present. In the process, he makes a major theoretical contribution to the anthropology of world religions.

**The Life of Omar Ibn Said** Lulu Press, Inc  
Some say Christianity

is white man's religion. . . . And it is true that there is a long and ugly history of abuse of African-Americans at the hands of Anglo Christians. Afrocentric interpretations of history often point to slavery, lynchings and the like as proof that Christianity is inherently antiblack. But Craig Keener and Glen Usry contend that Christianity can be Afrocentric. In this massively researched book, they show that racism is not unique to Christianity. More important, they show how "world history is also our history and the Bible is also our book." *Black Man's Religion* is one of the first of its kind, a pro-Christian reading of religion and history from a black perspective.

Fascinating and compelling, it is must reading for all concerned for African-American culture and issues of faith.

*Race, Heathens, and the People of God*

Black Classic Press

Radical Islam is pursuing the souls of African American men. This book urges the African American community to wake up and take action now.

According to author Carl F Ellis, Jr there are five pivotal questions African American Christians must ask and answer: What is Islam? Why has Islam developed so successfully in the African American community? How to protect our churches and communities from Islam's pursuit? How should the Christian community respond to

Islam? What should be the Christian community's long-term goals? This is a direct examination of the issues and responds to these and other critical questions with facts, suggestions and ideas that will help readers begin to address Islam's ever-growing challenge to African American congregations and communities.

**Being Addresses, Sermons, Etc**

University of Pennsylvania Press  
Traces the history of Muslims in the US and their waves of immigration and conversion across five centuries.

**African Life and Customs** Millwood, N.Y. : KTO Press  
"African American Religion offers a provocative historical

and philosophical treatment of the religious life of African Americans. Glaude argues that the phrase "African American religion" is meaningful only insofar as it singles out the distinctive ways religion has been leveraged by African Americans to respond to different racial regimes in the United States. That bold claim frames how he reads the historical record. Slavery, Jim Crow, and current appeals to color blindness serve as a backdrop for his treatment of conjure, African American Christianity and Islam"--  
Selected Letters of Edward Wilmot Blyden  
Ravenio Books  
Thomas C. Oden surveys the decisive role of African

Christians and theologians in shaping the doctrines and practices of the church of the first five centuries, and makes an impassioned plea for the rediscovery of that heritage. Christians throughout the world will benefit from this reclaiming of an important heritage.  
**Christianity, Islam and the Negro race, with an introd**  
Springer  
Two parts in one volume. Full facsimile of the original edition, not reproduced with Optical Recognition Software. This work is a collection of Blyden's articles that examines the socioeconomic structure of African society. A native of St. Thomas, West Indies, Blyden (1832-1912) lived most of his life on the African continent.

He was an accomplished educator, linguist, writer, and world traveler, who strongly defended the unique character of Africa and its people. In this work Blyden examined the culture of "pure" Africans-- those untouched by European and Asiatic influences. He identified the family as the basic unit in African society and polygamy as the foundation of African families. He described African social systems as cooperative; everyone worked for each other. No one went without work, food, or clothing. Blyden challenged white racial theorists who held Africans were inferior and whose arguments supported their preconceived ideas. He assumed

Africans to be "distinct" rather than inferior, and he analyzed African culture within the context of African social experiences. As a writer, Blyden is regarded widely as the "father of Pan-Africanism". His major work, "Christianity, Islam and the Negro Race" (1887), promoted the idea that practicing Islam was more unifying and fulfilling for Africans than Christianity. He argues that the latter was introduced chiefly by European colonizers. He believed it had a demoralizing effect, although he continued to be a Christian. He thought Islam was more authentically African, as it had been brought to sub-Saharan areas by people from North Africa.

A Muslim American Slave MSU Press  
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controversial in Great  
Britain, both for its  
subject and because  
many people at first  
did not believe that a  
black African had  
written it.

Urban Apologetics Univ  
of California Press  
Winner of the 2017  
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Demonstrates that the  
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Negro and substitute “Ethiopian Hebrew.” “God did not make us Negroes,” declared religious leaders in black communities of the early twentieth-century urban North. They insisted that so-called Negroes are, in reality, Ethiopian Hebrews, Asiatic Muslims, or raceless children of God. Rejecting conventional American racial classification, many black southern migrants and immigrants from the Caribbean embraced these alternative visions of black history, racial identity, and collective future, thereby reshaping the black religious and racial landscape. Focusing on the Moorish Science Temple, the Nation of Islam, Father Divine’s

Peace Mission Movement, and a number of congregations of Ethiopian Hebrews, Judith Weisenfeld argues that the appeal of these groups lay not only in the new religious opportunities membership provided, but also in the novel ways they formulated a religio-racial identity. Arguing that members of these groups understood their religious and racial identities as divinely-ordained and inseparable, the book examines how this sense of self shaped their conceptions of their bodies, families, religious and social communities, space and place, and political sensibilities. Weisenfeld draws on extensive archival



research and incorporates a rich array of sources to highlight the experiences of average members. The book demonstrates that the efforts by members of these movements to contest conventional racial categorization contributed to broader discussions in black America about the nature of racial identity and the collective future of black people that still resonate today.

Christianity, Islam and the Negro Race

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Born to a wealthy family in West Africa around 1770, Omar Ibn Said was abducted and sold into slavery in the United States, where he came to the attention of a prominent North

Carolina family after filling “the walls of his room with piteous petitions to be released, all written in the Arabic language,” as one local newspaper reported. Ibn Said soon became a local celebrity, and in 1831 he was asked to write his life story, producing the only known surviving American slave narrative written in Arabic. In *A Muslim American Slave*, scholar and translator Ala Alryyes offers both a definitive translation and an authoritative edition of this singularly important work, lending new insights into the early history of Islam in America and exploring the multiple, shifting interpretations of Ibn Said’s narrative by the nineteenth-century missionaries,

ethnographers, and intellectuals who championed it. This edition presents the English translation on pages facing facsimile pages of Ibn Said's Arabic narrative, augmented by Alryyes's comprehensive introduction, contextual essays and historical commentary by leading literary critics and scholars of Islam and the African diaspora, photographs, maps, and other writings by Omar Ibn Said. The result is an invaluable addition to our understanding of writings by enslaved Americans and a timely reminder that "Islam" and "America" are not mutually exclusive terms. This edition presents the English translation on pages facing facsimile pages

of Ibn Said's Arabic narrative, augmented by Alryyes's comprehensive introduction and by photographs, maps, and other writings by Omar Ibn Said. The volume also includes contextual essays and historical commentary by literary critics and scholars of Islam and the African diaspora: Michael A. Gomez, Allan D. Austin, Robert J. Allison, Sylviane A. Diouf, Ghada Osman, and Camille F. Forbes. The result is an invaluable addition to our understanding of writings by enslaved Americans and a timely reminder that "Islam" and "America" are not mutually exclusive terms. Best Books for General Audiences, selected by the American Association of School Librarians

## **How Africa Shaped the Christian Mind**

Urban Ministries

"A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren." So reads Noah's curse on his son Ham, and all his descendants, in Genesis 9:25. Over centuries of interpretation, Ham came to be identified as the ancestor of black Africans, and Noah's curse to be seen as biblical justification for American slavery and segregation. Examining the history of the American interpretation of Noah's curse, this book begins with an overview of the prior history of the reception of this scripture and then turns to the distinctive and creative ways in which the curse was appropriated

by American pro-slavery and pro-segregation interpreters.

**Christianity, Islam and the Negro Race, by Edward W.**

**Blyden,... With an Introduction by the Hon. Samuel**

**Lewis,...** Cambridge University Press

Since slavery times African-American religious thinkers have struggled to answer this question: Is Christianity a source of liberation or a source of oppression? In a study that reviews representative thinkers over the last fifty years, Mark Chapman reviews the variety of ways that African-Americans have addressed this problem and how it has informed their work and lives. Beginning with Benjamin Mays,

the leading Negro theologian of the post-World War II period, Chapman explores the critical implications of this question right up to the present day. The pivotal turning point in this period is the emergence of the Black Power movement in the 1960s. Sparked in part by the challenge of the Black Muslims, for whom Christianity was simply the white man's religion, inherently racist and oppressive, the era of Black Power saw the rise of militant Black theologies as well. After analyzing the work of the Muslim Elijah Muhammad, Chapman turns to the pioneering work of Black theologians Albert Cleage and James H. Cone. Chapman demonstrates the

differences but also uncovers surprising lines of continuity between the older Negro theologians and the later Black theologians, particularly in their efforts to uncover the truly liberative potential of Christianity. 'Christianity on Trial' concludes by exploring the recent emergence of womanist theology. As articulated by Delores S. Williams and other African-American women, womanist theology challenges not only the patriarchal aspects of historical Christianity, but the same limitations in previous Black theologies. Black Pilgrimage to Islam InterVarsity Press "... groundbreaking... clear, straightforward, and economical....

seminal... " —American Anthropologist "This is a challenging book... a remarkable contribution to African intellectual history."

—International Journal of African Historical Studies "Mudimbe's description of the struggles over Africa's self-invention are vivid and rewarding. From Blyden to Sartre, Temples to Senghor, Mudimbe provides a bold and versatile resume of Africa's literary inventors."

—Village Voice Literary Supplement "... a landmark achievement in African studies."

—Journal of Religion in Africa In this unique and provocative book, Zairean philosopher and writer V. Y. Mudimbe addresses the multiple scholarly discourses that exist—African and non-

African—concerning the meaning of Africa and being African. *Christianity, Islam and the Negro Race* NYU Press

"My object in sending forth this volume to the public is with the hope of inspiring a greater desire to read the Bible, especially among our young people. It is the only absolutely true and impartial book universally read today, containing the history of the ancient triumphs and glorious achievements of the race, assigning the Negro a place among the foremost races of the world, in wealth, in education, in honor and in religion—a history to which every member of the race may point with great pride and profound gratitude to Almighty God today; for the best

way to judge the future of any people is by the past.”

Bible History of the Negro Univ of Wisconsin Press Distinguished by its multidisciplinary dexterity, this book is a masterfully woven reinterpretation of the life, travels, and scholarship of Edward W. Blyden, arguably the most influential Black intellectual of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It traces Blyden’s various moments of intellectual transformation through the multiple lenses of ethnicity, race, religion, and identity in the historical context of Atlantic exchanges, the Back-to-Africa movement, colonialism, and the global Black intellectual movement. In this book Blyden is

shown as an African public intellectual who sought to reshape ideas about Africa circulating in the Atlantic world. The author also highlights Blyden’s contributions to different public spheres in Europe, in the Jewish Diaspora, in the Muslim and Christian world of West Africa, and among Blacks in the United States. Additionally, this book places Blyden at the pinnacle of Afropublicanism in order to emphasize his public intellectualism, his rootedness in the African historical experience, and the scholarship he produced about Africa and the African Diaspora. As Blyden is an important contributor to African studies, among other disciplines, this volume

makes for critical  
scholarly reading.  
**Black Religion and  
Racial Identity  
during the Great  
Migration** Oxford  
University Press (UK)  
The origins, structures,  
membership, beliefs,  
rituals, finances, and  
sacred texts of the  
Church of God, the  
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Temple of America, the  
Father Divine Peace  
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*Christianity, Islam and  
the Negro Race*

Zondervan

First published in 1963,  
James Baldwin's *A Fire  
Next Time* stabbed at  
the heart of America's  
so-called "Negro  
problem". As  
remarkable for its  
masterful prose as it is  
for its uncompromising  
account of black  
experience in the  
United States, it is  
considered to this day  
one of the most  
articulate and  
influential expressions  
of 1960s race relations.  
The book consists of  
two essays, "My  
Dungeon Shook  
— Letter to my  
Nephew on the One  
Hundredth Anniversary  
of Emancipation,"

and "Down At The  
Cross — Letter  
from a Region of My  
Mind." It weaves  
thematic threads of  
love, faith, and family  
into a candid assault  
on the hypocrisy of the  
so-called "land of  
the free",,  
insisting on the  
inequality implicit to  
American society.  
"You were born  
where you were born  
and faced the future  
that you faced",,  
Baldwin writes to his  
nephew,  
"because you  
were black and for no  
other reason." His  
profound sense of  
injustice is matched by  
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"monumental  
dignity",,  
patience, empathy,  
and the possibility of  
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into "what  
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