



# Religious Syncretism and Cultural Adaptation in Ethiopian Diasporas: An African Perspective

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## Abstract

Religious syncretism in African diasporas refers to the blending of different religious practices and beliefs within a community. Qualitative interviews were conducted with members of Ethiopian diasporas to understand the nuances of religious practices and cultural adaptation. Participants reported integrating elements from Christianity and traditional African spirituality in rituals, leading to a more inclusive communal practice. The findings suggest that syncretism facilitates mutual understanding and respect among different religious groups within Ethiopian diaspora communities. Policy makers should recognise the value of syncretic practices for fostering cultural harmony and social cohesion. Religious Syncretism, Cultural Adaptation, Diaspora Communities, Ethiopia

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