



Religious Syncretism as a Cultural Adaptation Framework in African Diasporas of Ethiopia

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Abstract

Religious syncretism in African diasporas of Ethiopia refers to the blending of indigenous beliefs with imported religious practices such as Christianity and Islam, reflecting a complex interplay between cultural diversity and integration. The approach is conceptual, utilising qualitative analysis of existing literature and ethnographic studies from Ethiopia's diasporas to explore the dynamics of religious syncretism as a form of cultural adaptation. The theoretical framework underscores the role of syncretism as an adaptive mechanism that facilitates cultural continuity while accommodating external religious influences. It highlights the importance of understanding these practices for comprehensive studies of diasporic cultures in Africa. Future research should focus on longitudinal case studies to document how syncretic religious practices evolve over time within specific communities and contexts, providing deeper insights into cultural adaptation processes.

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