



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Scholarly Review

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in West Africa is a complex phenomenon characterized by diverse religious beliefs coexisting alongside each other. No specific methodologies are detailed as empirical results are not provided; instead, a thematic analysis of existing literature is employed. Themes of syncretic practices and mutual respect among various faiths are prevalent across studies reviewed. While the literature highlights positive inter-faith interactions, it also identifies challenges such as cultural appropriation and theological disagreements. Further qualitative research should explore case studies in diverse regions to provide more nuanced understanding of inter-faith dynamics.

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