



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in Tanzanian West Africa, AD

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Abstract

This study explores religious pluralism and inter-faith dynamics in West Africa within Tanzania's context. Data was collected through historical records, interviews with scholars, and secondary sources. A comparative analysis of these data sets was conducted to understand inter-faith relations over time. A notable theme identified is the significant role played by Islamic influences on traditional African religions, particularly in coastal regions where trade interactions were frequent. The study concludes that religious pluralism has fostered a rich cultural mosaic but also led to occasional tensions and adaptations among faith communities. Further research should include more contemporary perspectives to understand current dynamics of inter-faith relations and the impact of globalization on these interactions.

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