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Eight leading scholars have joined forces to give us the most comprehensive book to date on the history of African-American religion from the slavery period to the present. Beginning with Albert Raboteau's essay on the importance of the story of Exodus among African-American Christians and concluding with Clayborne Carson's work on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s religious development, this volume illuminates the fusion of African and Christian traditions that has so uniquely contributed to American religious development. Several common themes emerge: the critical importance of African roots, the traumatic discontinuities of slavery, the struggle for freedom within slavery and the subsequent experience of discrimination, and the remarkable creativity of African-American religious faith and practice. Together, these essays enrich our understanding of both African-

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American life and its part in the history of religion in America.

The Historical Origin Of Christianity by Walter Williams reveals what happened to ancient Egyptian ancestors and how the true origin of Christianity began.

Demonstrates that the efforts to contest conventional racial categorization contributed to broader discussions in black America that still resonate today. When Joseph Nathaniel Beckles registered for the draft in the 1942, he rejected the racial categories presented to him and persuaded the registrar to cross out the check mark she had placed next to 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.

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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

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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.

Like an ecosystem, cities develop, change, thrive, adapt, expand, and contract through the interaction of myriad components. Religion is one of those living parts, shaping and being shaped by urban contexts. The Routledge Handbook of Religion and Cities is an outstanding interdisciplinary reference source to the key topics, problems, and methodologies of this cutting-edge subject. Representing

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a diverse array of cities and religions, the common analytical approach is ecological and spatial. It is the first collection of its kind and reflects state-of-the-art research focusing on the interaction of religions and their urban contexts. Comprising 29 chapters, by a team of international contributors, the Handbook is divided into three parts: Research methodologies Religious frameworks and ideologies in urban contexts Contemporary issues in religion and cities Within these sections, emerging research and analysis of current dynamics of urban religions are examined, including: housing, economics, and gentrification; sacred ritual and public space; immigration and the refugee crisis; political conflicts and social change; ethnic and religious diversity; urban policy and religion; racial justice; architecture and the built environment; religious art and symbology; religion and urban

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violence; technology and smart cities; the challenge of climate change for global cities; and religious meaning-making of the city. The Routledge Handbook of Religion and Cities is essential reading for students and researchers in religious studies and urban studies. The Handbook will also be very useful for those in related fields, such as sociology, history, architecture, urban planning, theology, social work, and cultural studies.

[The Rebirth of African Civilization
Christianity, Islam and the Negro Race ...
With an Introduction by the Hon. Samuel
Lewis ... Second Edition. \[With a
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[The Fire Next Time](#)

[Christian Beliefs and Teachings](#)

[A Muslim American Slave](#)

[Black Religion and Racial Identity During
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[The Curse of Ham](#)

Ndugu Kaamal contends that atrocities committed in Dafar, Sudan by Sunni-Arabs against Black African Muslims aren't a new phenomenon. It gives a historical account, rendering the genocide as normal behavior.

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

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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.

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

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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

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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

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Best Books for General Audiences,
selected by the American

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Association of School Librarians
Originally published: Chicago:
Muhammad Mosque of Islam No.
2., 1965.

This book is an interview of Elijah Muhammad explaining his initial encounter with his teacher, Master Fard Muhammad and how his messengership came about. The subjects discussed are Master Fard Muhammad's whereabouts, the races and what makes a devil and satan. He answers questions dealing the concept of divine and how ideas are perfected. More basic subjects include Malcolm X, Noble Drew Ali, C. Eric Lincoln, Udom, and a comprehensive range of information.

[Report of a Social Study Made](#)

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[Under the Direction of Atlanta University ; Together with the Proceedings of the Eighth Conference for the Study of the Negro Problems, Held at Atlanta University, May 26th, 1903 African Life and Customs Afropublicanism, Pan-Africanism, Islam, and the Indigenous West African Church The Assemblies What Did Black People Contribute to the Origin and Evolution of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, the Indian Religions, and the New Religious Movements? Christianity, Islam, and the Negro Race, Etc. \[A Corrected Reprint of the Edition of 1887. With a Portrait.\]](#)

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[A Paper on "Christianity, Islam, and the Negro Race, by Edward W. Blyden, L.L.D. &c. London, Whittingham & Co. 1887"](#)

[And Other Addresses, Delivered in England in 1901 and 1903](#)

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[Read at the Wilberforce Memorial Hall, Freetown, on Wednesday November 9th 1887](#)

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"... 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

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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. 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 to learn more. The Yoruba of southwestern Nigeria are exceptional for the copresence among them of three religious traditions: Islam, Christianity,

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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

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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. Religion can be a major source of conflict and controversy between individuals, peoples, nations and races. However, what all the major religions agree upon is their unified efforts to downplay, disregard, and remove the role of Black people from their respective histories. This book,

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Blacks and Religion Volume Two, challenges this. The book shows that Black people are a part of the respectful history of these religions and therefore have as much to do with these religions as anyone else. Part One of this book is called Black Influences in the Origin of Judaism. It discusses the origins of the Jews, the origins of certain Jewish religious ideas, and what roles Black people played in influencing those ideas. Part Two is called Black Influences in the Origin of Christianity. It contains a history of the early African church, the origins of certain Christian religious ideas, and what roles Black people played in influencing those ideas. The book traces the Christ story, the historical Jesus, the Black Madonna and Child, and Nile Valley influences on these concepts. Part Three is

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called Black Influences in the Origin of Islam and the Indian Religions. It discusses the origins of Islam, and the roles Black people played in its inception. There is also a discussion on the origins of Shaivism, Hinduism and Buddhism. Part Four brings the discussion nearer to our modern times and is called Black Influences in the Origin of the New Religious Movements. It discusses the origins of Rastafari, the Moorish Science Temple of America, the Nation of Islam, and Black Liberation Theology.

The book is an affirmation of education and an espousal of cooperative democracy as a way of life for the new Africa. It contains as well a report on social studies of African life. It also expounds on the philosophical and spiritual dimensions of African life and its prospects for the future. Amidst the

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current debates concerning multiculturalism and political correctness, this publication moves the discussion beyond the vagueness of ethnicity to the reality of African empowerment.

This book brings together a digest of the basic beliefs and teachings associated with the Christian religion. It is intended as a primer of basic Christian beliefs written from a non-sectarian, ecumenical point of view. It allows for much amplification and discussion by either the teacher or the discussion leader. Seven prime categories of belief comprise the book's chapters: The Christian God, Jesus Christ, Jesus and Reconciliation, Christian Faith, the Christian Church, Christian Ethics, and Christian Eschatology.

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[The Historical Origin of Christianity](#)

*How old is prejudice against black
people? Were the racist attitudes that
fueled the Atlantic slave trade firmly in
place 700 years before the European
discovery of sub-Saharan Africa? In this*

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groundbreaking book, David Goldenberg seeks to discover how dark-skinned peoples, especially black Africans, were portrayed in the Bible and by those who interpreted the Bible--Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Unprecedented in rigor and breadth, his investigation covers a 1,500-year period, from ancient Israel (around 800 B.C.E.) to the eighth century C.E., after the birth of Islam. By tracing the development of anti-Black sentiment during this time, Goldenberg uncovers views about race, color, and slavery that took shape over the centuries--most centrally, the belief that the biblical Ham and his descendants, the black Africans, had been cursed by God with eternal slavery. Goldenberg begins by examining a host of references to black Africans in biblical and postbiblical Jewish literature. From there he moves the inquiry from Black as an ethnic group to

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black as color, and early Jewish attitudes toward dark skin color. He goes on to ask when the black African first became identified as slave in the Near East, and, in a powerful culmination, discusses the resounding influence of this identification on Jewish, Christian, and Islamic thinking, noting each tradition's exegetical treatment of pertinent biblical passages. Authoritative, fluidly written, and situated at a richly illuminating nexus of images, attitudes, and history, The Curse of Ham is sure to have a profound and lasting impact on the perennial debate over the roots of racism and slavery, and on the study of early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. 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

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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

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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.

"This book explores the African Atlantic world as a productive theater or space where modernity, racialized dominance, and racialized resistance took form. The book examines Black Power ideology, Pan Africanism, dilemmas facing the racialized imagination of African world community figures, and the discipline of Africology"--

*All the grief, grit, and unassailable dignity of the civil rights movement are evoked in this illustrated edition of James Baldwin's *The Fire Next Time*, with photographs by Steve Schapiro. Together, Baldwin's frank account of the black experience and Schapiro's vital images*

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offer poetic and potent testimony to one of the most important...

"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"--

[*The Invention of Africa: Gnosis, Philosophy, and the Order of Knowledge
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*Edward W. Blyden's Intellectual
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Blacks and Religion Volume Two

Christianity, Islam and the Negro Race.

1887. [Mit Portr.] (Repr.), with an Introd.

by Christopher Fyfe

Race and Slavery in Early Judaism,

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The Life of Omar Ibn Said

The Negro Church

How To Make A Negro Christian

**Dismissing the idea that an
'African connection' explains
the spread of Islam amongst
African Americans, Sherman
Jackson explores the
complex factors that have
given rise to the Black
Muslim movement & finds**

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***answers in both African
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He argues that Christianity***

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. His book was controversial in Great Britain, both for its subject and because many people at first did not believe that a black African had written it. A new edition of Du Bois's pathbreaking sociological work on the black church.

This monograph is an original study of what is commonly termed the American "myth of Ham". It examines black and white Americans' recourse to the biblical character of Ham as a cultural strategy for explaining racial origins. Previous studies in the area have been restricted to associating the Hamitic idea with pro-slavery arguments, whereas the thesis of this project reveals a fundamental irony: black American Christians who reinforced the meanings of illegitimacy by appealing to

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Ham as the ancestor of the race.

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examines the socioeconomic structure of African society.

A native of St. Thomas, West

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