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Mission and Traditional Tugen Culture of Kenya: A Critical Theological Study in Biblical Christianity

Doing effective mission within the Traditional Tugen, Culture is critical because it is difficult to avoid due to the issues of culture which have a dynamic dialogue with supra culture of biblical Christianity. The issue of reconciling the Christ mission with the traditional Tugen culture is a big challenge. This cultural challenge is as old as the history of mankind from the time of creation. Christ dialogue with the cultural setting of his day took several characteristics: affirmations, reconstructions, compromise and opposition. The same will also apply to the Traditional Tugen culture.

A traditionalist Tugen will always seek to have a good harmonious relationship with Supernatural Being and other spirit-beings whose intention is to attain certain powers for his survival. This relationship with supernatural being is illustrated by the hierarchy of Beings where there is a web of interrelationship of beings. In our evaluation of culture, several issues come to stake as regards to culture: Is culture Godless in regards to the mission of Jesus Christ? Is culture anti-God of our Lord Jesus Christ or is culture idolatrous? What is wrong in following the command to trust in God alone?

Such a relationship of Christ mission among the traditional Tugen culture calls for a real caution. In view of biblical Christianity syncretism is a real challenge because some of our Christians operate close to a traditional Tugen culture and portray real fear to the world of spirits, but those Christians who have a solid foundation in sound biblical Christianity will have a very little influence from a traditional Tugen culture. This piece of work intends to provide a road map based on the omniscience of Christ for Christians living in the world occupied by man in regards to doing mission within traditional Tugen culture in light of biblical Christianity.

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