

INTRODUCTION

The primary objective of this book is to help students of Christian apologetics, as well as Christians in general, to understand African Traditional Religion within the context of Christianity. The book delineates various goals that Christians can attain through an examination of these two faith traditions.

The book focuses on familiarising readers with the terminology used by Christians to describe African Traditional Religion (ATR). Readers will discover five terminologies used to describe African Traditional Religion. They will also consider whether it is appropriate to use these terms when referring to practitioners of African Traditional Religion.

The objective of the book is to undertake a critical examination of African Traditional Religion. Christians will learn about the reasons why traditionalists think it is important to study their religion. Adherents of ATR believe it is important that people understand their history, so they can explain their world-view to non-Africans, comparing it with others, and correcting misunderstandings. They also hope that the study of ATR will help to encourage others to join their faith. The book will also explore how African Traditional Religion has changed over time due to societal shifts.

The book aims to help readers understand the complexities of African Traditional Religion compared to Christianity. This involves analysing the similarities, differences, and interactions between the two belief systems, as well as examining the historical, cultural, and social factors that have influenced their coexistence.

Students and Christians in general are required to compare African Traditional Religion with Christianity in terms of beliefs, rituals, practices, and principles. By analysing the historical and cultural contexts of both religions, Christians will gain a deeper understanding of how they have shaped societies and individuals over time.

Overall, the book emphasises the importance of studying African Traditional Religion and Christianity to gain a better understanding of religious ideologies and practices, ultimately leading to a more informed perspective on the world.

The review questions at the end of each chapter are intended to help the reader consolidate the knowledge gained through reading and studying the book.