

**The Next Christendom: the coming of Global Christianity**  
**Philip Jenkins.** Oxford 2002 (updated 2007)

2005: Xns one third of world population

2050:

one fifth of Xns will be non-Hispanic white. (still rich!)

Three Xns for every two Muslims.

The world's poorest will have Xnity (rather than Islam or Hinduism).

As many Pentecostals as Hindus.

Europe:

Christendom collapse, Nation State threatened, 'Britishness', Ummah.

Africa:

Tertullian, Cyprian, Augustine. – Armenia & Ethiopia Monophysites.

13<sup>th</sup> Century the Mongol hordes devastate Muslim populations but defeat by Turks so conversions to Islam. In China Mongols defeated.

Ottoman Empire 1900 – 30% were Xns & Jews. Xn Majority Constantinople

Arab Xns until 1980s Islamic sects (Hamas)

**Catholic Missions**

Gregory advised using local shrines & practices as bases.

1500 Iberia conquers New World. (First Global empire) Coasts of Africa.

India welcomes missions – Mughal Empire

1700 Jesuits fall foul of Pope so ceases. Xn now seen as foreign.

1790s Protestants take up challenge. (evo revival and GB Empire) CMS & USA

1950s USA employs two thirds around world.

1950 Mau Mau target Anglican churches as arm of Imperialism.

1951 China expels all Xn groups as non Communist

1960 Xnity now outnumbers Islam in Africa

1970s African Churches call for moratorium on Western mission (colonial)

Extraordinary cult movements of Christianity in LA & Africa flourish.

But mainstream still predominate not African Independent Churches (AICs)

Pentecostals rely on direct revelations not just Bible. Esp poor communities.

Many refuse Pentecostal title as western.

Exorcisms, prosperity – 'health and wealth'

China: 50 million? South Korea: quarter of population.

India: 40 million, but government concerned about cash appeal to low caste.

Source of evil is not in social structures

Expresses social aspirations

Blessings in this life as well as next

**ALL CHANGE**

1900: Northerners: Southerners – 2.5: 1

2050: reversal despite AIDS. (mainly Xn centres)

Decline in Eastern Europe means Orthodox will suffer. UK will be non-white.

Half London Church-goers black.

**Syncretism:**

Jesus as great ancestor; religious language adapts; shrines; Mary Mother; witchcraft; prophecy; spiritual warfare;

**Doctrine:**

Baptism as separation from pagan world. Catechumens training.

Themes of Exile, Return, Exodus

**Colonialism:**

Failure to stand against Nazism. WCC & Liberation theologies.

Medellin '68, Colombia. Helder Camara, Camilo Torres, Sandanistas.

Pope Paul II dashed hopes. Opus Dei.

**Pentecostal growth as response to failed hopes & new repressions?**

Are they political quietists and therefore aid corrupt regimes. Social action!

**KICC Uganda**

**Regimes**

African leaders – mission school education.

To whom could the oppressed turn – Gitari, Tutu.

Most divisive issue is Sharia Law/ separation of church and state. Nigeria has 12 states now have Sharia.

Cooption of some Xn leaders as prop to harsh regimes. (Liberia)

Zambia a 'Xn Nation' 1991

Mugabe – homosexuals worse than pigs & dogs.

**Link to tribal regimes**

Rwanda Tutsis & Hutus

**Neo-liberalism:**

Muslim alliances are oil fuelled but helping Xns not useful to west.

1910s Xns purged by Crescent.

Islamic nations want to hit back and missionaries are scapegoats – represent moral disease.

Indonesia – finances dip and Xns attacked since Chinese merchants are Xn.

African oil could rise to USA by 2015 so stirring of religious violence.

USA support for Israel because Israel allies itself with Xn groups vs. Islam.

p.226: RC European church has become more conservative in response to Third World members, otherwise suicide. [– will same happen to us?]

Africa is slipping out of Third World.

**Anglican Schism?**

1054:

Schism driven by cultural differences.

2000:

Singapore consecrations of two white Americans (AMiA)

2003:

Gene Robinson Bp New Hampshire

Jeffrey John proposed to Reading.

2004:

Eames Commission: Windsor Report

2005:

Akinola at Egyptian conference.

2006:

ECUSA votes Windsor. Katherine Jefferts Schori.