

WORSHIP IN YORUBA INDIGENOUS RELIGION AND ITS INFLUENCE ON
PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT IN OGBOMOSO NORTH AND SOUTH LOCAL
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5.2 Conclusion.

The study came up with some findings which emerged from field work. From the analyses it has been established that some of the elements of worship in Yoruba indigenous religion are found in worship in Pentecostal movement though they may be refined, that is these elements may not be exact or imitated as a whole but in parts, it is a clear indication that there are imprints of Yoruba indigenous religion on Pentecostal movement. Also, it is evident in the discussion that indigenous religion serves as foundation for all other religious traditions.

The researcher's submission is that the Yoruba indigenous religious forms have its values, beliefs and realities in Pentecostal movement and that it is difficult to do away with cultural background in the practice of religion, even when there are imported doctrines and practice, indigenous worldviews, thinking and mindsets have their noticeable imprints, especially with regard to Pentecostal movement. It can therefore be rightly said that Pentecostal movement demonstrates a form of contextualization, which builds on the influence of indigenous religion and this forms one of the bases of attraction of many people to it. Therefore, in a nutshell, it is evident that Yoruba Indigenous religion has greater influence on Pentecostal movement.

5.3 Recommendations

In view of the findings, the following recommendations are considered appropriate: -

1. In attempt to contextualize or make a balance between culture and religion, Pentecostal movement should allow the Bible, the sacred text of Christianity to be its guide, so that the message of the gospel may not be lost.

2. The Pentecostal fellowship of Nigeria (PFN) should serve as check and balances for all the Pentecostal churches and correct unbiblical doctrines and practices.
3. As regard divine healing, churches should believe in divine healing but after praying for the sick, he or she should be referred to a specialist hospital for appropriate medical check-up in order to forestall the future occurrence of such sickness or diseases.
4. The churches on the African soil can not avoid the influence of African culture so the church should be ready to use indigenous musical instruments during their services.
5. Songs in African languages should be encouraged but it must be theologically sound so that they may be meaningful to the Africans.
6. Divination is an aspect of Yoruba indigenous religion, Pentecostal churches should desist from artificial prophesy, and put their absolute trust in God. Prophesy should be God ordained and not based on man's thinking.
7. Prayer is the dual communication with the triune God. This should not be a mere routine but an avenue to have a divine encounter with the creator, God.
8. Tradition should give way to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. All church activities should be under the control of Jesus Christ the Head of His church. No founder or church leader should replace Him.