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L'humanité de Dieu. Rélevance de la doctrine trinitaire d'Eberhard Jüngel pour le renouvellement de la nomination de Dieu dans la théologie africaine de l'inculturation.

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Th.M, Master's Degree in Theology (Licentiate in Sacred Theology)
Institut de Science et de théologie des Religions,
Institut Catholique de Paris, France
Grade: Très Bien
Major: Science and Theology of Religions
Research Work: *L'indifférence religieuse au nigéria. Un défi pour la théologie.*
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B.Th. Bachelor of Theology

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Faculty of theology,
Facultés Jésuites du Centre Sèvres,

Academic Services at SIST

Chairperson, Staff Grading and Promotion Committee (SAPCO) Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu, Enugu (2011-2012).

Coordinator, Ongoing Programme for the Formation of Formators, Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu, Enugu, July-August, 2011.

Coordinator, 13th SIST International Missiological Symposium, 2009. *God Bible and African Traditional Religion* 17-20 March 2009.

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Publications and Research

Monographs

The Trinitarian God, Contemporary Relevance and Challenges, (Paulines, Mumbai, 2013) (Reprinted in 2021).

Grace and Contradiction, Letter to an Impatient Friend, (SAN Press, Enugu, 2011).

The Memory of Self-Donation, Meeting the Challenges of Mission, (Change Publications, Lagos 2009) (Second edition, Paulines Editions Africa, Nairobi, 2010),

Trinité et inculcation, Collection Théologie A l'Université, (Desclée de Brouwer, Paris, 2008).

Edited Books

Bede Ukwuije (Ed), *God, Bible and African Traditional Religion*. (SNAAP Press, Enugu, 2010).

Articles

“Befriending the Earth. Towards a Doxological Approach to the Environment”, *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology*, vol. 34 (2022), 109-135.

“Which Task and Future for Missionary Institutes in Africa?”,
Samuele Sangalli(ed), *Africa: The Unknown Resources and Gains*,
Gregorian and Biblical Press, Rome, 2021

“Formation of Missionary Disciples. Connecting the *Guide for Spiritan Formation* (2013) with *The New Ratio Fundamental Institutionis Sacerdotalis* (2016), and *New Wine in New Wineskins* (2017),” *Spiritan Life*, n° 25, Rome, September 2020, pp. 58-75.

“Formation de disciples missionnaires. Connecter le *Guide pour la formation spiritaine* (2013) avec la Nouvelle *Ratio Fundamental Institutionis Sacerdotalis* (2016), et *A vin nouveau, outres neuves*(2017) », *Vie Spiritaine*, n° 25, Rome, September 2020, pp. 57-76.

« The Political Theology of Pope Francis and Its Significance for the Church in Nigeria”,

“Towards a Theology of God's Freedom in the Nigerian Context”, in Luke Ijezie, Stephen Audu and Agnes Acha (Ed) *The Church in Africa. Witnesses to Justice, Peace and Reconciliation. A Post-Synodal Reflection and Reception*, CATHAN Publication, Lagos, 2013, pp 322-351. (See reworked version in *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology*, vol 25 (2013), 20-60).

“Waiting Upon God. Libermann’s Response to Faith Crisis”, in <http://www.spiritanroma.org/wp/wpcontent/uploads/2013/02/Waiting-upon-God..pdf>, pp. 1.13.

« The role of forgiveness in the Process of Reconciliation: An African Christian Perspective », in *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology*, vol. 14, 2002, Enugu; Nigeria, p. 59-70.

« Les chrétiens africains et les pratiques religieuses ancestrales : à la croisée des chemins », *Esprit et Vie*, n° 36, June 2001, p. 3-10

« Penser le devenir de l'identité africaine », in *Spiritus*, n° 160, Septembre 2000, pp. 263-275.

« Missionnaire africain en Europe », in *Spiritus*, n° 142, March 1996, pp. 14-22.

Book Chapters

“African Traditional Religion. Working Together to Promote the Culture of Life”, Peter Baekelmans and Marie-Hélène Robert, *New Trends in Mission, The Emerging Future*, (Maryknoll, New York, Orbis Books, 2022) 257-266.

« Renouveau de l'inculturation dans le contexte de crise anthropologique et culturelle en Afrique », Charles Becker et al (Ed.) *50 ans après Vatican II, l'Afrique et l'héritage d'Alioune Diop : le dialogue des religions et les défis du temps présent*, (Présence Africaine 195-

Ueffing(dir.), *Intercultural Living*, (Orbis Books, New York, 2018) 42-53.

(*First edition: Intercultural Living Vol 1*, (Steyler Missionwissenschaftliches Institut, Sankt Augustin, 2015) 292-306).

“Aider les africains à vivre libres », *Afrique, à l’ombre des dieux*, (Somog Editions d’Art, Paris, 2017) 195-197)

“Spiritans Missionaries as Precursors of Incultuation Theology in West Africa: With Particular Reference to the Translation of Church Documents into Vernacular Languages”, Charles Ebelebe(Ed) *The Missionary Legacy of the Spiritans in West Africa*. Acts of the 15th SIST International Missiological Symposium, April 26-29, 2016), (Real Images, Enugu, 2016) 15-43. (Republished in *Spiritans Horizons*, Issue 14, Fall 2019, pp.128-147).

« La théologie politique d’Evangelii Gaudium », Joel Molinario et François Moog (dir.) *Henri Jérôme Gagey, La théologie et le travail de la foi* (Salvator, Paris, 2015) 65-79.

“Catechèse et initiation », in Jean Paul Messina (Ed.), *Religion, Tradition et Modernité*, Actes du colloque international de théologie, Yaoundé 29-31 mars 2004, (Yaoundé, PUCAC, 2013) 131-147

Seasonal Reflections for Public Audience

In Partnership with *The Leader*, Owerri Archdiocese, Nigeria

“Lessons from Job (2) Against the Doctrine of Temporal Retribution”, *The Leader*, (February 28, 2021)

“Lessons from Job (1) Authentic Faith against Utilitarian Religion”, *The Leader* (February 21, 2021)

“Crisis of Zechariah: When the Light of Gospel Reboots Tradition”, *The Leader* (December 20, 2020)

“Jesus Christ: The King who Reigns through Self-donation”, *The Leader* (November 22, 2020)

“The Communion of Saints”, *The Leader*

“The Dogma of the Assumption: The Human Body in Heaven”,
The Leader (August 15, 2020)

“Doctrine of the Trinity: Transforming the World through
Mutual Self-donation”, *The Leader* (June 14, 2020)

“Behold I am Doing Something New”, *The Leader* (Christmas
2019)

In Partnership with the Daily Newspaper, *La Croix*, France

« Je crois à la communion des saints », *La Croix*, All Saints
Meditation, 31 October 2008

«La mère du Christ comblée de grâces », *La Croix* (38130),
Assumption Meditation, Thursday 14-Friday 15 August 2008, p.
20.

« Il est bon pour vous que je parte », *La Croix* (38043),
Ascension Meditation, Wednesday 30 April 2008.

« La folie de la croix », *La Croix*(38010), Good Friday
Meditation, Saturday 21 March 2008.

« En mémoire du Seigneur », *La Croix* (38009), Holy Thursday
Meditation, Thursday 20 March 2008

« Redécouvrir la source de l’amour », *La Croix* (37972), Lenten
Meditation, Wednesday 6 February 2008.

« L’humilité de Dieu, in *La Croix*(37936), Christmas
Meditation, Monday 24-Tuesday 25 December, 2007.

« La surprise de Dieu » in *La Croix* (37914), Advent Meditation,
Saturday 21 March 2007.

Research and Publishing Projects in Progress

Trinity and Inculturation (English translation of *Trinité et
inculturation*. Translated by Bede Ukwuije, CSSp (Being
reviewed by University of Notre Dame Press).

Trinité, le nom chrétien de Dieu (French translation of *The
Trinitarian God, Contemporary Relevance and Challenges*.
Translated by Jean-Michel Jolibois, CSSp (Being reviewed by
Karthala, Paris)

“Yielding to God’s Initiatives. A Spirituality for Contemporary
Mission” (Recently finished article; in search of a journal).

“Post

“The Eucharist as True Mediation between the Universal and the Particular. A Christian Critique of Media Born Globalization.” Presented at the 22nd Session of the Catholic Theological Association of Nigeria, Awka, Nigeria, February 2008.

“Nigeria, the Search for Unity in Diversity”. Presented at the Annual French-Sweedish Workshops on Interreligious Relations, Institut Catholiqu de Paris, October 12-15, 2005.

“Catéchèse et initiation”. Presented at the International Theological Symposium, Université Catholique de Yaounde, March 23-29, 2004.

“La mission du théologien : un point de vue africain” Presented at the General Assembly of the Association Francophone Œcuménique de Missiologie, May 23-24, 2003.

Service

Professional Services

2010 till date	Editorial Consultant, <i>Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology</i> , Published by The Ecumenical Association of Nigeria.
2013-2014	Member of Steering Committee and Moderator of SECAM Conference, <i>The Church in Africa, From Vatican Council II to the Third Millennium. Homage of Africa to John XXIII and John Paul II</i> , Pontifical University Urbaniana, Rome, April 24-25, 2014.
2013-2014	Member of Steering Committee and Moderator, SEDOS Residential Seminar, <i>The God of Surprises, New Ways of Being Missionary</i> , Centro Ad Gentes, NEMI, Italy, May, 20-24, 2014
2009-2012	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>The Catholic Voyage</i> , A publication of the Conference of Major Superiors of Nigeria
2008-2012	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>African Journal of Inculturation Theology</i> , Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu
2008-2009	Coordinator, SIST International Missiological Symposium on <i>God Bible and African Traditional Religion</i> , 2009
2006-2007	Member and Commission Secretary of 12 th SIST Missiological Symposium, <i>Politics, Social Change and the Church in Nigeria</i> , 2007

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Students' Chaplain, Université de Haute Bretagne,
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