

# **Missiological issues in Christian-Muslim dialogue in the Nigerian context**

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## **Abstract**

In this paper some factors that are obstacles to healthy Christian – Muslim relations in a pluralistic society such as Nigeria are examined. For several years there have been crises between Christians and Muslims in Nigeria, most especially in the northern part. Christianity and Islam are two of the three major religions in Nigeria, the African Traditional Religion being the third. Suffice to point out here that Christians, Muslims and adherents of the African Traditional Religion live together, buy and sell in the same markets, work in offices together and sometimes even inter-marry in various communities in Nigeria. In this kind of scenario, one still wonders the sometimes show of hatred between Christians and Muslims. Tracing historically the two religions under focus, it is pertinent to note that both religions are called the religions of the Book and share a common heritage. The research methodology adopted here are socio-historical, and evaluative approaches. One of the research findings is that authentic education of adherents by both religions is the panacea to healthy relations between the Christians and Muslims in Nigeria.

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