

Asian and African Contextual Theologies: Learning from Each Other

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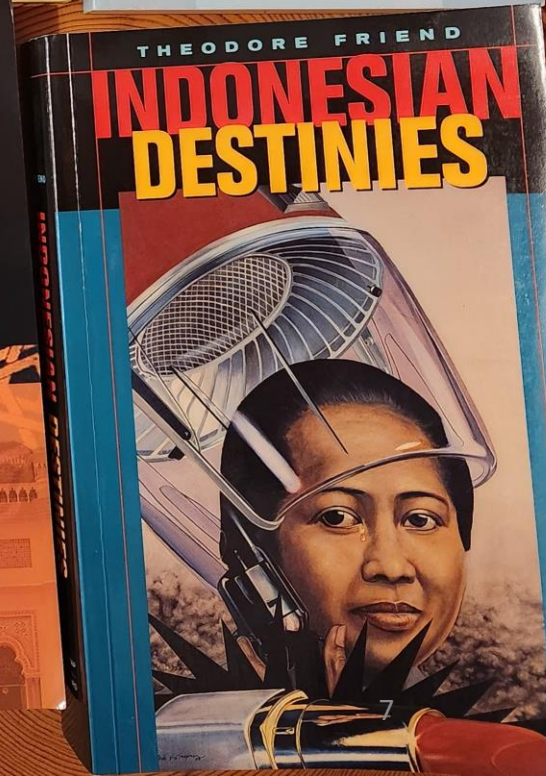
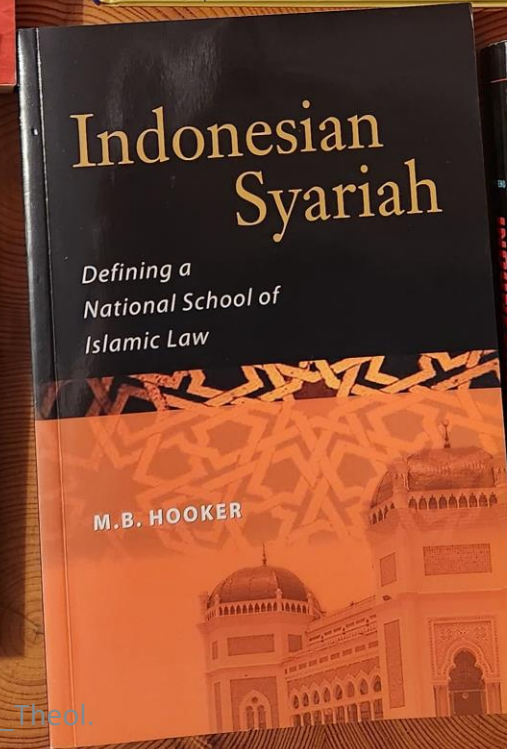
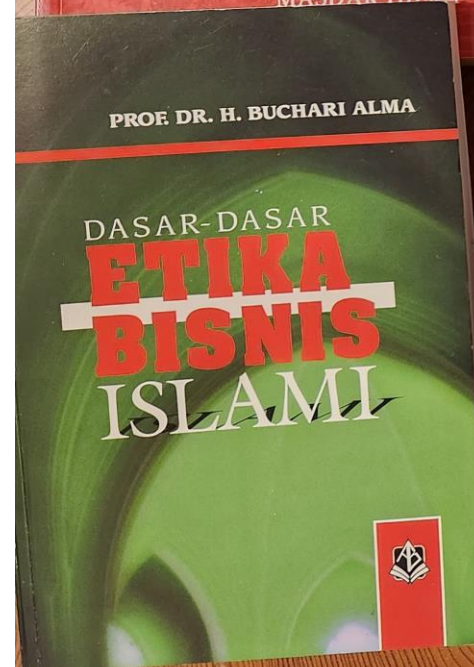
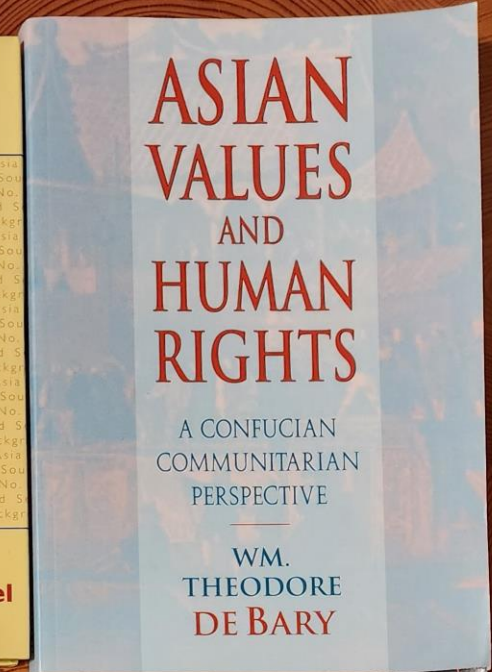
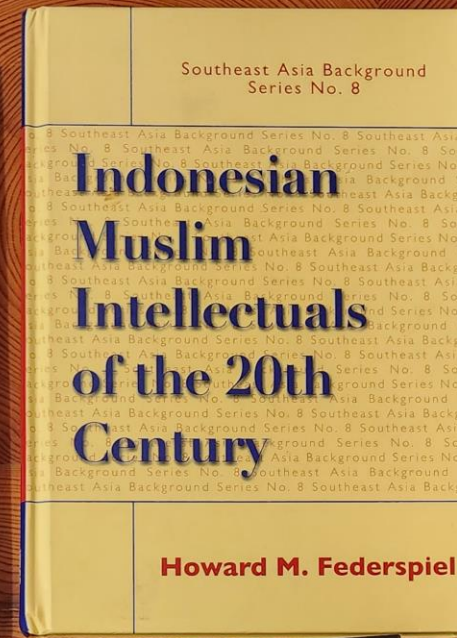
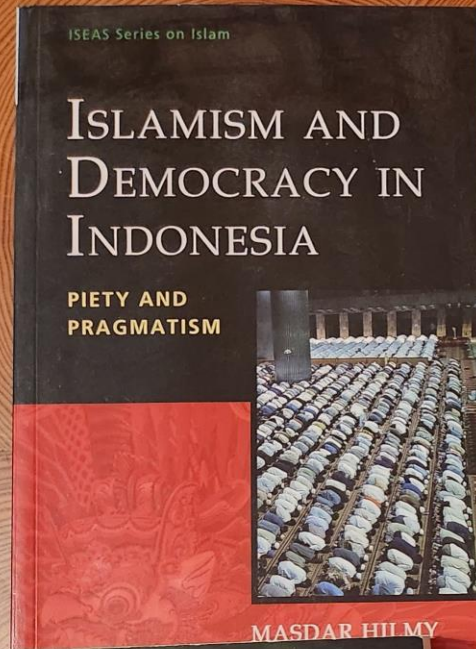
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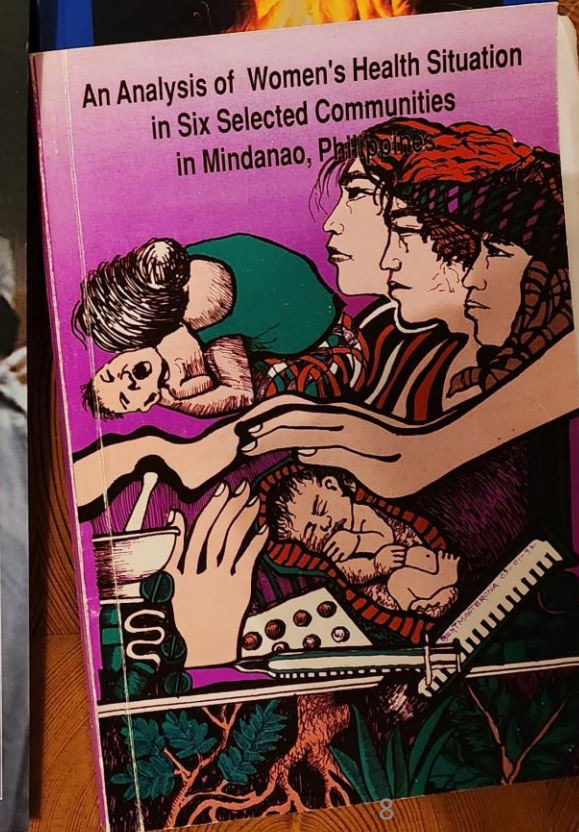
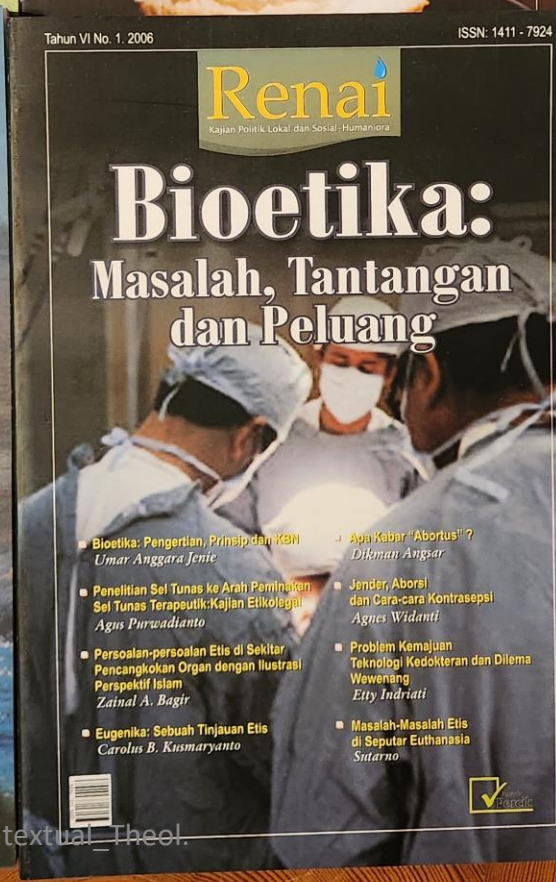
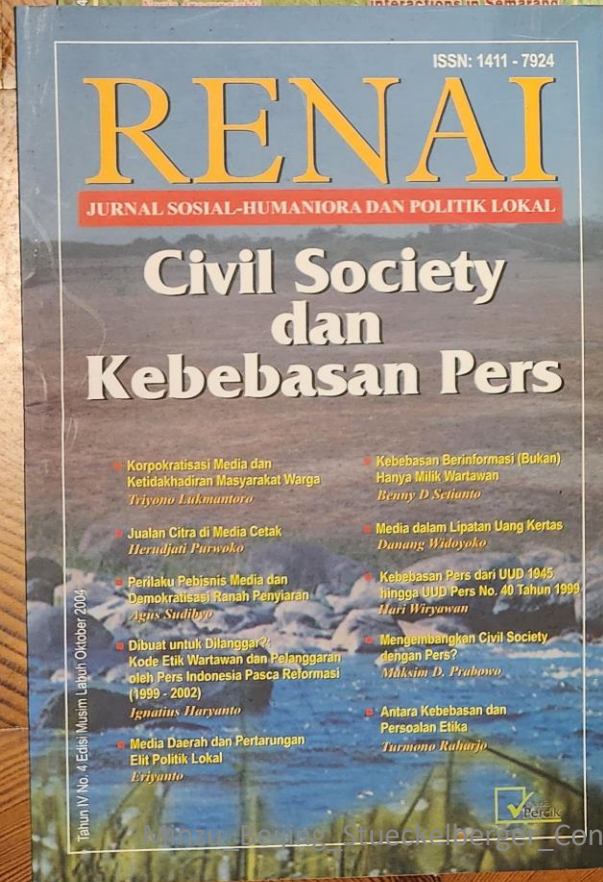
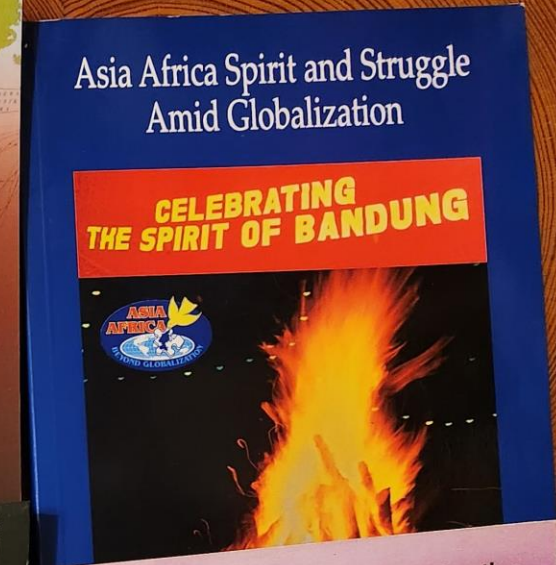
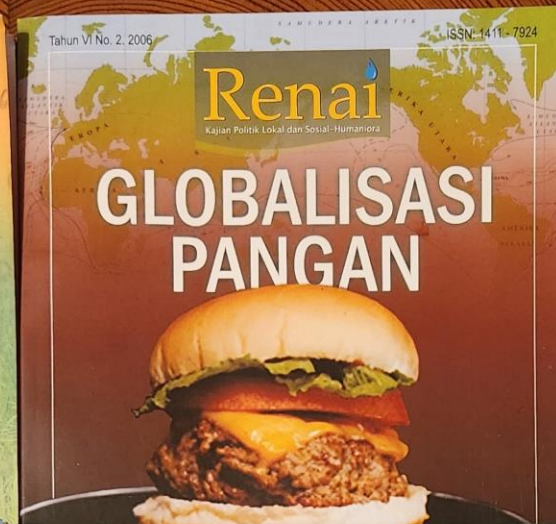




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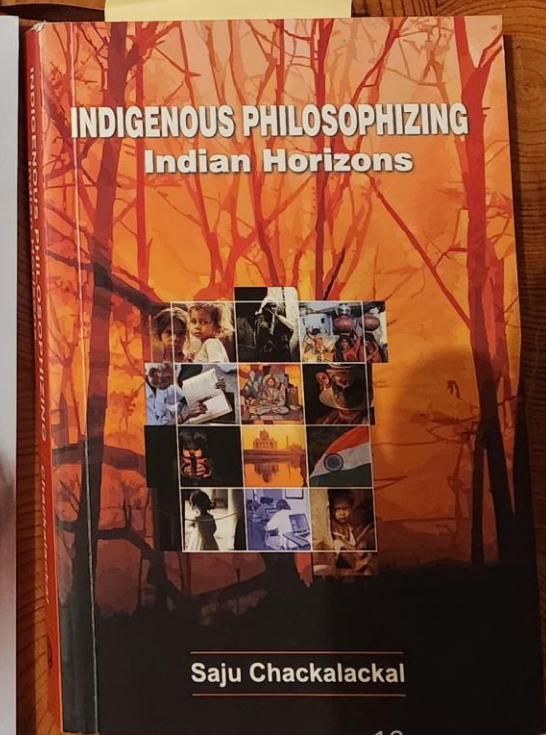
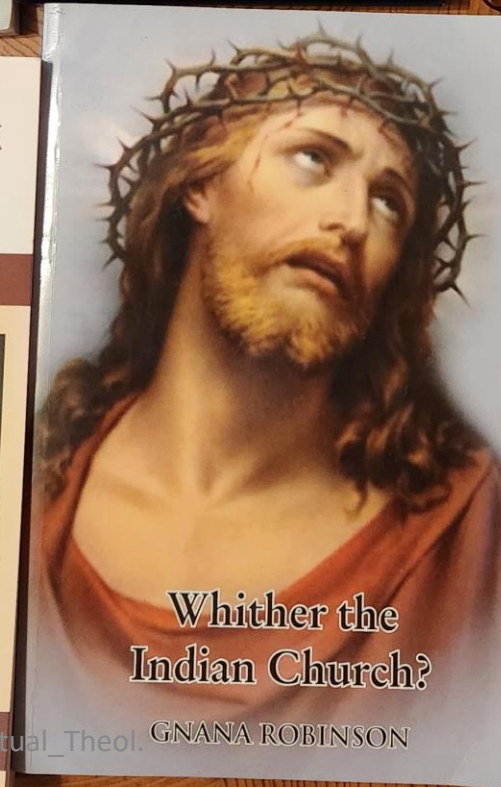
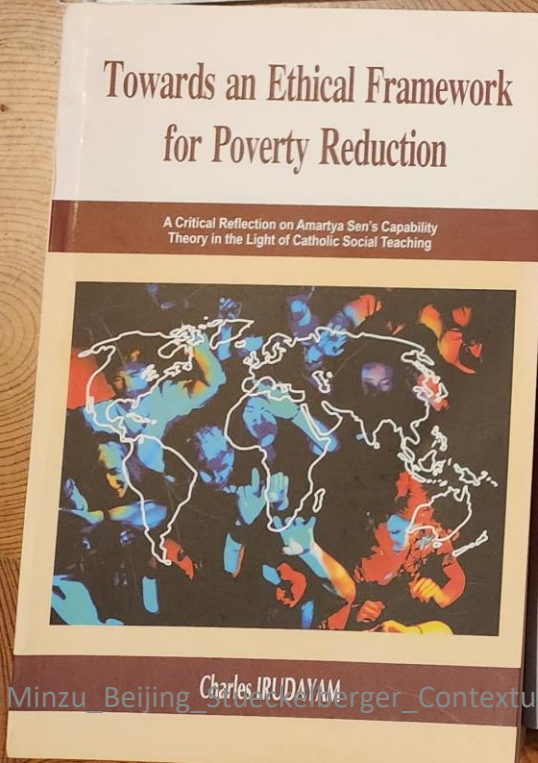
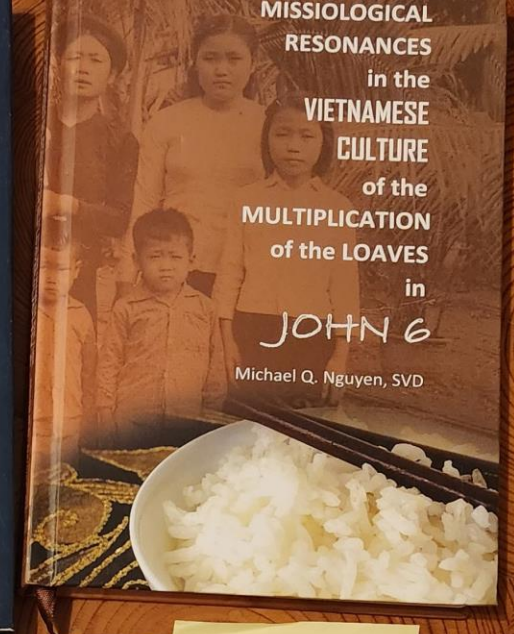
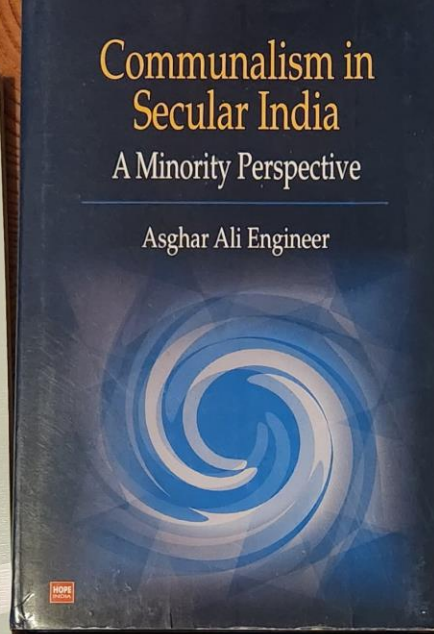
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India: Christianity, Church

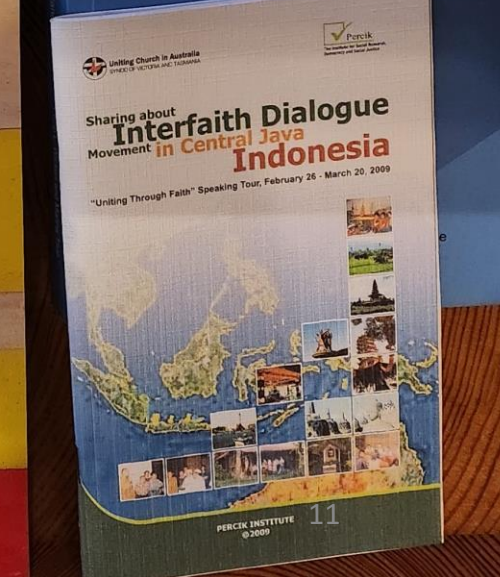
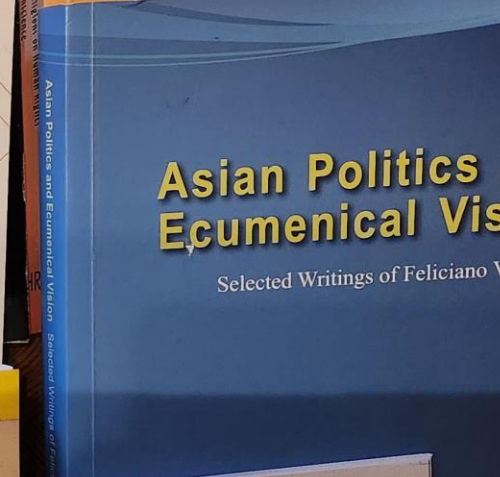
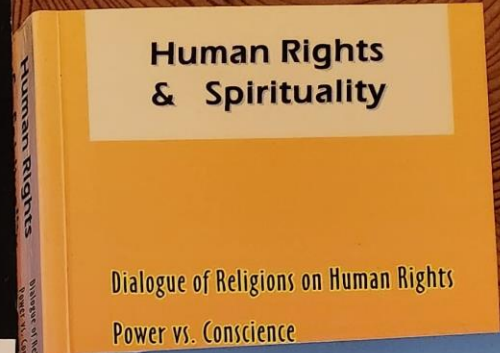
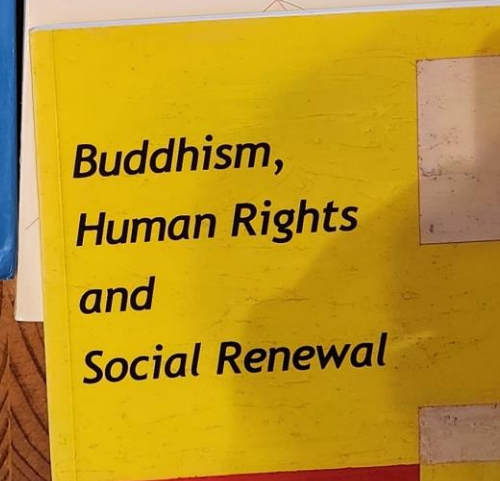
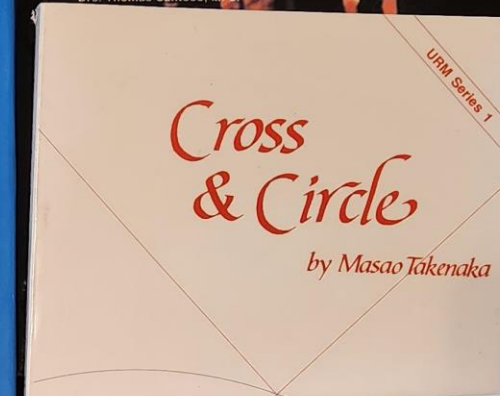
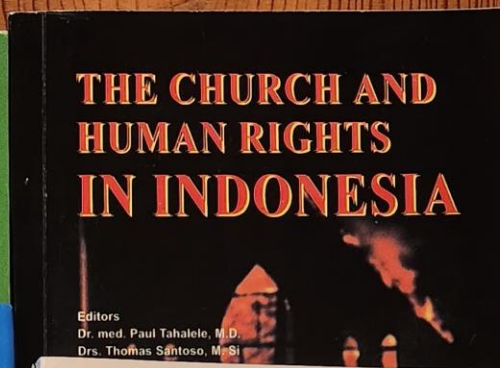
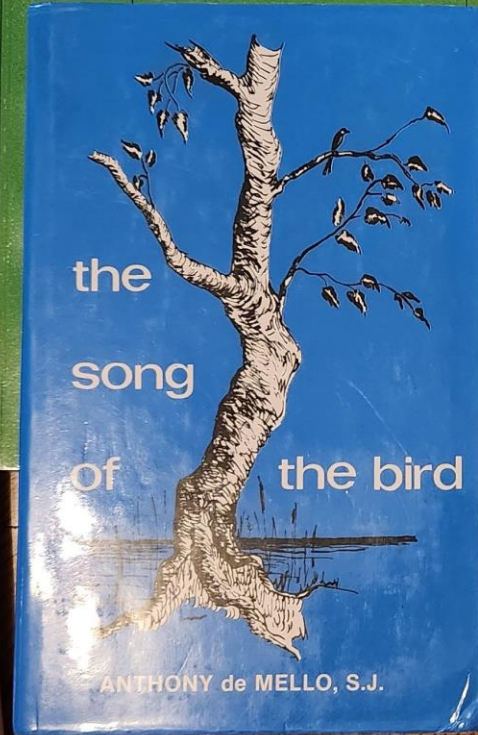
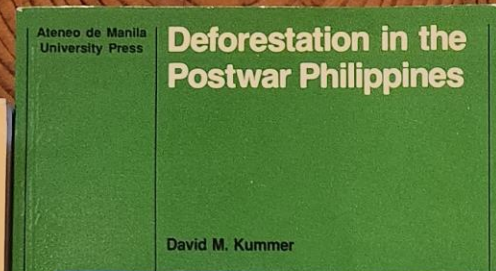
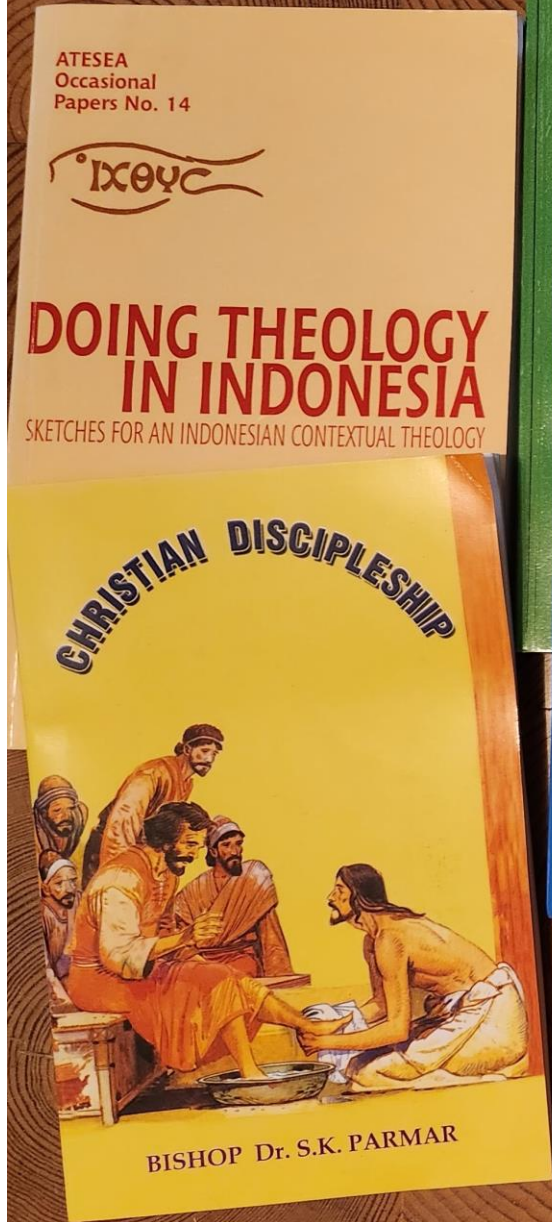


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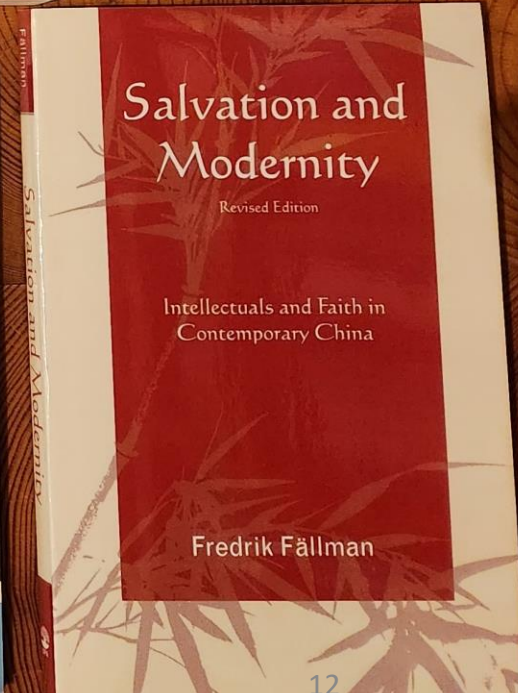
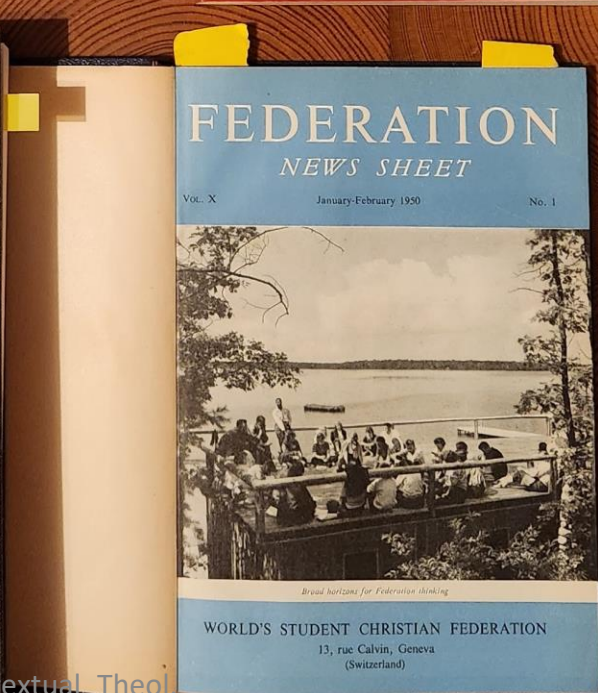
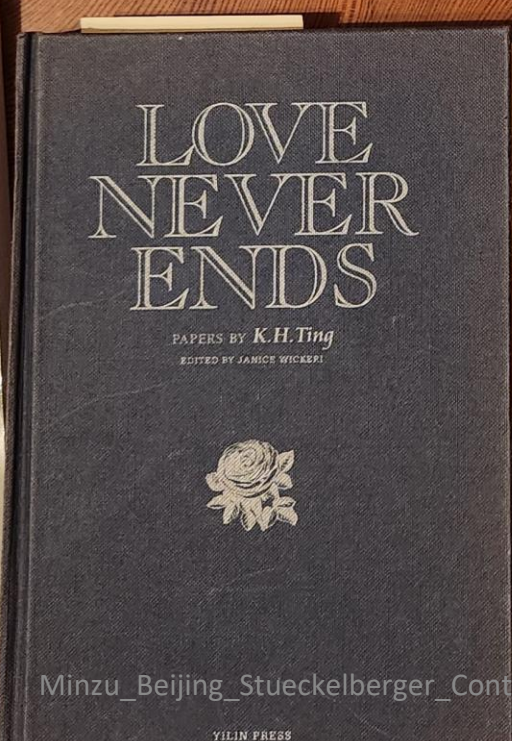
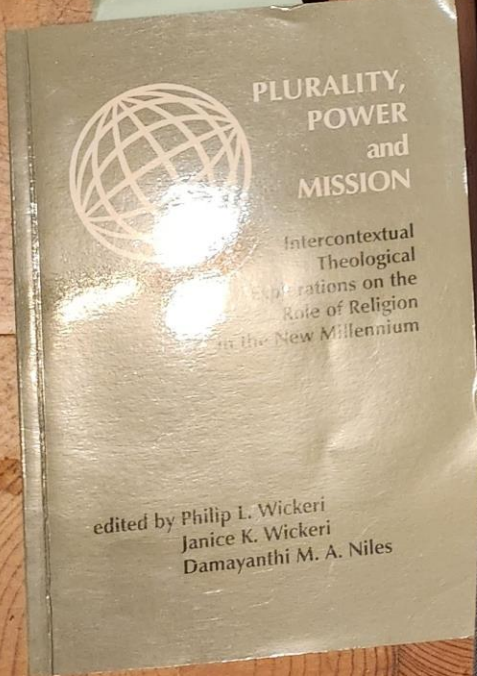
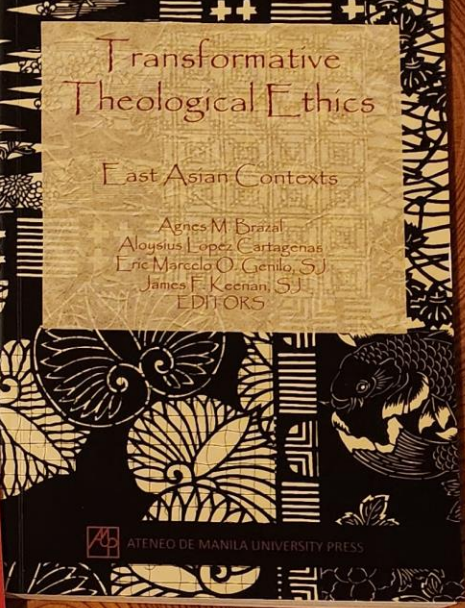
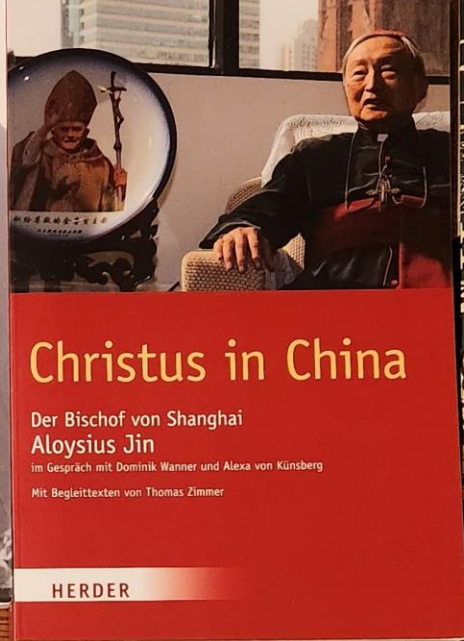
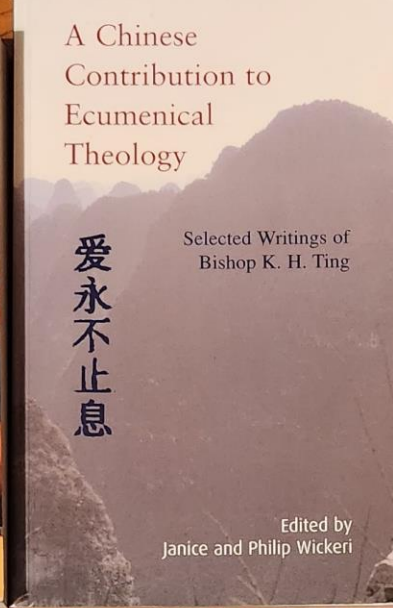
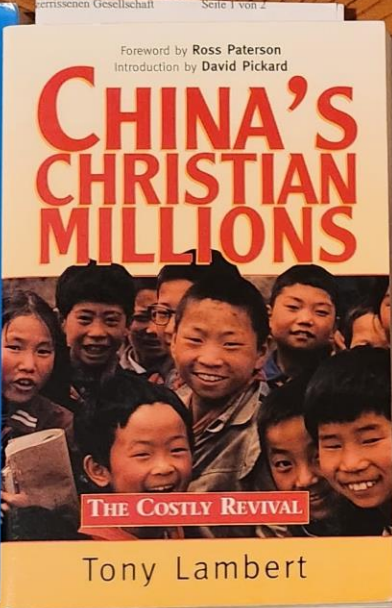
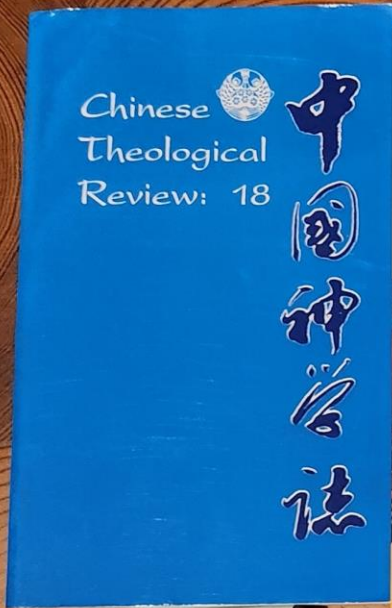


Asia: Interfaith, Human Rights, Buddhism Environment

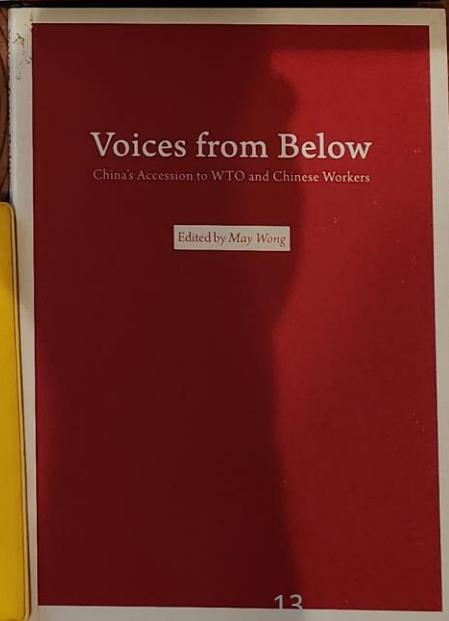
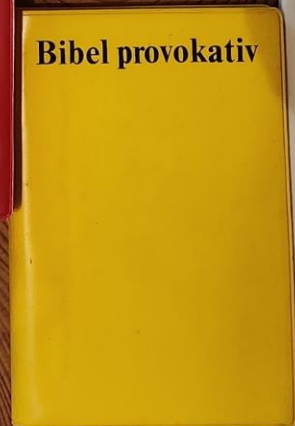
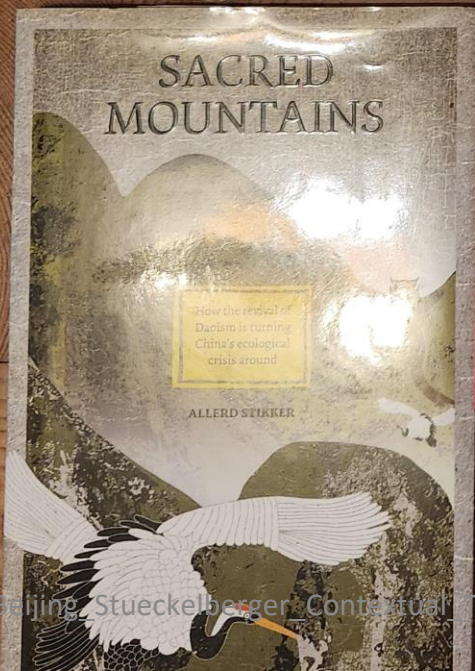
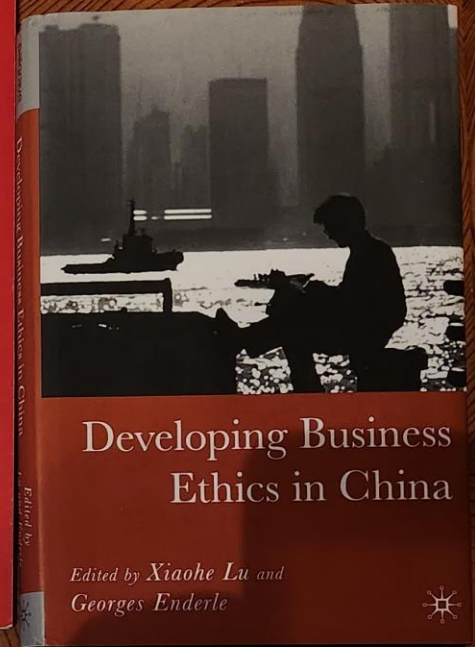
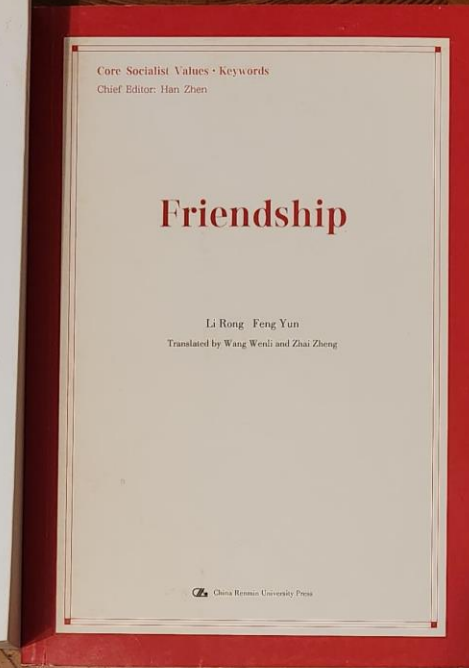
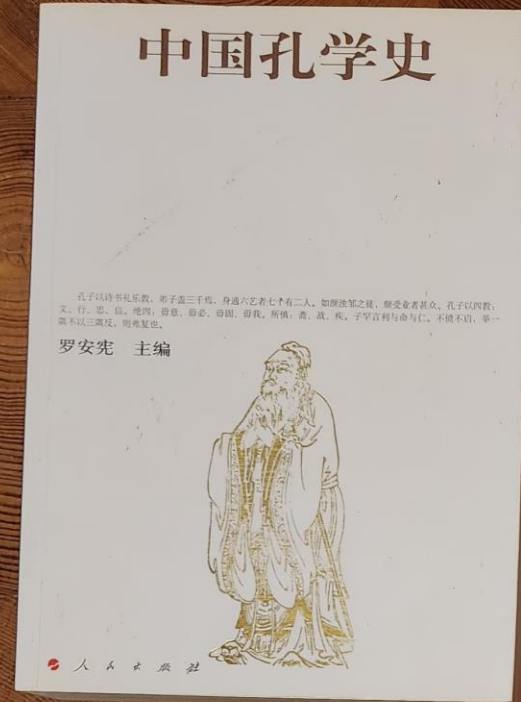
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China: Christianity



Chinese Confucianism, Daoism, Socialism Businessethics



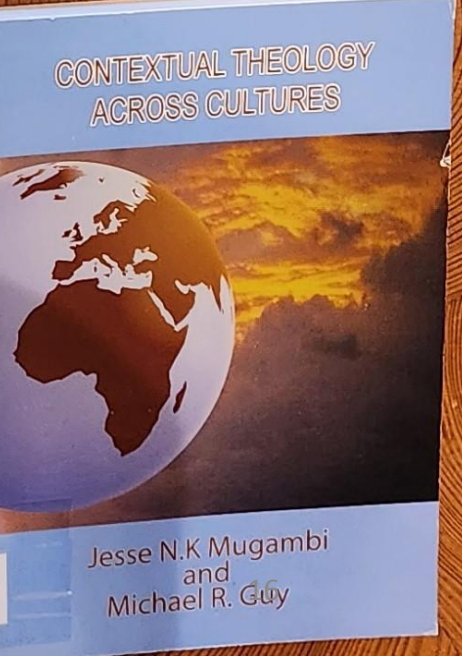
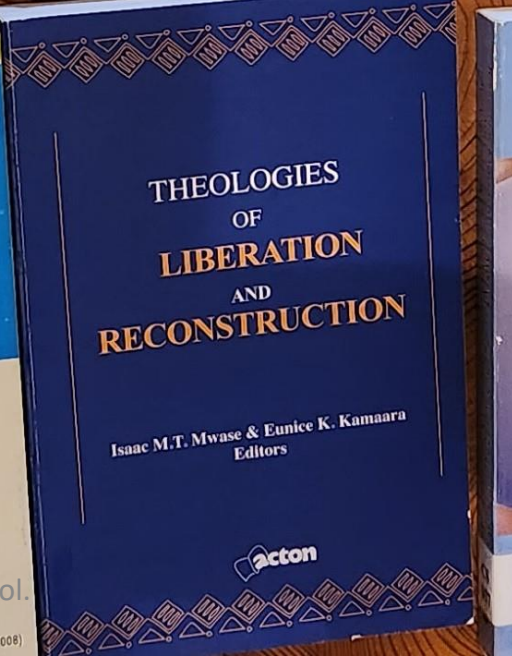
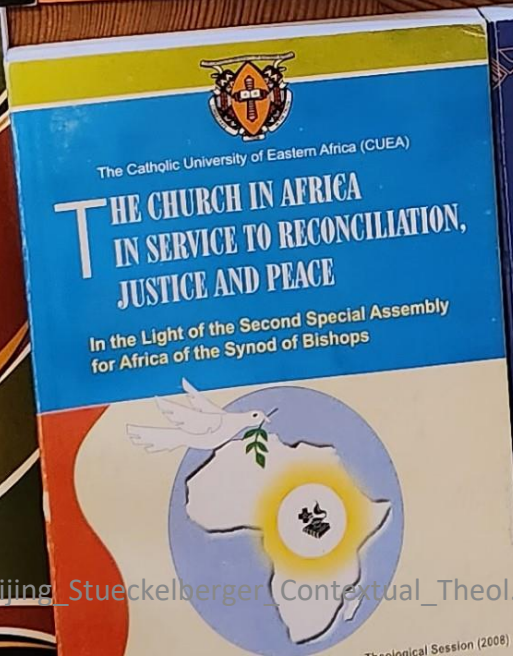
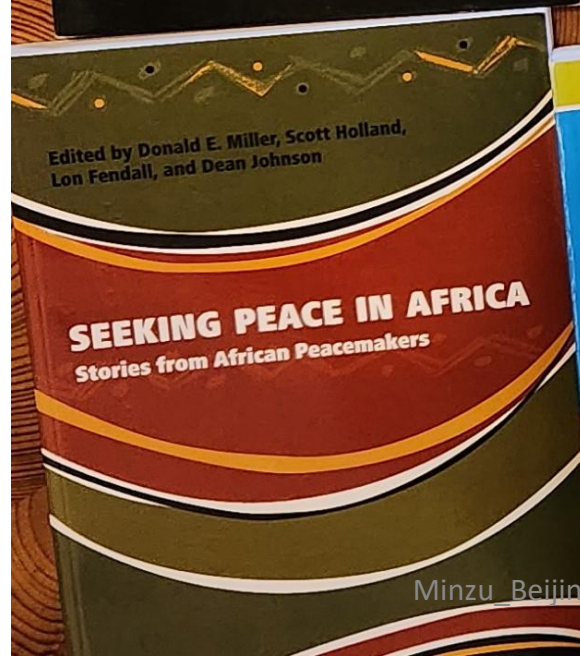
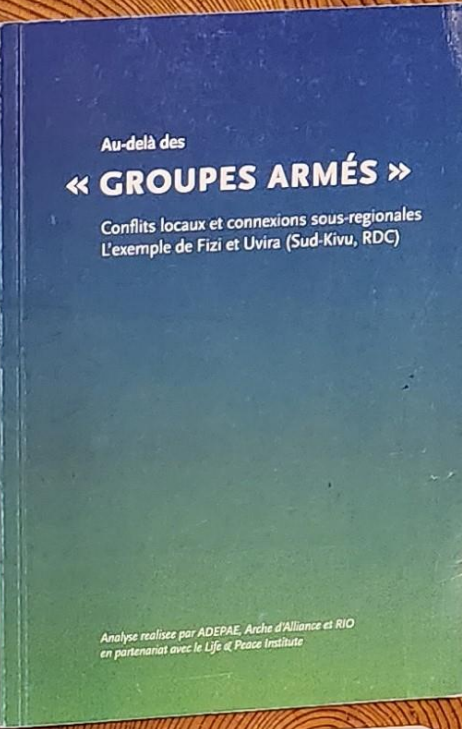
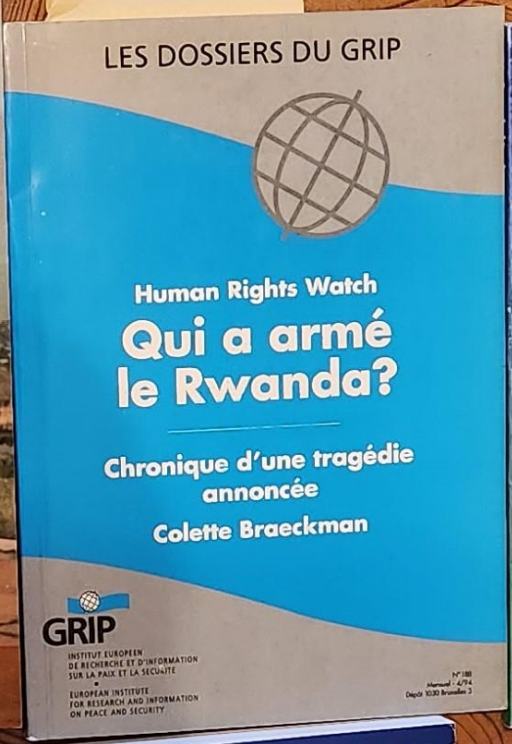
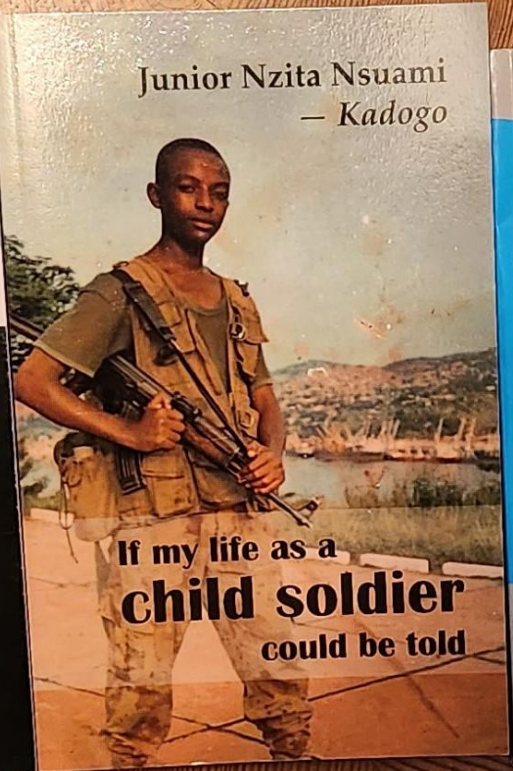
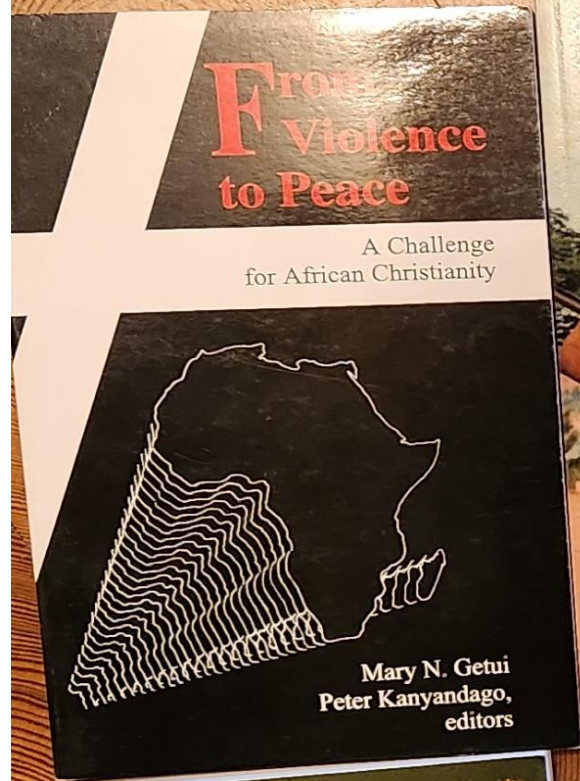
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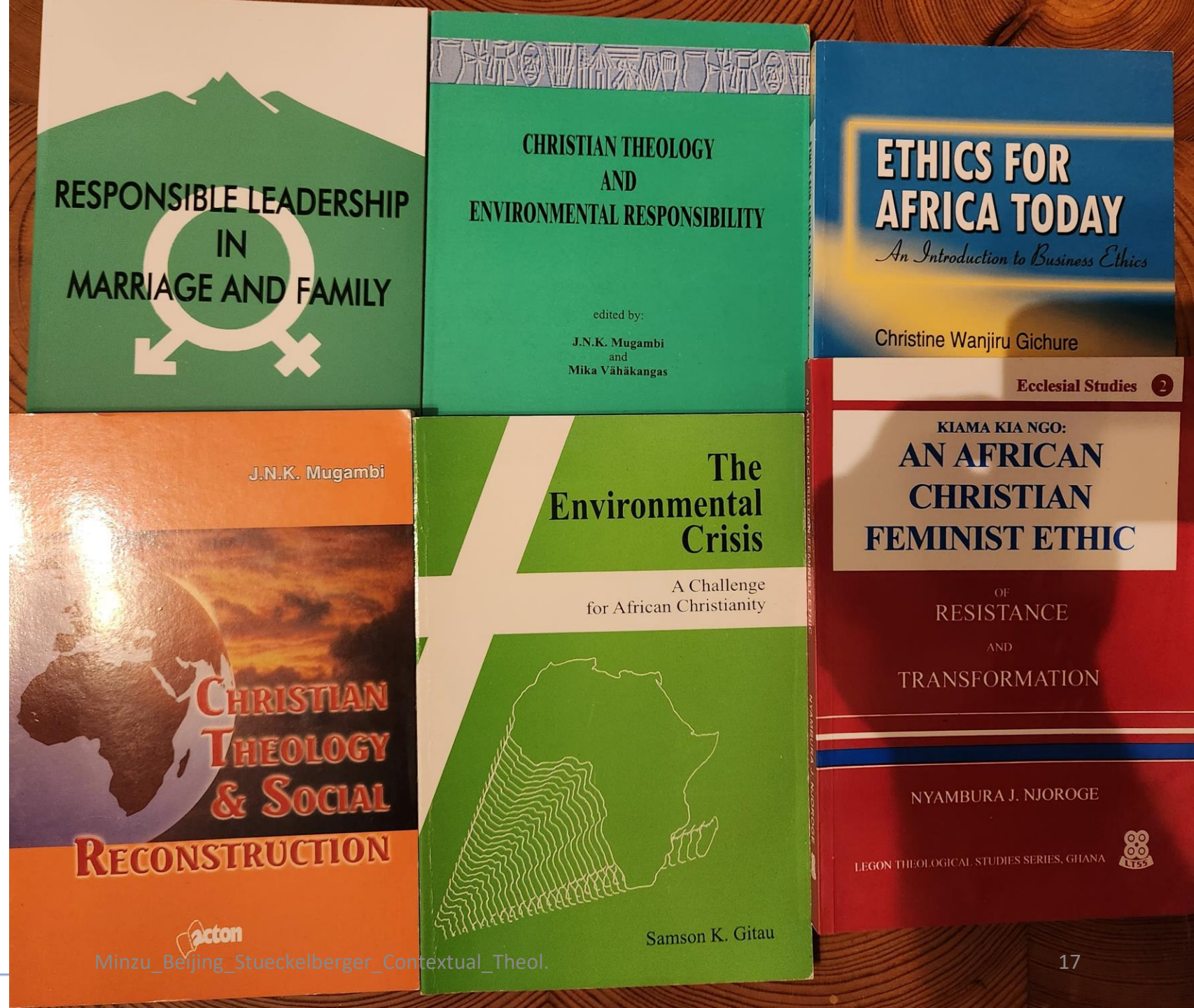
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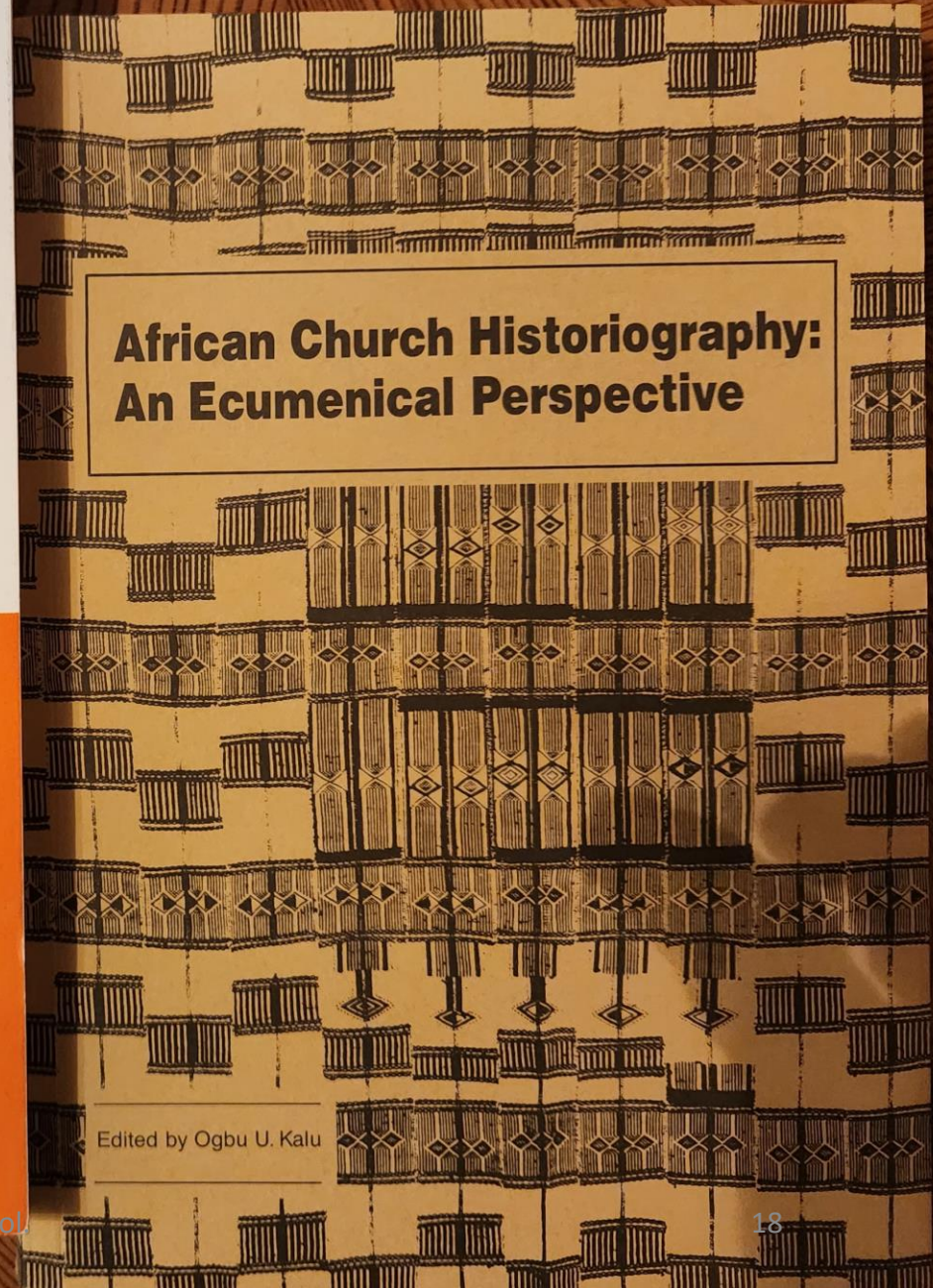
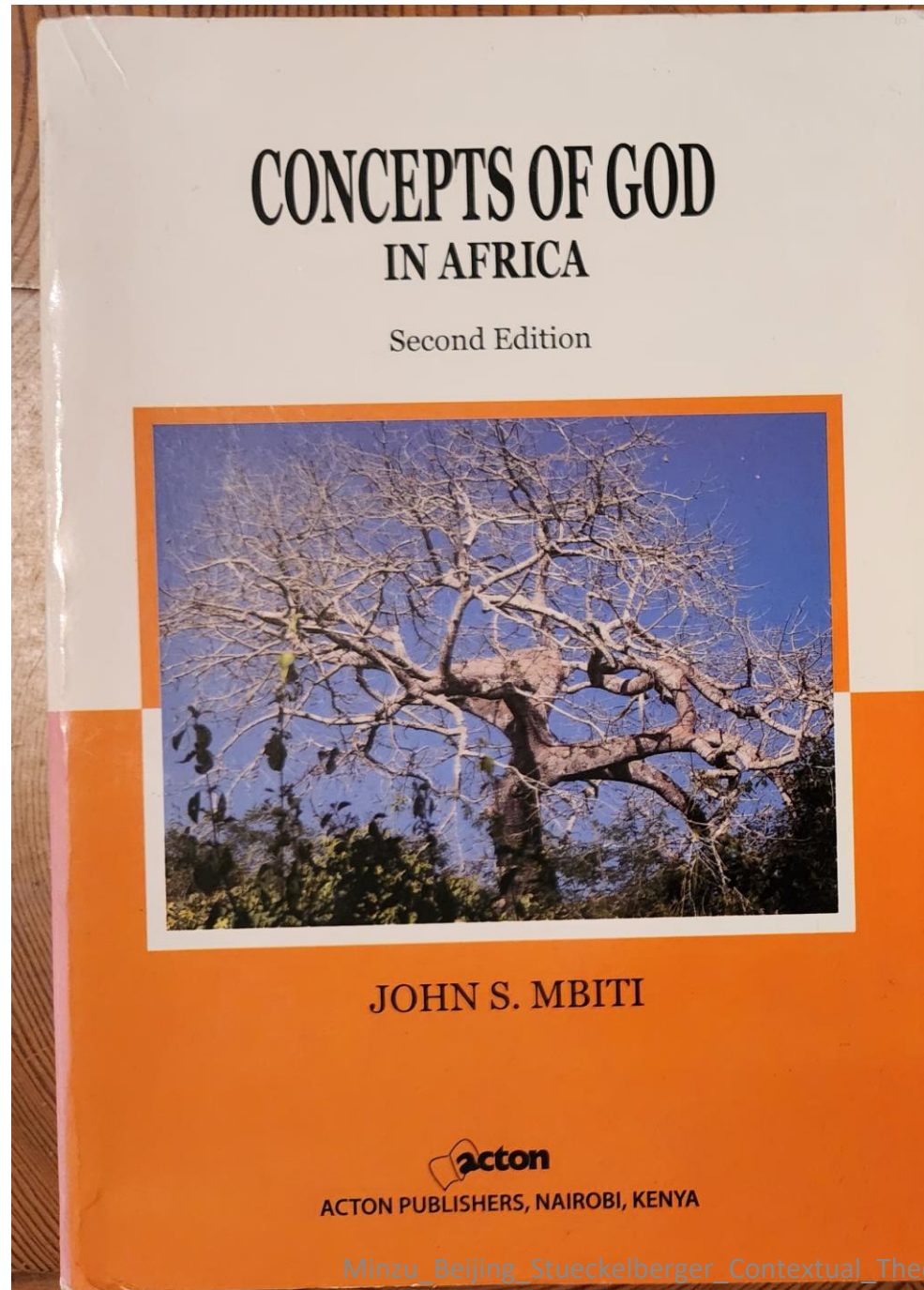
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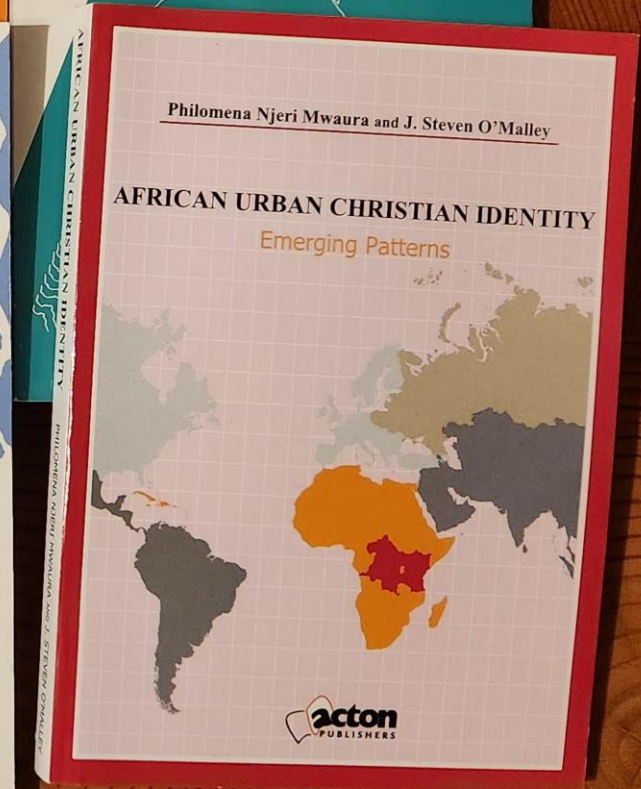
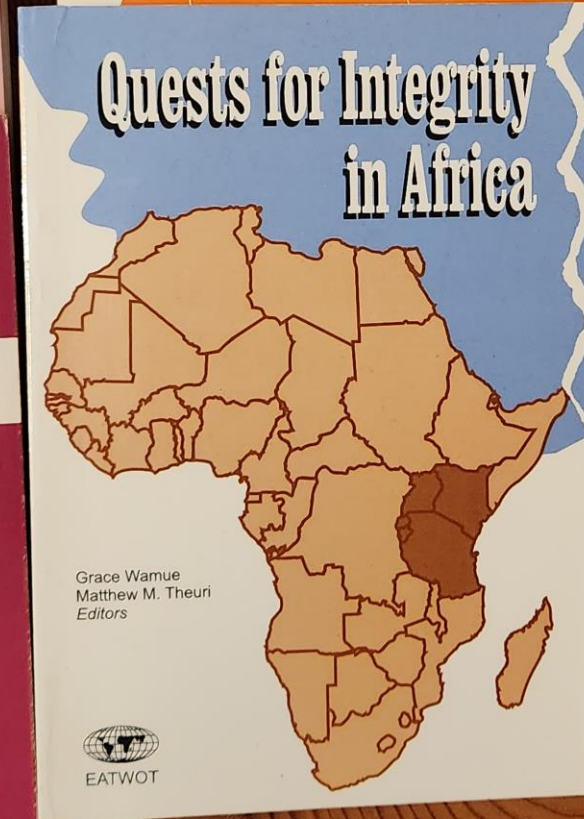
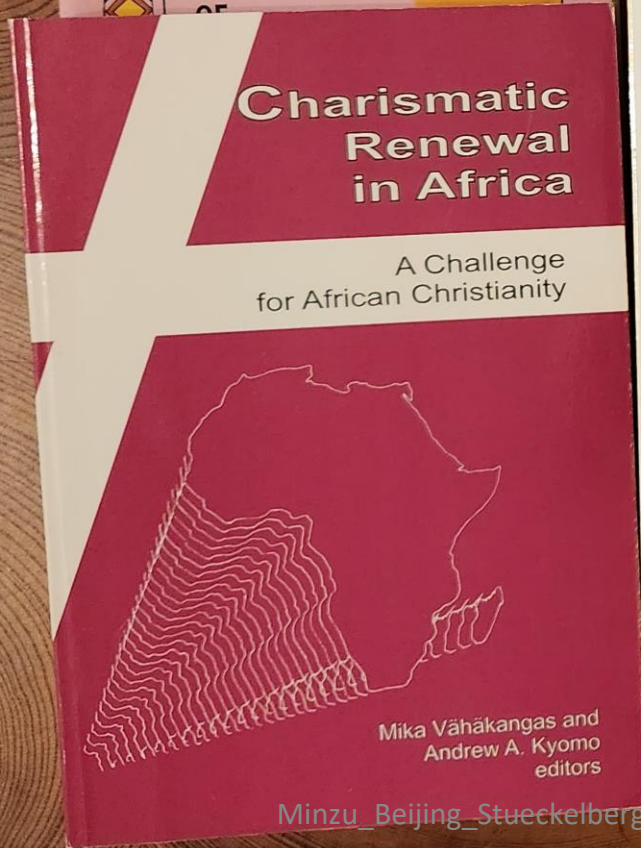
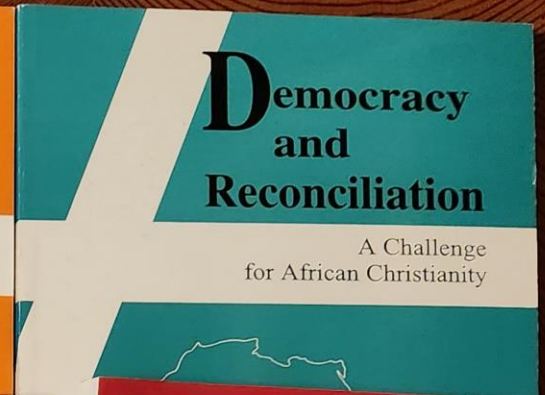
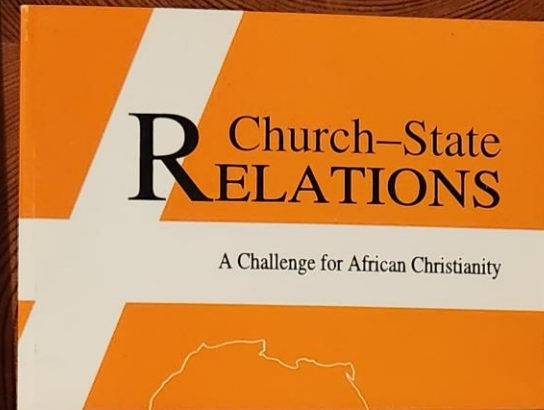
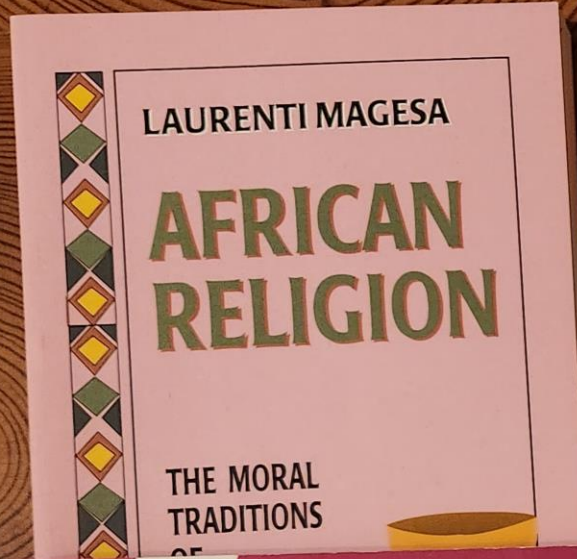
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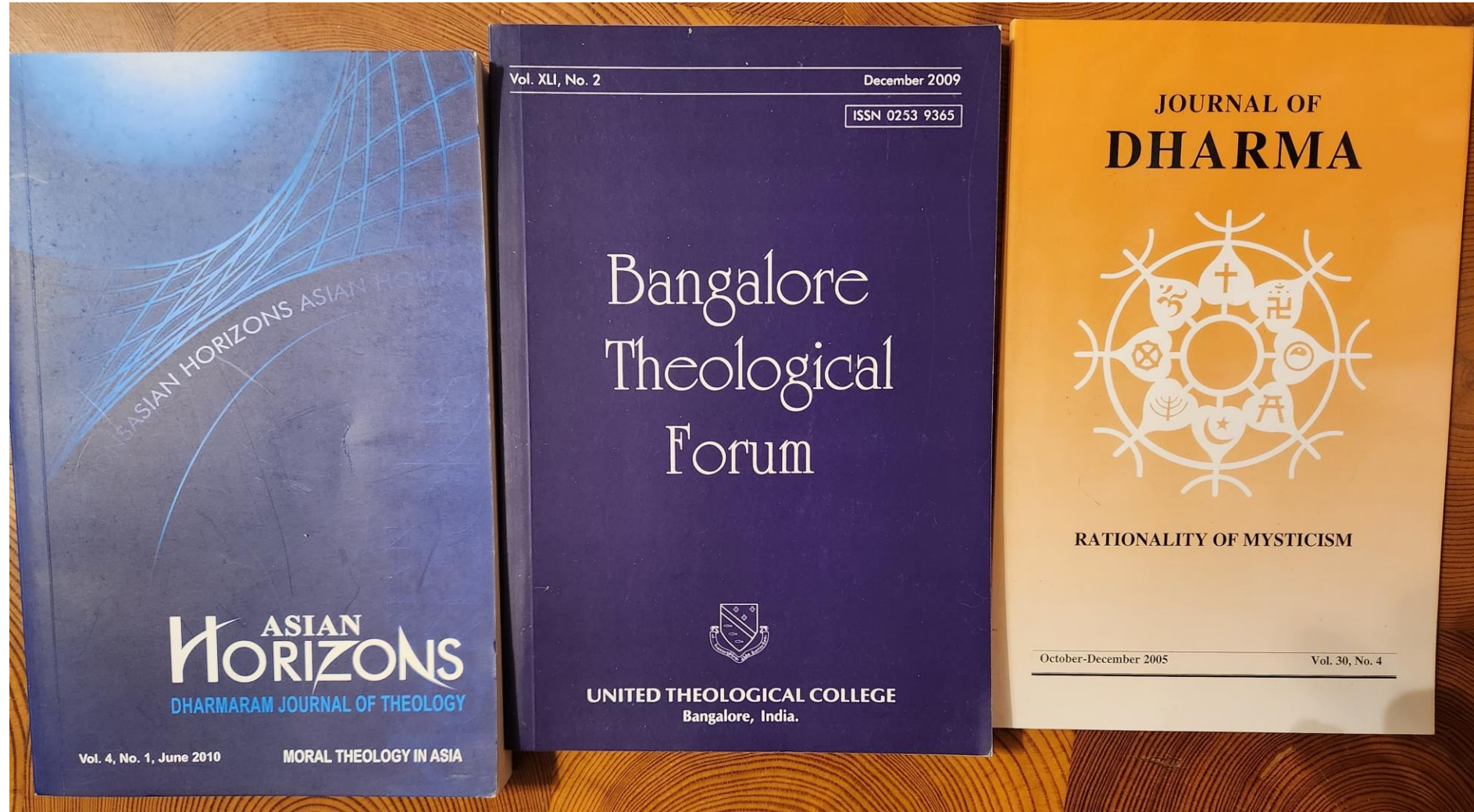
Africa:
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History



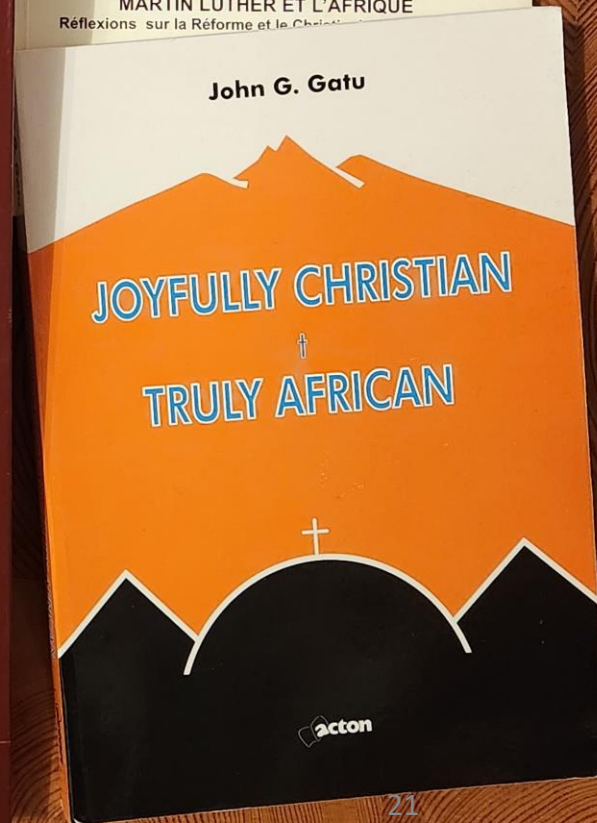
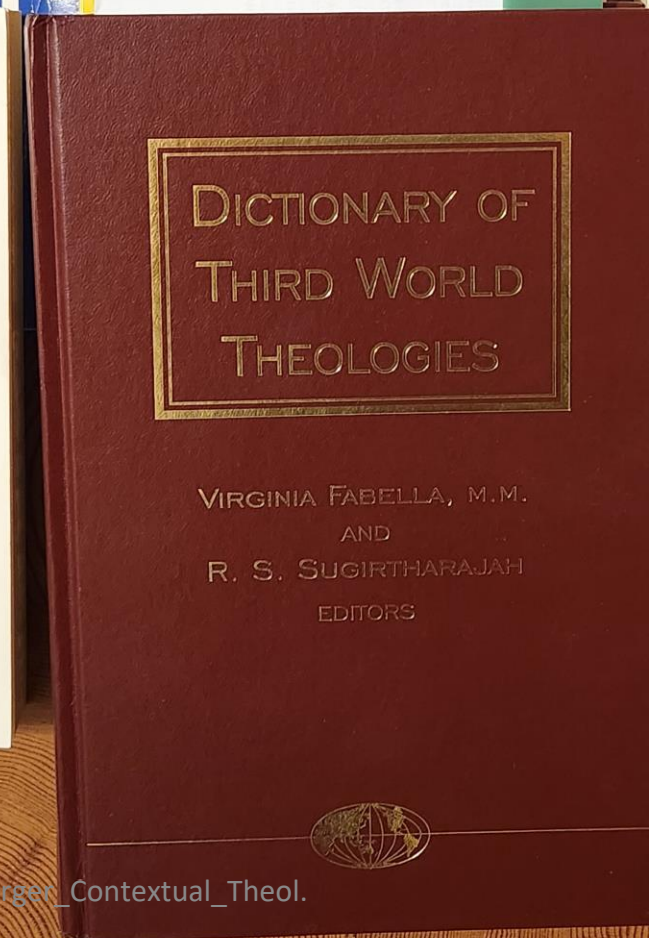
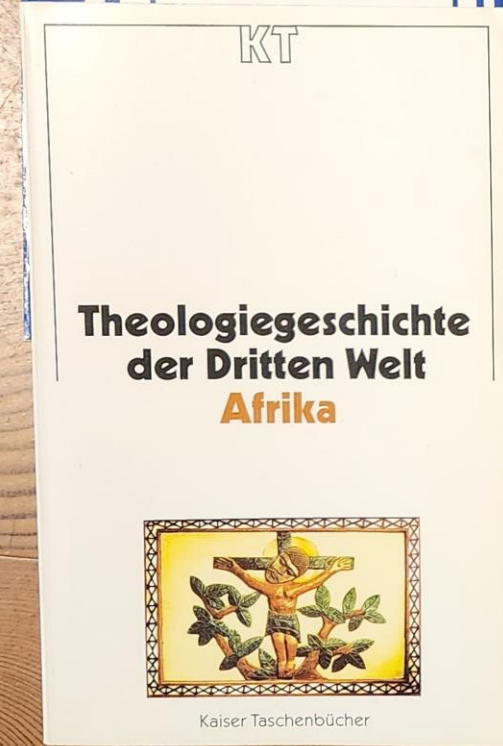
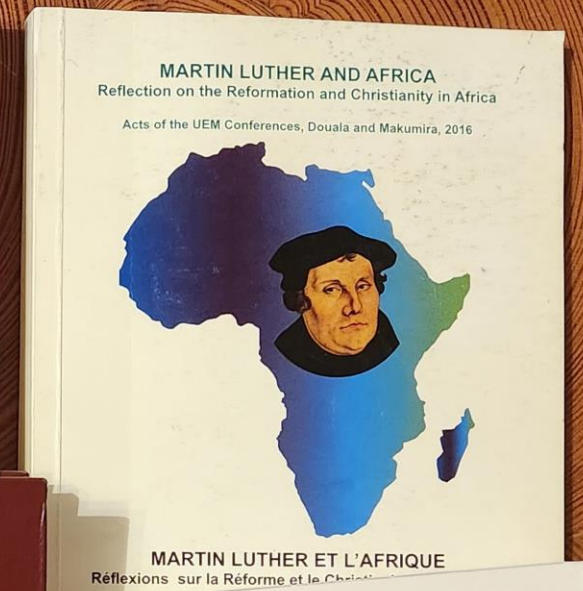
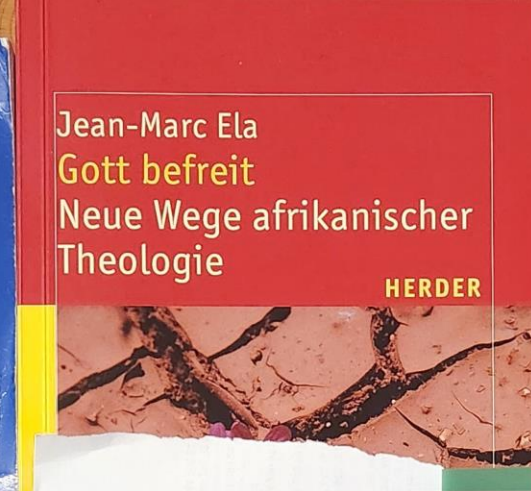
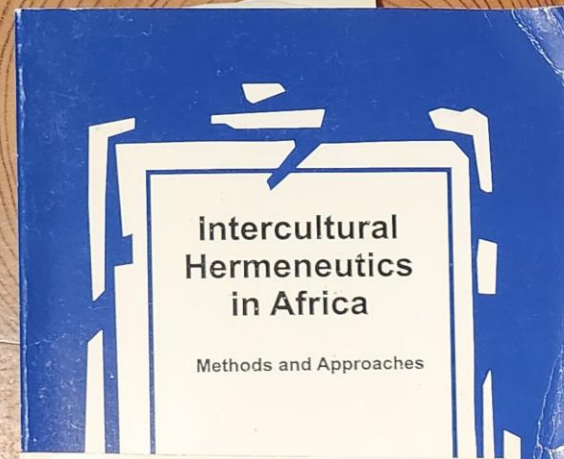
African Religion, Identity, Church-State



India: Theological Contextual Journals



Intercultural Hermeneutics, History of Theology in Developing World



2.1 Observations: Topics, Countries, Authors, Denominations

Topics:

- Theology and Culture (God, Relation to traditional religion)
- Applied Ethics (Environment, Peace, Violence, Business, Technology, Bioethics, Health, Gender, Minorities etc.)
- Interreligious challenges and experiences
- History and Structures: Colonialism, Church history, church and state, Reconstruction, three-self etc.

Countries:

- Selected countries with large contextual theological publications:
- Asia: India, China, Indonesia, Philippines, South Korea, partly Japan
- Africa: South Africa, Kenya, Tansania, partly Ethiopia, RD Congo, Cameroun, others



2.2 Observations: Topics, Countries, Authors, Denominations

Authors and Period:

- Mainly male, but more and more also female
- Contextual: Mainly Christian Theologians, less Islam, Buddhism etc.
- Contextualisation mainly in decolonisation 1960-2000, new phases now

Denominations:

- Strong Protestant and Catholic contextualisation, less Orthodox.
- Pentecostals/ Charismatics growing last decades
- Interfaith growing. Relation to traditional religion less than in 20th century



3. The Political, Social, Economic, Historical Context of contextualisation: Colonialism, Post-colonialism, Re-Colonialism

The Context/ Perspective of

- Oppressors or oppressed
- Colonial, post-colonial or new colonial time period
- Majority religion or minority religion
- Ethnic minorities and majorities and their religion
- Nationalism, pluralism, secularism
- Political system: democracy, autocracy, dictatorship, theocracy, anarchy
- Economic system: market economy, plan economy, mixed models

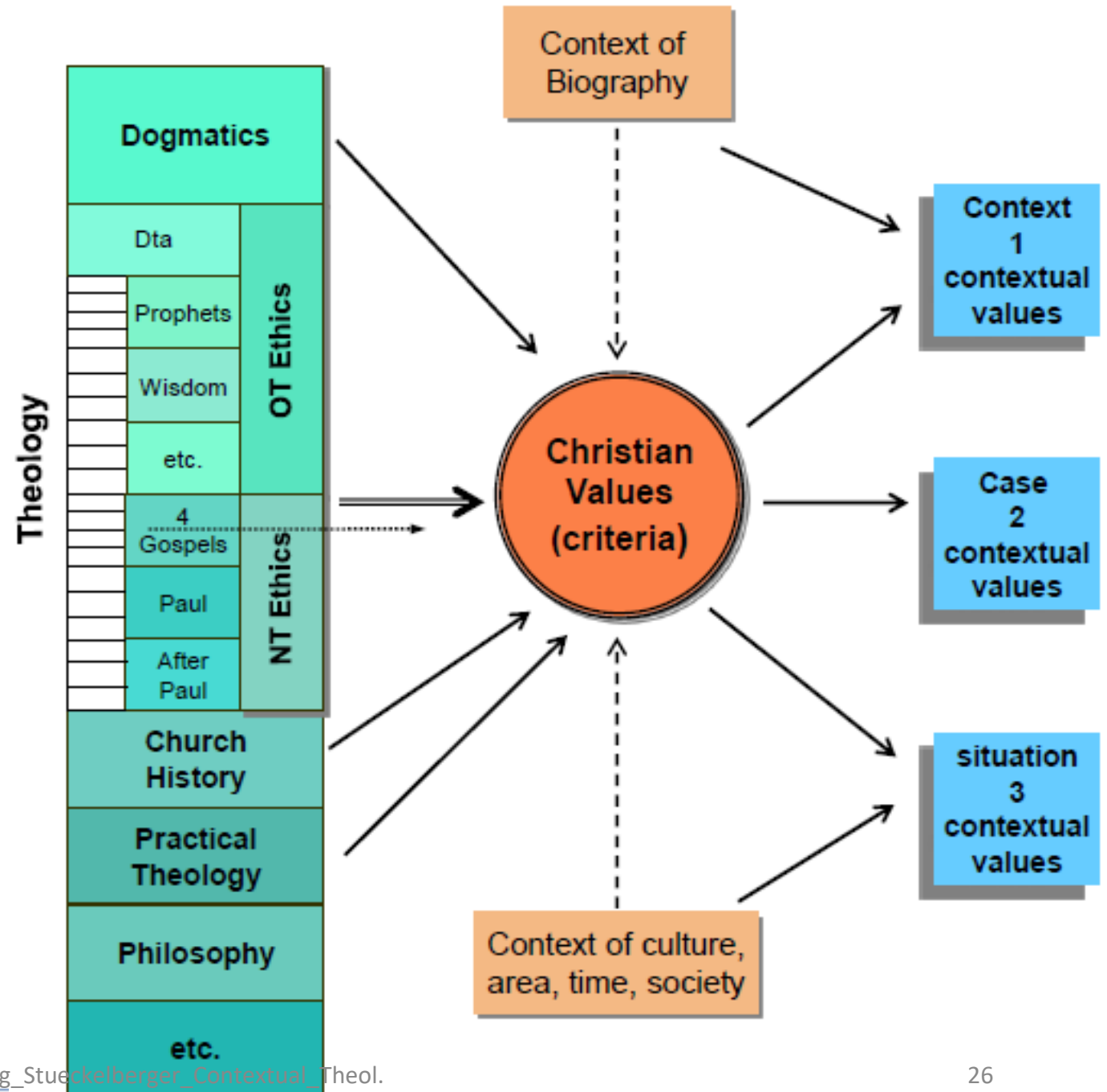


4. Contextualisation: Common and Different Hermeneutics

- In each religion, the divine becomes visible in the holy texts (revealed, revelation)
- Christian Contextualisation means Incarnation: God became a human in Jesus Christ (In-carnation means: «the Word became flesh»).
- The methodology of interpretation and contextualisation of holy texts (=hermeneutics) differs greatly! 6 Methods accross religions, most clearly in Christianity:
 - Critical-historical: understand holy texts from the context/language of their origins
 - Fundamentalist: eternal word of the divine, context denied, but own context present
 - Charismatic/Pentecostal: The Holy Spirit gives the right interpretation.
 - Orthodox: main classical theologians are decisive for interpretation (e.g. church fathers)
 - Mystical: the individual mystical experience with the Divine leads the interpretation
 - Political: the political authorities define, which interpretation is politically correct or wrong.



5. From the Bible to the Context: The Hermeneutics of Christian Theological Contextualisation



6. Chinese Contextual Theologies (selection)

- 9. Century: Nestorian Theology
- Middle Age: Silk-Road Theologies
- 16th Century: Matteo Ricci, Catholic Theologies
- 19./20. Century: Protestant American/European Theologies
- Since 1950s: Chinese Three-Self Theology (Bishop Ting)
- Since 1990s: Theology of Reconstruction (Bishop Ting et al)

Today and Future? What is our Context

- Theology of Beatitudes and Blessings? (Prof. You Bin)
- Theology of Harmony with People and Planet?

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