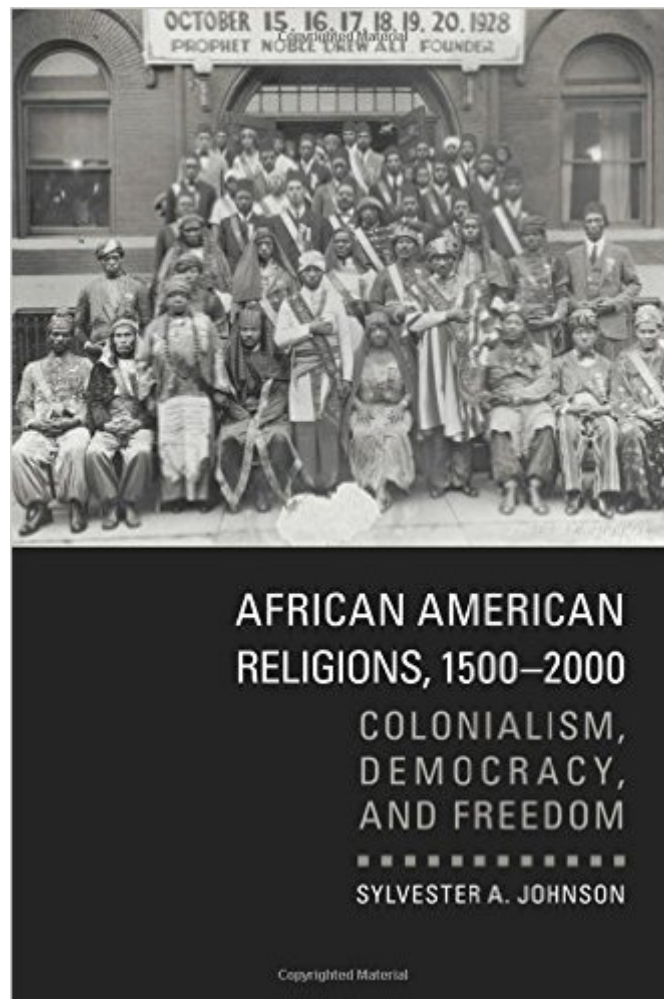


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As a scholar of religion, I am absolutely blown away by Johnson's book. It is an invaluable historical account, but also filled with highly useful attention to intellectual history and issues of theory and method in the study of religion.

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