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Excerpt from *Nuer Religion* I have previously written two books on the Nuer a cattle herding people dwelling in the swamps and savannah of the southern Anglo Egyptian Sudan The *Nuer A Description of the Modes of Livelihood and Political Institutions of a Nilotic People* was published in 1940 and *Kinship and Marriage among the Nuer* in 1951 The present volume *Nuer Religion* completes a study of the Nuer which began in 1930 Accounts of religion in writings on the Nuer are generally meagre and superficial The only detailed treatment is in Father J P Crazzolara's *Zur Gesellschaft und Religion der Nuer* 1953 much of which appeared earlier in volume viii of Father W Schmidt's *Der Ursprung der Gottesidee* 1949 Those who read his account will see that it differs in many respects from what I now present though less with regard to fact than in emphasis and interpretation Although Nuer religious ideas and practices were a part of their way of life which greatly interested me it was that to which I was able to give least attention during my short residence of a year in Nuerland It was necessary to learn their language and to study their manner of livelihood and their family kinship and political activities before giving close attention to the more difficult problems of their religious thought These tasks all the heavier in the arduous conditions in which they had to be carried out left me little time to pursue anything which could be called a systematic inquiry into religious matters What I record I witnessed myself or is information given spontaneously during talks about other and more practical affairs or in comment on some event or experience Such observations may however be more valuable in a study of religious thought than those derived from purposive inquiry This is especially so when a people lack as the Nuer do anything which offers easy scope for such an inquiry for they have nothing which can properly be called dogma liturgy and sacraments in sensu stricto and they lack a developed religious cult and mythology This is doubtless one of the reasons why for the most part those who have written about the Nuer have said so little about their religion About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work Forgotten Books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy In rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition We do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

Nuer Religion (Classic Reprint) E. E. Evans-Pritchard, 2017-09-16 Excerpt from *Nuer Religion* This difficulty is not easily overcome because it is not merely a matter of definitions but involves also personal judgement It would be useless to deny this and rash to ignore it It may be said that in describing and interpreting a primitive religion it should make no difference whether the writer is an agnostic or a Christian Jew Muslim Hindu or whatever he may be but in fact it makes a great deal of difference for even in a descriptive study judgement can in no way be avoided Those who give assent

to the religious beliefs of their own people feel and think and therefore also write differently about the beliefs of other peoples from those who do not give assent to them This is not the place to discuss further this difficulty I merely wish to recognize that it exists and that it introduces into writings about religion complications which are not present when writing about for example kinship or husbandry I am of course well aware that Nuer religion is very unlike what we know in general about Negro religions One cannot even say that it is a typical Nilotic religion It is certainly very unlike the religion of the Anuak of the Luo of Kenya of the Acholi of the Alur or of the Shilluk Indeed only the religion Of the Dinka can be said to have strongly marked affinities with it and it can be further said that in some respects the religions of these two peoples resemble less other Negro religions than some of the historic religions They have features which bring to mind the Hebrews of the Old Testament Professor C G Seligman clearly sensed this as his account of the Dinka and Nuer shows and Iviiss Ray Huffman an American Presbyterian missionary who spent many years among the Nuer remarks that the missionary feels as if he were living in Old Testament times and in a way this is true 1 When therefore I sometimes draw comparisons between Nuer and Hebrew conceptions it is no mere whim but is because I myself find it helpful and I think others may do so too in trying to understand Nuer ideas to note this likeness to something with which we are ourselves familiar without being too intimately involved in it About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work Forgotten Books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy In rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition We do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

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The Slain God Timothy Larsen,2014-08-28 Throughout its entire history the discipline of anthropology has been perceived as undermining or even discrediting Christian faith Many of its most prominent theorists have been agnostics who assumed that ethnographic findings and theories had exposed religious beliefs to be untenable E B Tylor the founder of the discipline in Britain lost his faith through studying anthropology James Frazer saw the material that he presented in his highly influential work The Golden Bough as demonstrating that Christian thought was based on the erroneous thought patterns of savages On the other hand some of the most eminent anthropologists have been Christians including E E Evans Pritchard Mary Douglas Victor Turner and Edith Turner Moreover they openly presented articulate reasons for how their religious convictions cohered with their professional work Despite being a major site of friction between faith and modern

thought the relationship between anthropology and Christianity has never before been the subject of a book length study In this groundbreaking work Timothy Larsen examines the point where doubt and faith collide with anthropological theory and evidence Encyclopedia of African Peoples The Diagram Group,2013-11-26 Africa is a vast continent home to many millions of people Its history stretches back millennia and encompasses some of the most ancient civilizations in the world Modern Africa boasts a rich cultural heritage the legacy of many diverse influences from all around the world reflecting the central role African plays in world history Encyclopedia of African Peoples provides extensive information about Africa s cultures history geography economics and politics it provides an invaluable overview of the whole continent region by region ethnic group by ethnic group nation by nation personality by personality Sections include Africa Today The Peoples of Africa Culture and History The Nations of Africa Biographies Past to Present Glossary Index Sacrifice and the Body John Dunnill,2016-04-08 What is sacrifice For many people today the word has negative overtones suggesting loss or death or violence But in religions ancient and modern the word is linked primarily to joyous feasting which puts people in touch with the deepest realities How has that change of meaning come about What effect does it have on the way we think about Christianity How does it affect the way Christian believers think about themselves and God John Dunnill s study focuses on sacrifice as a physical event uniting worshippers to deity Bringing together insights from social anthropology biblical studies and Trinitarian theology Dunnill links to debates in sociology and cultural studies as well as the study of liturgy Through a positive view of sacrifice Dunnill contributes to contemporary Christian debates on atonement and salvation **Thicker Than Water** Melissa Meyer,2014-02-04 Blood is more than a fluid solution of cells platelets and plasma It is a symbol for the most basic of human concerns life death and family find expression in rituals surrounding everything from menstruation to human sacrifice Comprehensive in its scope and provocative in its argument this book examines beliefs and rituals concerning blood in a range of regional and religious contexts throughout human history Meyer reveals the origins of a wide range of blood rituals from the earliest surviving human symbolism of fertility and the hunt to the Jewish bris and the clitoridectomies given to young girls in parts of Africa The book also explores how cultural practices influence gene selection and makes a connection with the natural sciences by exploring how color perception influences the human proclivity to create blood symbols and rituals *A Critique of Max Weber's Philosophy of Social Science* W. G. Runciman,2002-04-18 Runciman s attempt to correct Weber s mistakes is a valuable contribution to the philosophy of social science *Essays on the Political Economy of Rural Africa* Robert H. Bates,1987-04-20 The essays in this volume represent a dialogue between theory and data The theory is drawn from a branch of contemporary political economy which can also be labeled the collective choice school The data are drawn from Africa The book extends the methods of reasoning developed in collective choice from their original base the advanced industrial democracies to new territory the literature on rural Africa Such as extension challenges the power of this form of political economy It also enriches it for the central questions which motivate

the contemporary study of political economy are often addressed with unique clarity in the scholarship on rural Africa

The Religious Traditions of Africa Elizabeth Isichei, 2004-11-23 This work is a first of its kind historical introduction to the major religions of Africa The vast majorities of Africa's peoples have been Muslim Christian or Traditionalist for a great deal of time making an inclusive study of these religions essential Isichei's work gives equal attention to all three religions and balances the elements of each to construct an easily accessible overview It is also the first book to provide a comprehensive look at the traditional religion in Africa filling the void in the literature on African religious history Written by a pioneering scholar in the African religious experience this volume blends in depth research and personnel accounts to explore the origins and effects of religion in Africa While primarily a work of history this book also incorporates the latest findings while engaging with current issues such as the interface of neo traditional religion and contemporary cultures This work includes four sections each dedicated to a separate religion detailed maps a glossary and a guide to further reading

Kenana Handbook Of Sudan Hopkins.Peter, 2014-06-03 First published in 2007 Routledge is an imprint of Taylor Francis an informa company

Understanding Religious Sacrifice Jeffrey Carter, 2003-03-01 This volume provides a thorough introduction to the major classic and modern writings dealing with religious sacrifice Collected here are twenty five influential selections each with a brief introduction addressing the overall framework and assumptions of its author As they present different theories and examples of sacrifice these selections also discuss important concepts in religious studies such as the origin of religion totemism magic symbolism violence structuralism and ritual performance Students of comparative religion ritual studies the history of religions the anthropology of religion and theories of religion will particularly value the historical organization and thematic analyses presented in this collection

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Faith and the Philosophers NA NA, 2015-12-25

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