

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Andrews, Edward E. "Christian missions and colonial Empires reconsidered: A black evangelist in West Africa, 1766–1816." *Journal of Church and State* 51 (2009) 663-691.

This examination of Christian mission and colonialism considers closely the impact of native missionaries on the spreading of colonial christianity from 1766-1816. This was a valuable resource for understanding that conversations around colonial christian missions are not quite as black and white as they may seem from an initial glance. This helped both in a growing understanding of colonialism and mission and expand on some of the details of colonial christian history.

Curtice, Kaitlin B., *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2020.

Kaitlin Curtice excellently discusses the challenge she experiences while trying to reconcile her Christian faith with Potawatomi identity. This was no easy feat as she began her life with the Potawatomi people before quickly finding herself living with her single mom rooted in a Southern Baptist church where she was presented with the idea of “assimilation as a virtue.” This book was an excellent resource for learning more about indigenous perspectives on settler colonial Christianity, filled with examples of Curtice’s own attempts as contextualizing the gospel within her own setting, and included a direct discussion of the story of John Allen Chau.

Guder, Darrell L. *Called to witness: Doing missional theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2015.

Called to Witness discusses the essential nature of missional theology in everything the church does. Drawing heavily from the work of Karl Barth and others, Guder suggests that the work of each Christian and Christian community is to be sent as witnesses. In preparation for this series of blog posts I primarily engaged with his discussions on colonial influences in global missions and the importance of appropriate contextualization of the gospel for the flourishing of a global church.

Jennings, Willie James. *Acts: A theological Commentary on the Bible*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017.

A part of the Belief commentary series and that is commentaries written by theologians this book provides a theological commentary on the book of Acts. Jennings draws on a robust pneumatology along with focus on the imminence of God to write a commentary on Acts that points readers towards justice and challenging empire in a way that rings true for modern readers. Source was primarily accessed when considering passages out of Acts to use as examples within the blog posts.

“Journal Pages from John Allen Chau: Journal pages from John Allen Chau, a missionary from Washington state, who was killed while trying to contact an isolated tribe on a remote Indian island.” [n.d.] <https://apps.washingtonpost.com/g/documents/national/journal-pages-from-john-allen-chau/3322/>

Scanned and published by the Washington post, these are the journal entries of John Allen Chau leading up to his eventual death. They provided greater detail into the events leading up to Chau’s death and also provided a deeper understanding of Chau’s inner thoughts as he went to meet and Sentinelese people.

Keesmaat, Sylvia C. "Welcoming in the Gentiles: A Biblical Model for Decision Making." In *Living Together in the Church: Including Our Differences*. Toronto, ON: Anglican Book Centre, 2004.

In this excerpt, Keesmaat uses the Jerusalem counsel as a model for Biblical decision making that considers the fruit as authoritative cause to reexamine the text and consider something radically different. While she specifically applies this argument to the LGBTQ+ conversation, it seems to be valuable as a model for decision making in difficult situations such as the contextualization of the gospel.

Kendi, Ibram X. *Stamped from the beginning: The definitive history of racist ideas in America*. New York: Nation Books, 2016.

Ibram X. Kendi is a professor of history and founding director of Boston University’s Centre for Antiracist Research. In this book, Kendi provides a history of anti-black racism and racist ideas from the 1600s through to the presidency of Barack Obama. This book clearly identified the Christian participation in colonial actions and the enslavement of thousands of BIPOC throughout history. It was a primary resource for shaping an understanding of the church’s history and discussing christian colonialism and white supremacy.

McKnight, Scot. *The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others*. Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2004.

In this book Scot McKnight discusses what he believes to lie at the centre of Christian spiritual formation. He suggests that when asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus responded with an amended version of the shema, which McKnight refers to as the Jesus creed. This book was of particular interest due to a section where he discussed Philip Yancey’s statement acknowledging his own racism. This solidified the inclusion of acknowledging the brokenness of the past as a major point in the fourth blog post.

Peterson, D. G. *The Acts of the Apostles*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2009.

A part of the Pillar New Testament Commentary Series, this commentary by Peterson provides excellent insights into the interpretation of Acts within its context. Source was primary accessed while considering passages out of Acts to use as examples within the blog posts.

Silverman, David J. "Indians, Missionaries, and Religious Translation: Creating Wampanoag Christianity in Seventeenth-Century Martha's Vineyard." *The William and Mary Quarterly* 62, (2005): 141-174.

In this article, Silverman examines the conversation of Wampanoag people to Christianity at Martha's Vineyard. Silverman uses language of religious translation which could be considered analogous to contextualization to describe how missionary Thomas Matthew Jr. was able to help the Wampanoag people understand Christianity through their own context and religious metaphors. This is another example of contextualization but also of its rejection by contemporary christians from a narrow and controlled understanding of the gospel.

Taylor, James Hudson. *China; its spiritual need and claims; with brief notices of missionary effort, past and present*. London: Nisbet, 1865.

This pamphlet was written by Hudson Taylor to express the need for missionaries to China. In this research is served to show the love and admiration of Hudson Taylor for the Chinese people to whom he was sent.

"The Last Days of John Allen Chau" [July 24, 2019] <https://www.outsideonline.com/2400030/john-allen-chau-life-death-north-sentinel>

This article by Alex Perry on outside online was written months after the death of John Allen Chau and as a result it had more extensive information regarding Chau's history as well as time to observe and engage with the cultural response to Chau's missionary journey to the Sentinelese people.

"The life and death of John Chau, the man who tried to convert his killers" [Feb 3, 2019] <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/feb/03/john-chau-christian-missionary-death-sentinelese>

This article by J Oliver Conroy was written months after the death of John Allen Chau and as a result it had extensive research into Chau's upbringing, interviews with Chau's friends, and even a comment from a parent. It was one of the stronger resources beyond the original source material for learning about Chau's missionary journey to the Sentinelese people.