

*Christians: Secularism—Yes and No*

---

VOLUME 5

STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS



STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN - MUSLIM RELATIONS - VOL 5

# CHRISTIANS: SECULARISM- YES AND NO



**JAN H. BOER**

*Essence*  
PUBLISHING

---

Belleville, Ontario, Canada

***Christians: Secularism—Yes and No***  
Studies in Christian-Muslim Relations Volume 5  
Copyright @ 2006, Jan H. Boer

*This book series is my contribution to the healing of Nigeria's religious relationships. Anyone who shares my goal of healing may freely use any of this material, provided the information is correct and credit is given to both original author and myself. For anyone with other goals, no part of this book may be reproduced in any shape or form without written permission from the author, the usual exception being brief quotes for review purposes.*

All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise specified, are from *The Holy Bible, New International Version*. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984 International Bible Society. Used by permission of Zondervan Publishing House. All rights reserved. • Scripture quotations marked KJV are taken from are from *The Holy Bible, King James Version*. Copyright © 1977, 1984, Thomas Nelson Inc., Publishers.

**Library and Archives Canada Cataloguing in Publication**

Boer, Jan H. (Jan Harm), 1938-

Christians: secularism, yes and no / Jan H. Boer.

(Studies in Christian-Muslim relations ; v. 5)

Accompanied by a companion CD, containing appendices, prepublication versions of the volumes already in the series and related articles.

Includes bibliographical references and index.

ISBN 1-55306-961-7      ISBN 1-55306-963-3 (LSI ed.)

1. Secularism. 2. Christianity--Nigeria. 3. Calvinism. I. Title. II. Series: Boer, Jan H. (Jan Harm), 1938- Studies in Christian-Muslim relations ; v. 5.

BL2747.8.B63 2005

261.5

C2005-906354-8

**For more information, please contact the author at:**

E-mail: Boerjf@hotmail.com

Web site: [www.SocialTheology.com](http://www.SocialTheology.com)

**Nigerian Edition 2006** by: *More Books*

[www.NigeriaMissions.org](http://www.NigeriaMissions.org) E-mail: [morebooks4you@yahoo.com](mailto:morebooks4you@yahoo.com)

Distributed by ACTS Bookstores at TCNN, Bukuru, Plateau State, and around Nigeria.

*Essence Publishing* is a Christian Book Publisher dedicated to furthering the work of Christ through the written word. For more information, contact:

20 Hanna Court, Belleville, Ontario, Canada K8P 5J2.

Phone: 1-800-238-6376. Fax: (613) 962-4711.

E-mail: [info@essence-publishing.com](mailto:info@essence-publishing.com)

Internet: [www.essence-publishing.com](http://www.essence-publishing.com)

*This volume is dedicated to the memory of one of the  
great Heroes of the Faith,  
whose insights and footprints of courage  
are reflected throughout its pages;  
who died while these pages were being written.*

*Great honour, respect and gratitude are due to:*

<p>The Rev. Wilson Sabiya of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria</p>
---

*Together with your family and friends  
and the entire church of Nigeria,  
I cherish your memory, Brother Sabiya,  
and salute you for a life of valour.*





# TABLE OF CONTENTS

*List of Abbreviations* .....9

1. Introduction .....11

**PART 1: THE AMBIVALENT CHRISTIAN YES!**

2. The Christian Push for Secularity .....23

3. Wholistic Christianity .....65

4. Unravelling Some of the Confusion .....109

**PART 2: THE CHRISTIAN NO**

5. Dualism & Secularism versus Wholism .....125

6. Selected Pillars of a Christian World View .....177

7. Political & Economic Dimensions .....207

*Appendices* .....255

*Bibliography* .....259

*Index* .....275





# ABBREVIATIONS

ABU	Ahmadu Bello University
ANPP	All Nigeria Peoples Party
ATR	African Traditional Religion
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
CAN	Christian Association of Nigeria
COCIN	Church of Christ in Nigeria (denomination)
ECWA	Evangelical Churches of West Africa (denomination)
ICS	Institute of Church & Society
<i>JNI</i>	<i>Jamā'atul Nasril Islam</i>
<i>NC</i>	<i>National Concord</i> (daily newspaper)
NDP	National Democratic Party
NIPSS	National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies
NIREC	Nigeria Inter-Religious Council
NKST	Church of Christ in the Sudan among the Tiv (The acronym is of the Tiv-language name)
<i>NN</i>	<i>New Nigerian</i> (daily newspaper)

<i>NS</i>	<i>Nigeria Standard</i> (daily newspaper)
OIC	Organization of Islamic Conference
PDP	Peoples Democratic Party
PFN	Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria
SS	Sunday Standard (Sunday issue of <i>NS</i> )
<i>TC</i>	<i>Today's Challenge</i> (ECWA magazine)
TEKAN	Tarayyar Ekklesiyoyin Kristi a Nigeriya (Fellowship of the Churches of Christ in Nigeria)