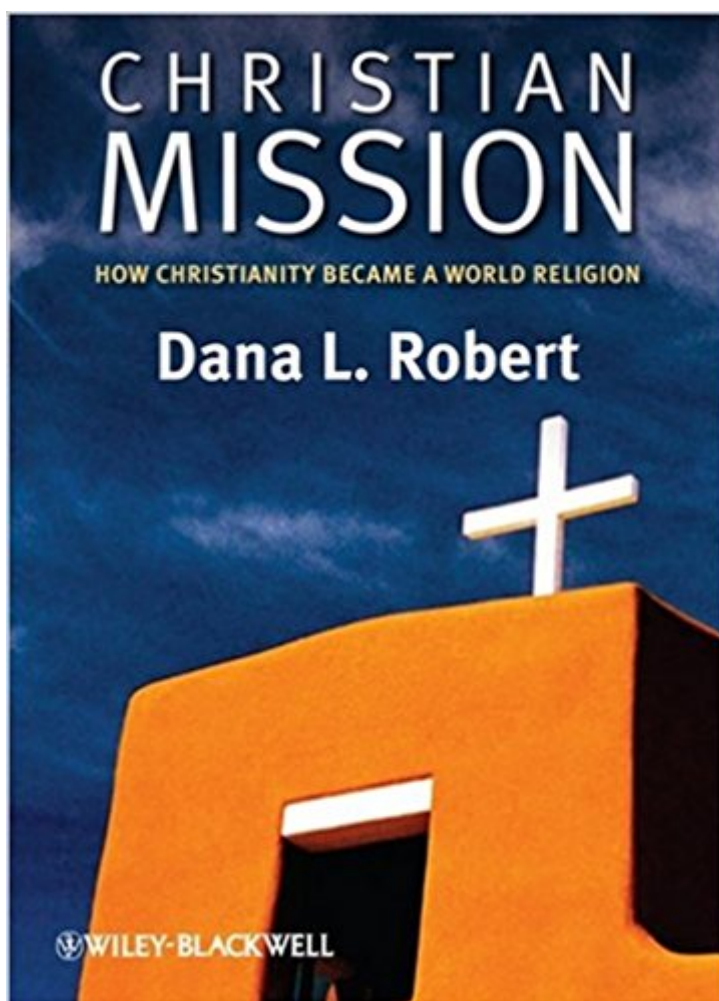


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# Christian Mission: How Christianity Became A World Religion



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Exploring how Christianity became a world religion, this brief history examines Christian missions and their relationship to the current globalization of Christianity. A short and enlightening history of Christian missions: a phenomenon that many say reflects the single most important intercultural movement over a sustained period of human history Offers a thematic overview that takes into account the political, cultural, social, and theological issues Discusses the significance of missions to the globalization of Christianity, and broadens our understanding of Christianity as a multicultural world religion Helps Western audiences understand the meaning of mission as a historical process Contains several new maps that illustrate demographic shifts in world Christianity

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"Despite these concerns, Christian Mission is a valuable addition to the growing literature on world Christianity . . . our overall understanding of Christianity as a world religion is significantly increased by Robert's work." (Christian Century, 8 March 2011) "This work is a valuable contribution to the subject." (CHOICE, December 2009)"Roberts helpfully reminds the readers that this...must be understood by accounting for the various players and settings in which it unfolds: "It is important to study the spiders, but it is equally important to notice the web" (177).Christian Mission, appropriate as a college or graduate level text, is a commendable introduction to those seeking to make sense of this tangled web." (Missology, 2010)"[This book] does a lot of things (including a chronological and thematic study of 2000 years of Christian mission!). Along the way, Robert points out that

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Robert offers challenging yet helpful insights into the history of missions. I applaud her inclusion of more than just the usual evangelical view. I felt that she left out too large a chunk of history between 900 and 1500. There were also some small inaccuracies concerning Patrick (treating him as part of the Roman Church); but these in no way detracted from the point of his story.

Well written book - required reading for my UMC Mission class - had some good historical information and ideas for the way forward for mission in today's culture!

Interesting to learn history as well as development of missions.

I had to buy this book for a class. It has good info in it. I'm planning on keeping it after my class is over.

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Educational and enlightening. Thanks very much.

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