

**The Age of Cultural Hybridisation: A Case Study of Okonko  
Society vis-à-vis Christianity in Igboland****Patrick U. Nwosu***Department of Religions, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, P.M.B.1515, Ilorin, Nigeria**E-mail: fatherpat2003@yahoo.com***KEYWORDS** Traditional Society. Christianity. Religion. Igboland

**ABSTRACT** This paper is focused on the reality of traditional societies in Africa with Okonko society as a case study. Particular attention was paid to the origin, functions and pastoral challenges which, this ancestral society pose for Christian religion in Igboland. This research demonstrated that African Religion (Afrel), symbolized in Okonko society, is involved in a marriage of ignorance and bias with Christian religion in Igboland. Seeing the Christian faith in the light of the experiences of the "Okonkonites" (members of Okonko society) seems to be a difficult task for the Christian leadership there. Therefore, suggestions were made on ways to turn the apparent "ignorance and bias" between Okonko and Christian religion into constructive dialogue. This would help to improve the complementary relationship between Okonko society and Christianity in the efforts to enthrone the values of the kingdom of God on earth. Okonko society has its place among phenomena in the field of Comparative Religious Studies and in the Christian evangelization of people in Africa.