

THE WAR GODS OF WEST AFRICA

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Many of the traditional shrines of West Africa worship gods they recognize as being “war gods.” Adherents claim that these gods helped their people in times of war and in conquering new lands.

I challenge those who worship these gods or who are considering their worthiness of worship to consider these facts:

Jesus said, “By their fruits you shall know them”” Matt. 7:16”

Contrasting idols known as “The war gods” with Jesus Christ.

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JESUS CHRIST

Fruits on His tree:

Peace, love

Life abundant now & everlasting

Freedom

Value of each person

Confidence, courage

Joy

Development (sufficiency for

Ourselves & enough to share)

THE WAR GODS

Fruits on their trees:

Tribal wars & strife, hatred

Death

Slavery

Devaluation of human life

Fear

Sorrow

Underdevelopment

Questions—

Of which tree do you want to eat?

Will picking one fruit or many fruit off the second tree make a lasting difference?

What can we say to those who ask if our goal is to destroy African traditional religion?

Our goal is not to destroy the old tree, but to plant a new one, to give people a choice.

Only God can destroy the old tree.