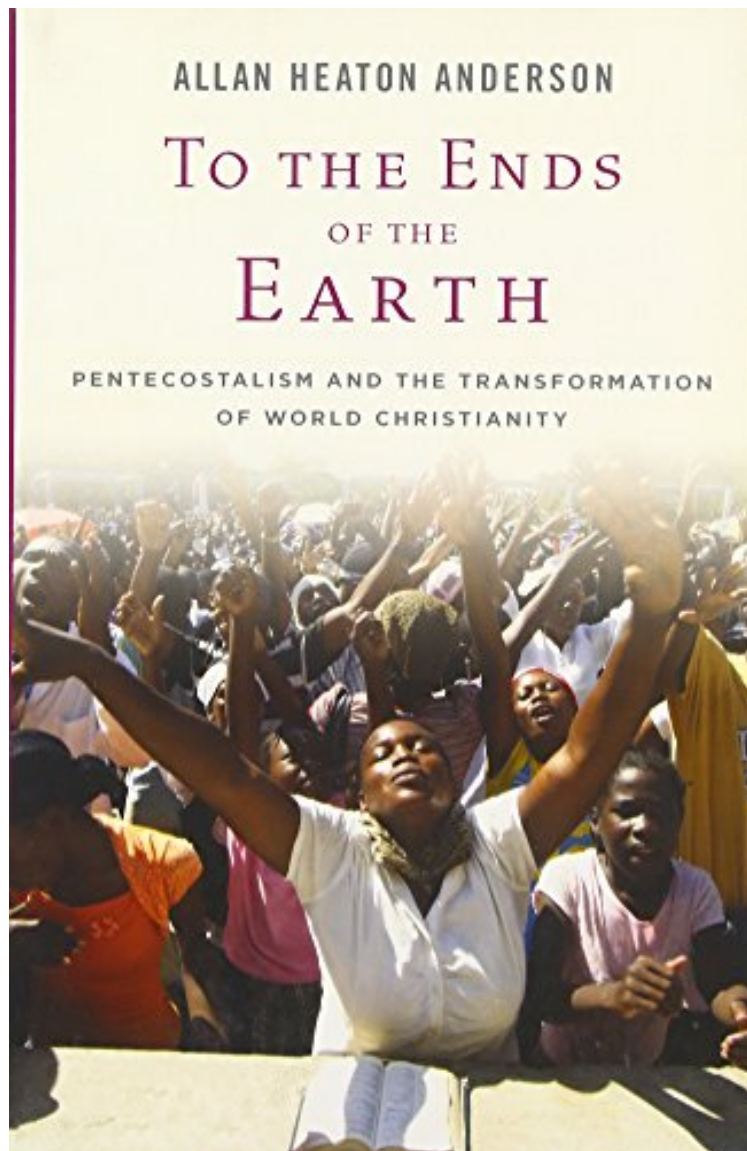


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Allan Heaton Anderson : To the Ends of the Earth: Pentecostalism and the Transformation of World Christianity (Oxford Studies in World Christianity) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised To the Ends of the Earth: Pentecostalism and the Transformation of World Christianity (Oxford Studies in World Christianity):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Anderson's Pentecostalism: a monumental task not without its shortcomings
By Joshua Toepper
With a such massive task at hand (talking about sum 600 million people), Anderson does a good job talking wide about the issue, though I am 1) not comfortable with his use of the term Pentecostal and 2) surprised by his emphasis on classic Pentecostalism at the expense of his stated goal to prefer majority world Christian. On their whole, I whole heartedly recommend the text.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful.
Great read, leisure or academia.
By Boyce, J.
I did this book for a review of a paper I was writing at Laidlaw college. It is an excellent book and I would thoroughly recommend it for anyone who is interested in a balanced view of the global Pentecostal movement, whether you are reading it for leisure or study 5 stars. It is well written, challenges the popular narrative of the initiation of the Pentecostalism as well as a view of the global impact of this movment. Well done A. H. Anderson.
4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Incredible Story - Well Researched
By Gregory Simkins
I have found a number of good books lately which chronicle and analyze the incredible impact that the Pentecostal movement has had on world Christianity. Mr. Anderson's version is one of the best. It is well researched and objective, but yet communicates the excitement that we should feel over the wonderful progress of the Gospel in the past century. I especially like how he is not reluctant to point out the many fractures and diversity in the Body of Christ and the Pentecostal movement in particular. To me, it is an amazing thing that while claiming to be the unified Body of Christ, we are as schismatic as any other movement in Christianity. Isn't that a marvel how God uses our diversity and continues building his kingdom?

No branch of Christianity has grown more rapidly than Pentecostalism, especially in the southern hemisphere. There are over 100 million Pentecostals in Africa. In Latin America, Pentecostalism now vies with Catholicism for the soul of the continent, and some of the largest pentecostal congregations in the world are in South Korea. In *To the Ends of the Earth*, Allan Heaton Anderson explores the historical and theological factors behind the phenomenal growth of global Pentecostalism. Anderson argues that its spread is so dramatic because it is an "ends of the earth" movement--pentecostals believe that they are called to be witnesses for Jesus Christ to the furthest reaches of the globe. His wide-ranging account examines such topics as the Azusa Street revival in Los Angeles, the role of the first missionaries in China, India, and Africa, Pentecostalism's incredible diversity due to its deep local roots, and the central role of women in the movement. He describes more recent developments such as the creation of new independent churches, megachurches, and the "health and wealth" gospel, and he explores the increasing involvement of pentecostals in public and political affairs across the globe. Why is this movement so popular? Anderson points to such features as the emphasis on the Spirit, the "born-again" experience, incessant evangelism, healing and deliverance, cultural flexibility, a place-to-feel-at-home, religious continuity, an egalitarian community, and meeting material needs--all of which contribute to Pentecostalism's remarkable appeal. Exploring more than a century of history and ranging across most of the globe, Anderson illuminates the spectacular rise of global Pentecostalism and shows how it changed the face of Christianity worldwide.

"Numerous books have addressed the subject of global pentecostal growth in recent years. Allan Anderson's is uniquely valuable because it manages, in a concise and easily readable narrative, to trace a truly global history of pentecostalism's origins, characteristic features, and local variations. *To the Ends of the Earth* will interest a wide variety of readers including instructors and students (undergraduate as well as graduate) in courses on world religions, introductions to Christianity, and globalization. Overall, this is an excellent volume that should be of great use to many readers who want to understand the causes and implications of pentecostalism's global expansion." --*Journal of Religion*
"As it encourages readers towards a global perspective, the book will benefit several audiences.... *To the Ends of the Earth* could serve as a text for either undergraduate or graduate courses on global Pentecostal history or theology." --*Encounter: Journal for Pentecostal Ministry*
"Worldwide, Pentecostal Christianity may be the greatest success story of the past century, and the movement continues to grow mightily in numbers. How very valuable, then, to have such an ambitious and user-friendly guide to this global expansion, written by one of the greatest scholars of the phenomenon. *To the Ends of the Earth* is a really excellent book, which somehow manages to remain judicious and critical in the face of the amazing spiritual explosion it depicts." --Philip Jenkins, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University
"Given the importance of Pentecostal and charismatic forms of faith in Christian expansion worldwide, Anderson's book is valuable and timely. He integrates historical and theological discussion into a remarkably concise account with an impressive global sweep and is properly critical of his subject where appropriate." --*The Christian Century*
"An intriguing, well-documented, and thoroughly researched book... In this highly readable, flowing narrative, Anderson's writing is engaging and insightful... lively and lucid." --CHOICE
"[A] sweeping historical survey . . . gives a sympathetic and insightful explanation of how all these diverse traditions have found their way onto the global stage." --*Christianity Today*
"[A] story is told with admirable clarity and detail." --*The Economist*
"Today, more than 100 million Africans belong to Pentecostal churches, making Anderson's book essential reading for anyone interested in the sociology of contemporary Africa." --*Foreign Affairs*
"Admittedly, contemporary religious history is a moving target as attempts to count the growth of Pentecostalism is a much debated and

convoluted study. But Anderson does well in bringing the reader into a clearer picture of how the Christian scene has changed in the Global South. This makes *To the Ends* an important supplement to that of writers such as Philip Jenkins and Lamin Sanneh by focusing attention on that segment of Christianity where tremendous growth has occurred." --Nova Religio

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