

Response to Yusufu Turaki's Canada Needs You

This series has not been written from a perspective of superiority. I have never thought that my own country, Canada, is in better spiritual shape than is Nigeria. I largely agree with the comment by Yusufu Turaki, a prominent Nigerian Christian leader and close friend of mine. He wrote me,

I appreciate your engagement with writing [about Nigeria], but your country is in dire need of your experience. Secularism rules your society, especially in its rebellion against your culture and Christianity. Neo-paganism is rapidly replacing secularism, pluralism and Christianity. Islam is on the rise in the West. Its agenda is political, while the Western Church has imbibed too much secularism and pluralism. Your church needs your help in this area.¹

Thank you for your confidence in me. It has been my main aim to help both the Christians and Muslims of Nigeria to come to terms with each other. I aimed at Nigeria, not because my own country does not need such help, but because I needed to complete my now 40-plus-year mission to Nigeria. Canada may have to await another prophet who devotes 40 years to it. Perhaps, like me, Canada needs its own foreigner who can somewhat stand aside from the turmoil and observe more objectively than those in the midst of the fray. In the meantime, there is plenty for Canada in between the lines of these volumes. Seek and you shall find.

¹Y. Turaki, Personal letter, 14 Mar/2006. For more on Turaki, see vol. 7, ch. 7.