

**RELIGION AND THE PAN- AFRICAN IDEAL: THE EXPERIENCE OF SALAFI  
ISLAM IN WEST AFRICA**

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**ABSTRACT**

This paper is a modest attempt to come to grips with the problem of relationship between religion and the Pan- African Ideal. The paper seeks to address this issue by exploring the experirnce of Salafi Islam in West African sub- region. More specfically, the paper focuses on the character ,dynamics and limits of Salafi Islam and the extent to which that relates to the Pan - African Ideal. Of special interest here is the question whether Salafi Islam is relevant to the Pan- African Ideal. and in which manner it is relevant, why and how?