



# MODERN HUMANISM IN AFRICA

## Part One

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# Why Humanism?

# HUMANISM BECAUSE:

"GIVE ADVISE; IF PEOPLE DON'T LISTEN,  
LET ADVERSITY TEACH THEM."


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Think for Yourself, Act for ALL





Humanism is a philosophy of reason and science in the pursuit of Knowledge.

It involves:

- Imagination.
- Create and determine your destiny.
- Think for Yourself, challenge and explore.



# A BRIEF HISTORY

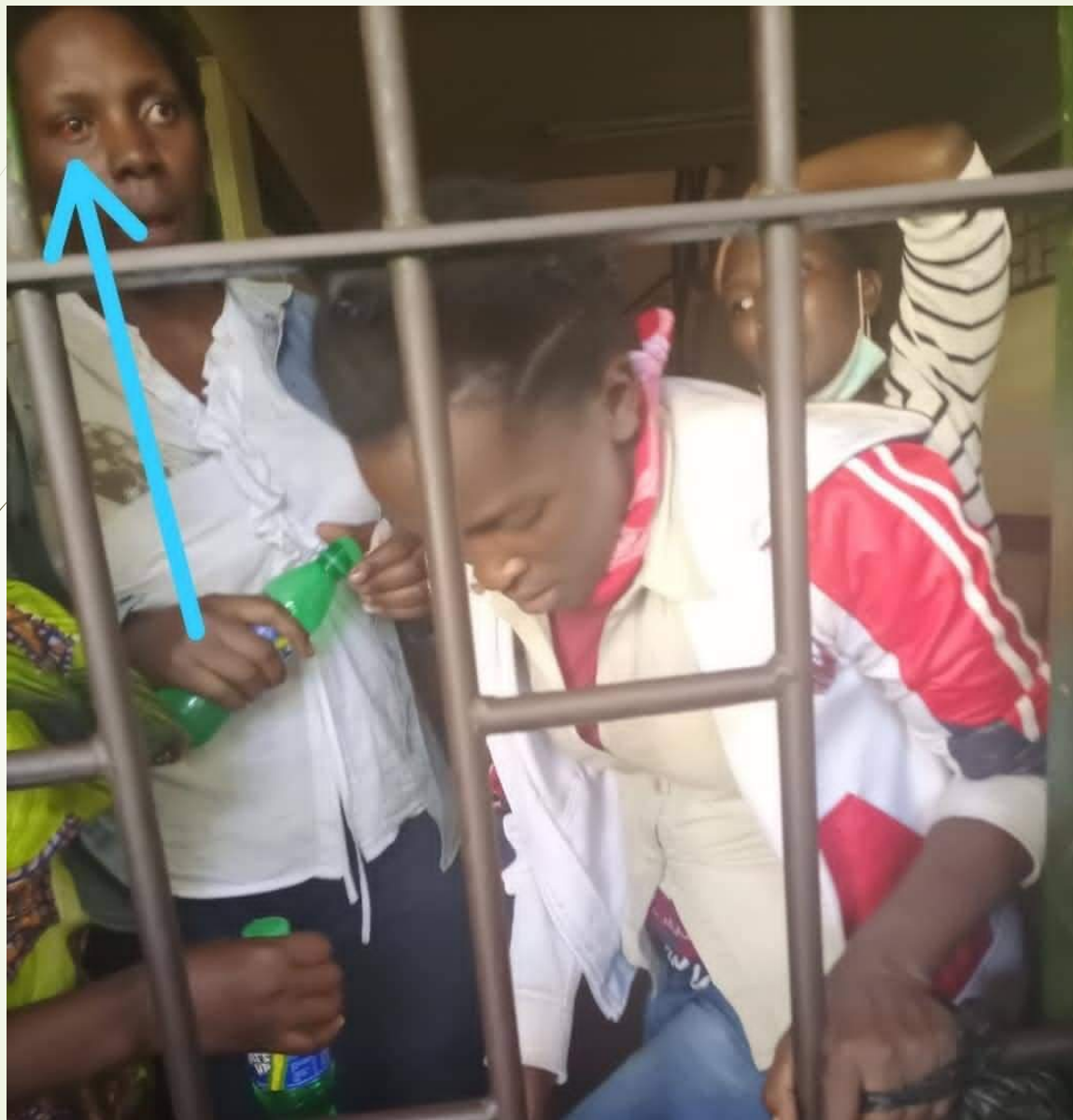
- Religious Humanism
  - Renaissance Humanism
  - Cultural Humanism
  - Philosophical Humanism
  - Secular Humanism
  - Christian Humanism
  - Modern Humanism
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# Help People Understand How they Think, Promote Wisdom & Critical Thinking

- People Hate what they do not know
- People cling on superstitious beliefs and dogma
- The Torture And Killing of Minorities
- The increasing religiosity and radicalism in Africa
- WHERE IS REASONING, IMAGINATION AND LOVE?
- Is this not the only life we have?
- Aren't Morals not a product of Human Imagination and Reason?

Presenter will give examples across Africa sighting Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, Sudan, Egypt, Somalia, etc.





# WHY MODERN HUMANISM NOW?

People are more  
Important than Things?

Are we concerned of the  
world and the Future?

# WHY MODERN HUMANISM IS IMPORTANT

1. Conference Humanism is Good but are we not preaching to the converted!?
2. Who is more likely to be irrational:  
The fairly Educated Vs. the  
Brainwashed Illiterates in Africa?

3. What has been the role of Humanist led projects in taking Humanism to the grassroots in Africa?

4. Looking at figures from the recent non believers survey in Uganda, what has been the role of Humanist Schools, Magazines and online activism in exposing Humanism to the people and getting people to embrace ORGANISED HUMANISM?

# Let's Look at the STATS.

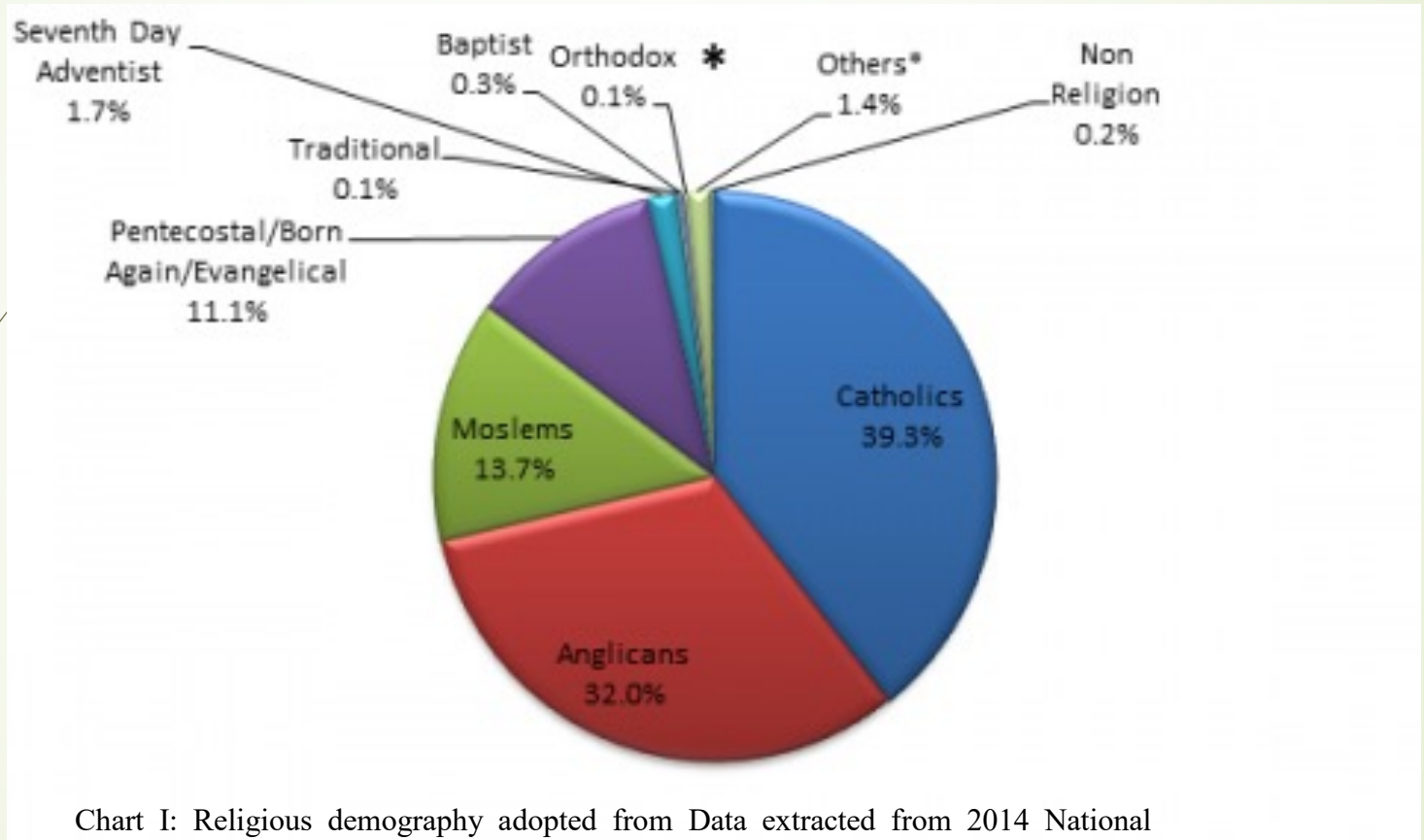
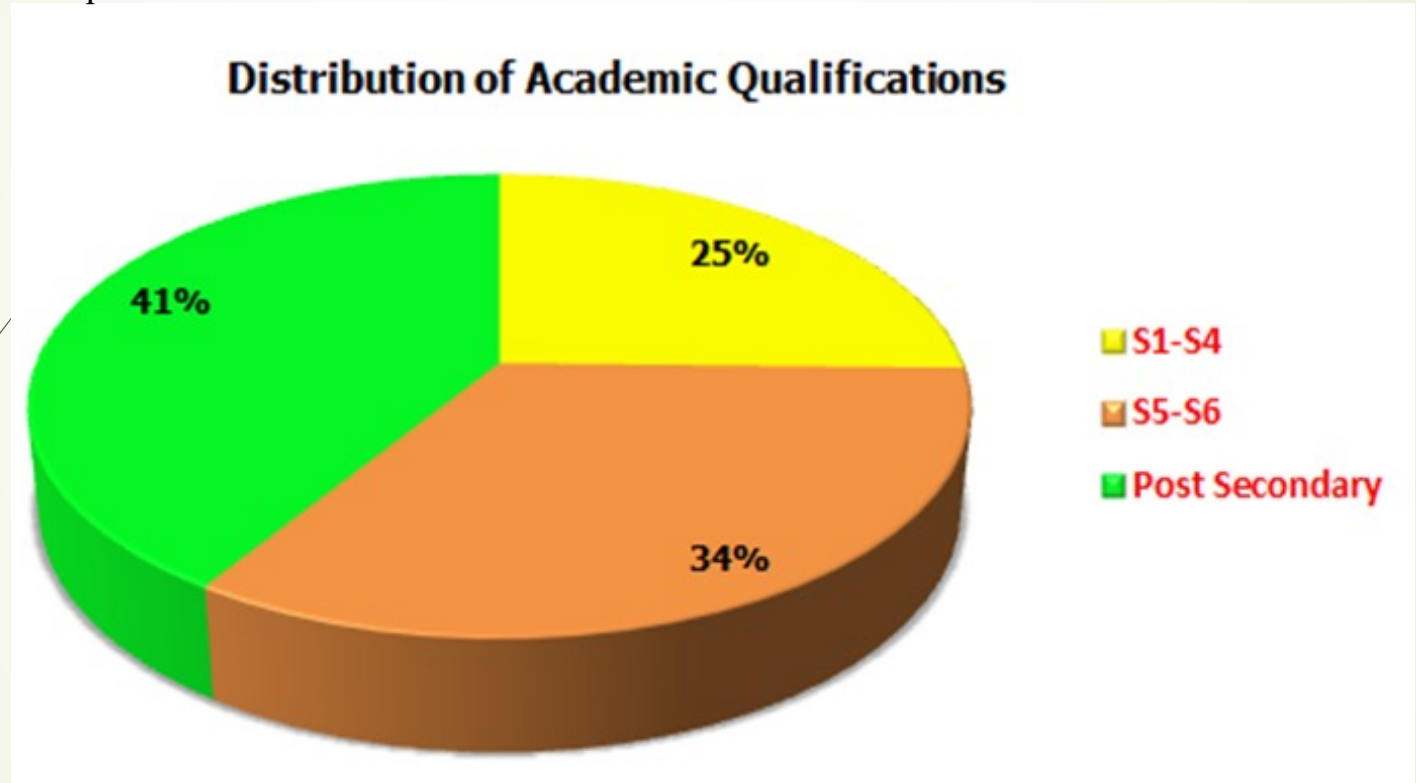


Chart I: Religious demography adopted from Data extracted from 2014 National Population and Housing Census

# Non Believers Baseline Survey in Uganda

Graph 4: Level of Education

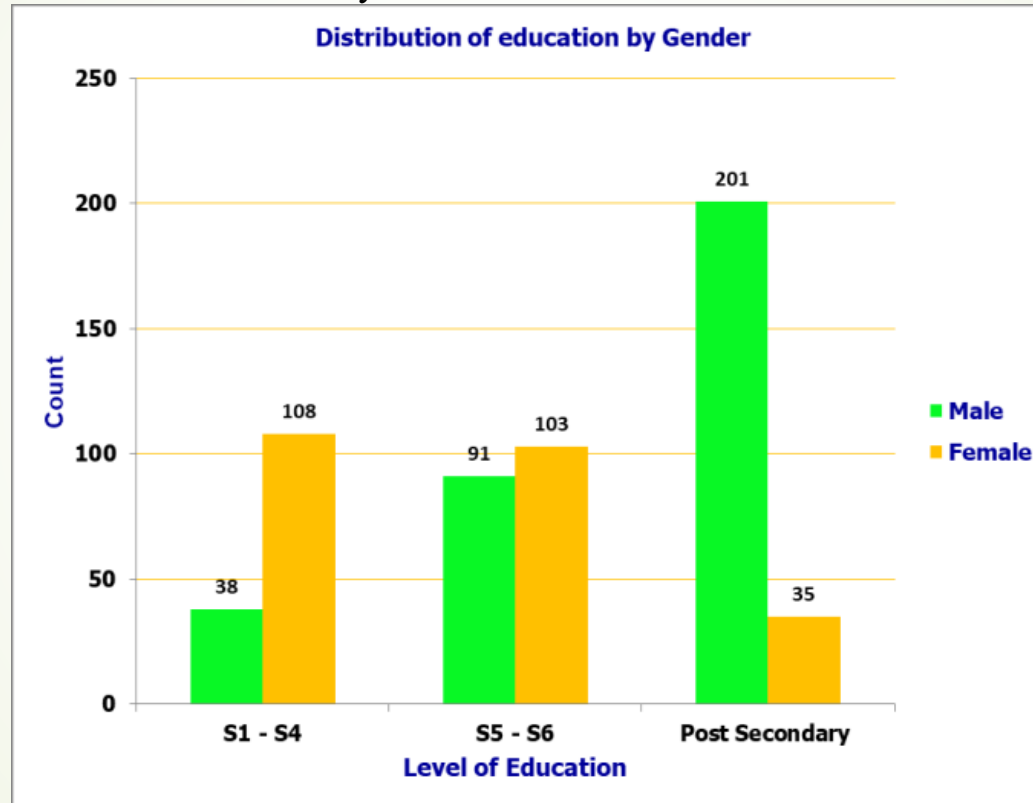


Source: Uganda Non- Believers' Baseline Survey 2022



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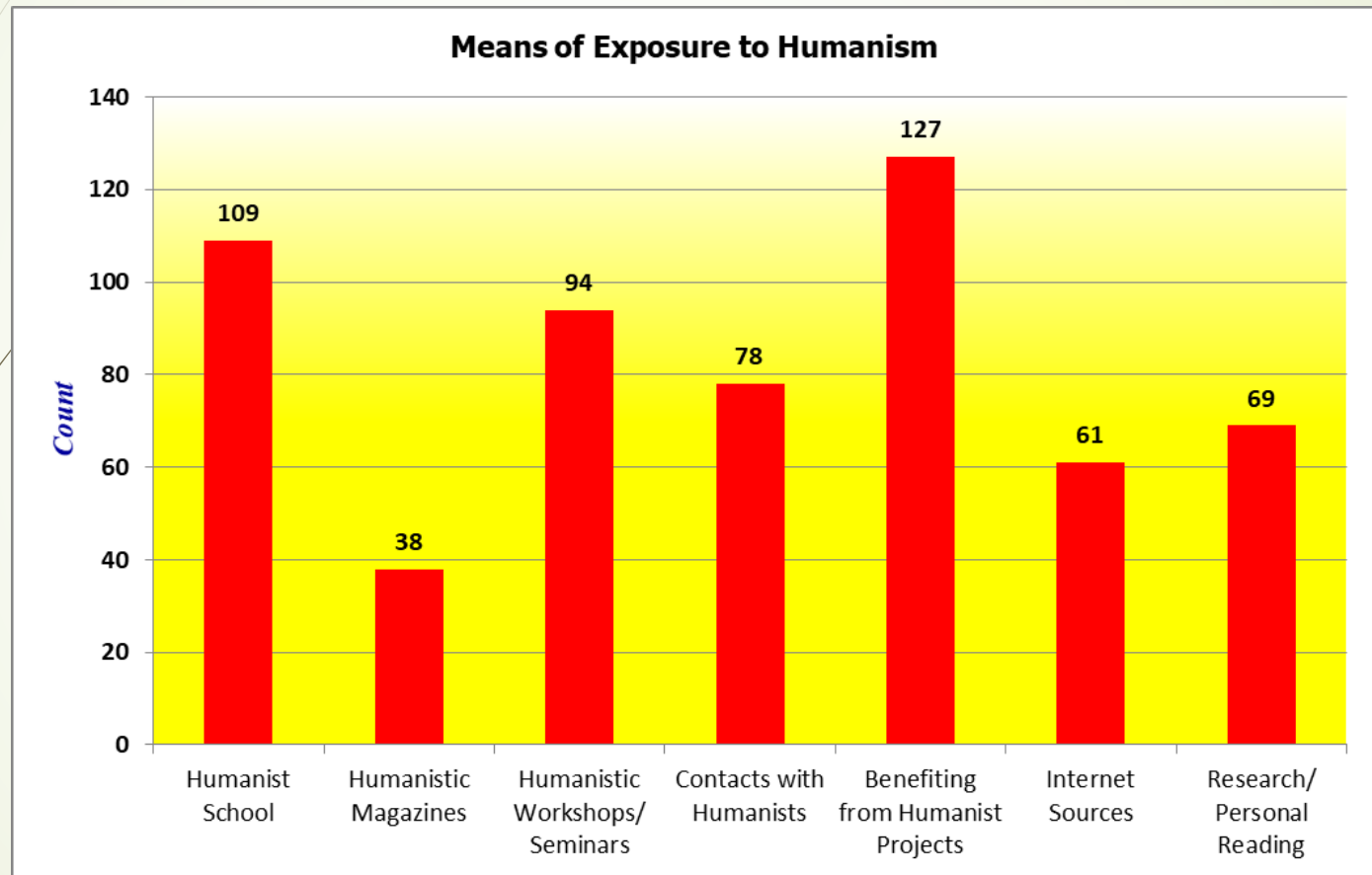
Graph 5: Level of Education by Gender



Source: Uganda Non- Believers' Baseline Survey 2022

# Non Believers Baseline Survey in Uganda

Graph 7: Respondents Exposure to Humanism



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# The Role of the 12 Humanist Schools in Uganda

- Students being able to learn critical thinking skills
- Students setting realistic goals, questioning everything
- Schools provide a positive learning environment including supporting LGBTQ learners and pregnant girls and young mothers at Pearl Vocational Training College.....
- Providing bursaries the bright but needy students...

# Continued...

- Teachers being a positive Role Model to the students
- Students participating in Focus Group Discussions, Debates and Learning Groups
- Providing Role Plays, Reciprocal Learning, Problem Based Instruction, story telling, field trips, using Music, Dance and Drama.
- The schools encourage humor, use of visuals and technology, games and Open Talk Debates. We give choice in learning and produce life long learners.

# Young Mothers at Pearl School





# Hands on Learning



# Teaching Sex Education





## Elderly Women Learning at Pearl



# Graduating Humanist Celebrants at Pearl





# Happy Trained Celebrants





# Humanist Ceremonies





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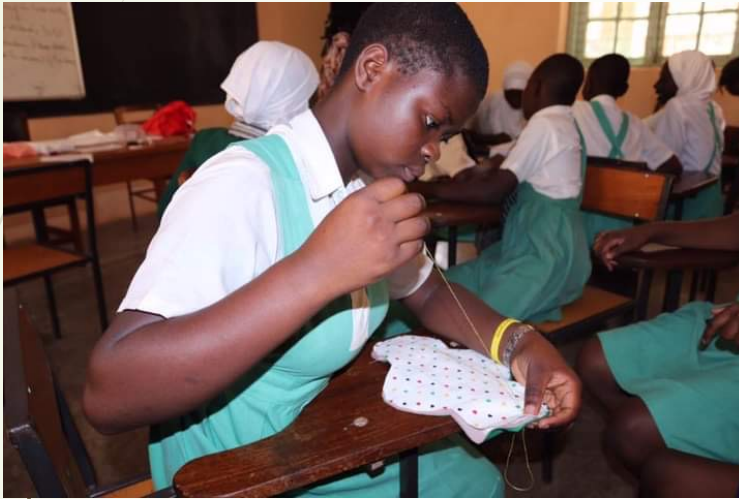


# LEARNING Computer Skills at Kasese Humanist Primary School





# SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS - HALEA





# Modern Humanism is Activism





**MODERN HUMANISM IS HANDS ON...**

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## WHAT IS WRONG WITH RELIGION TODAY?

- Provides False Hope and contentment and poverty, misrule is glorified;
- Religion is addictively wrong like cocaine. It dangerously sedates the believer. Its often abused and takes the believer to the wrong conclusions even when the truth is evident.




## WHAT IS WRONG WITH RELIGION TODAY?

- ➡ Prayer and Worship helps people to cope by denial, many religious Africans seem to be contented with the problems at hand and choose to ignore them as if they are not real, do not exist.



## WHAT IS WRONG WITH RELIGION TODAY?

- Religion provides like sports betting, an obsession with football enable people 'forget' the moment and visualize the impossible and it helps poor people draw away attention from themselves and the challenges at hand and dream of a better future they have not created



## WHAT IS WRONG WITH RELIGION TODAY?

- Religion promotes conspiracy theories, spread dangerous rumors and people get consumed in indulgencies such as day and night time worship, miracle healing and imagined breakthroughs promised by the pastorpreneuers.

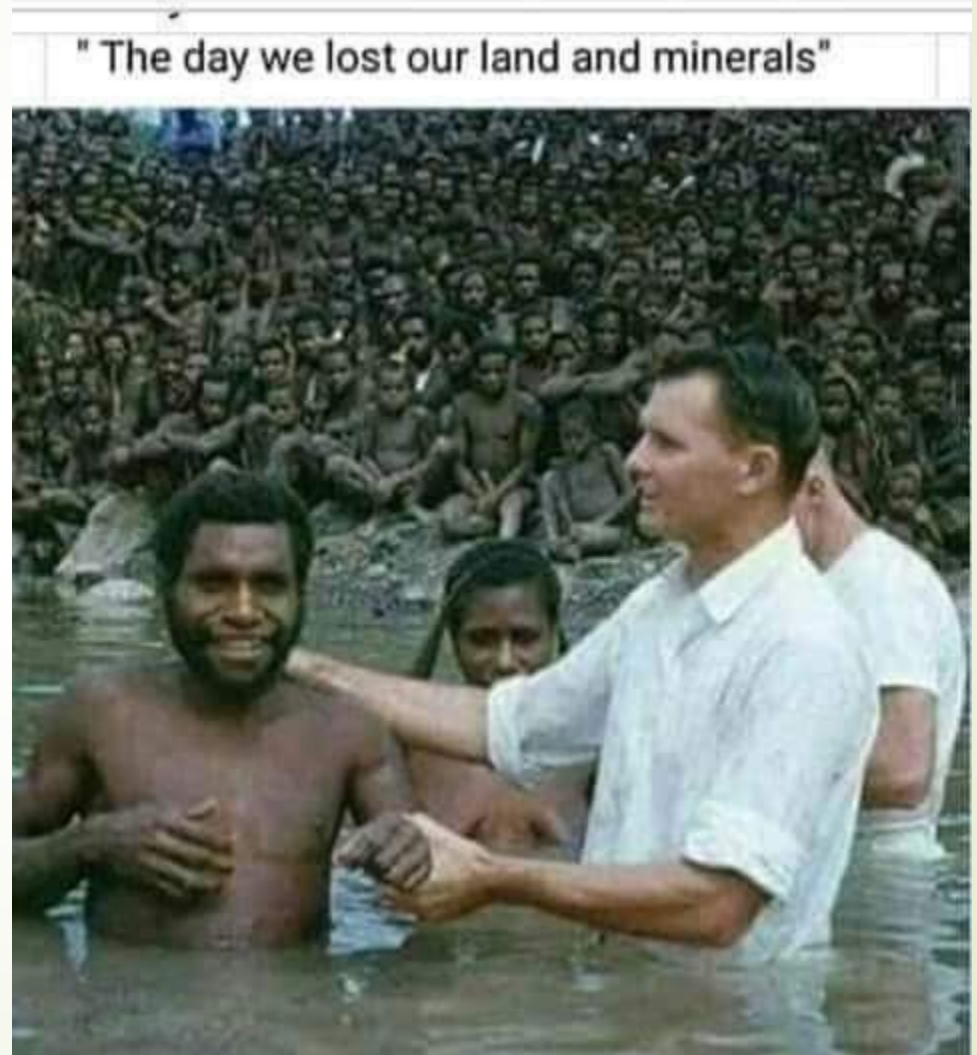


## WHAT IS WRONG WITH RELIGION TODAY?

- Religion has helped in promoting bad leadership and dictatorship in Africa. The state is mainly fused with the church and the religious clerics, Imams etc.



# A Pictorial - What is Wrong with Religion.



If you don't want us  
to make fun of your beliefs...



Don't have such funny beliefs

# **Faith is NOT a virtue.**

*Faith is gullibility.*

*Faith is dishonesty.*

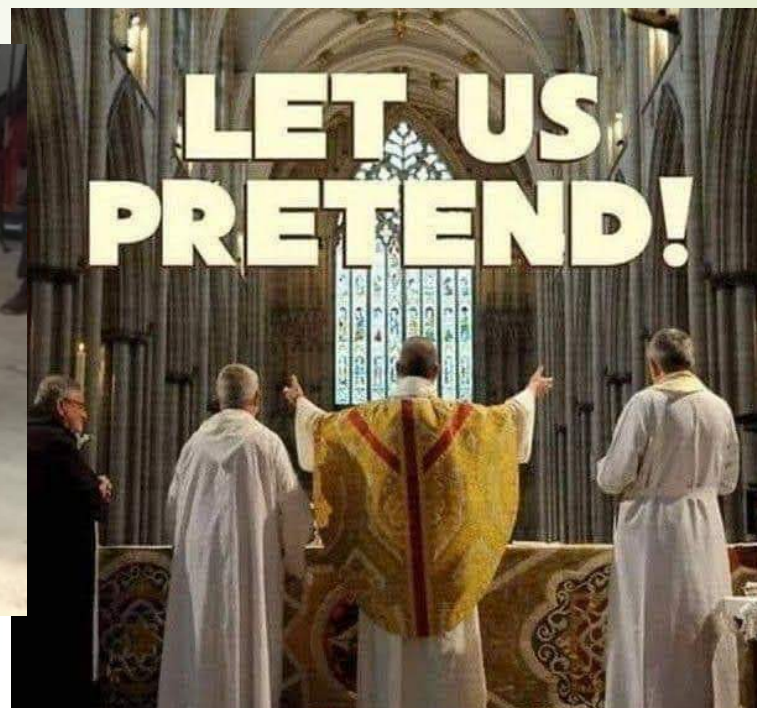
*Faith is blindness.*

*Faith is the absence of reason.*

*Faith should not be respected.*

*It should be detested.*





**"Abortion is a worse moral scandal than priests sexually abusing young people"**

*-George Pell addressing World Youth Day delegates*





## SOME PROPOSALS - WAY FORWARD

- *“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that has ever.” - **Margeret Mead.***
- *“If you think you are too small to cause a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.” - **Dalai Lama, Spiritual leader of Tibet.***





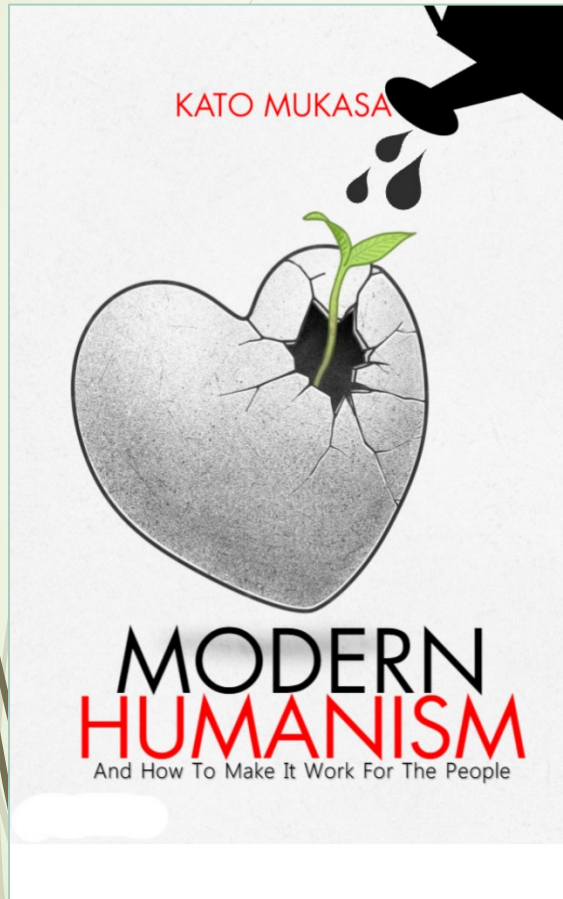
**WAY FORWARD?**

**Your comments and  
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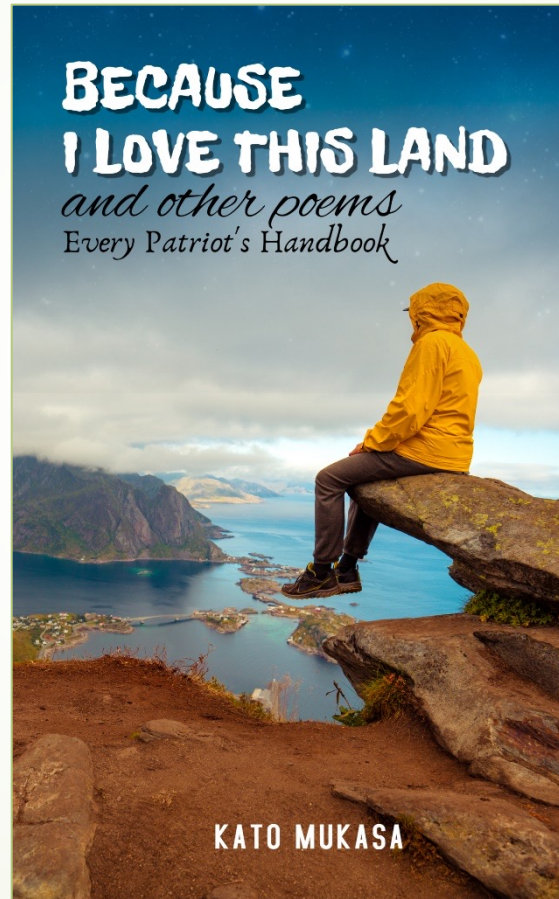
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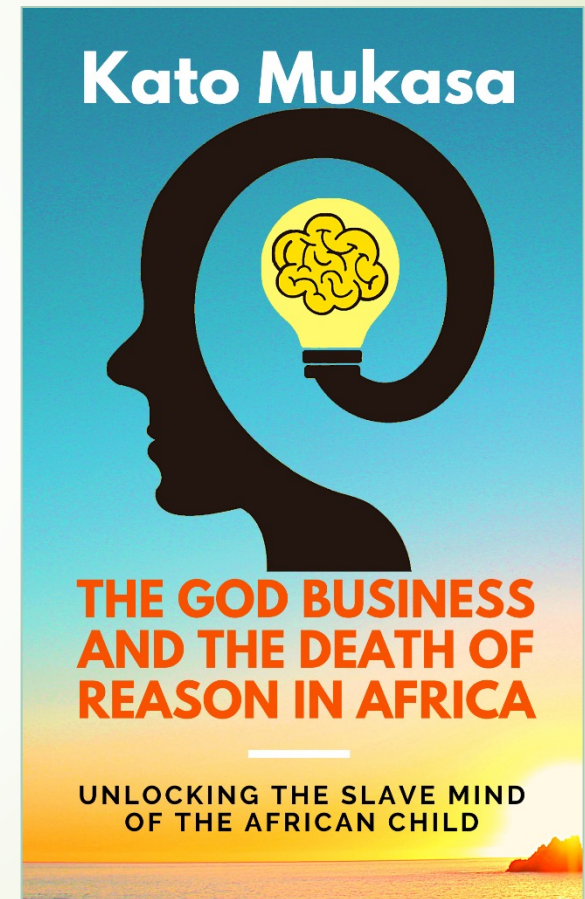
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