

# Guide to the Jan H. Boer Collection on Christian-Muslim Relations in Nigeria

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## Collection Overview

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**CREATOR:** Boer, Jan Harm

**TITLE:** Jan H. Boer Collection on Christian-Muslim Relations in Nigeria

**DATES:** 1950-2008

**BULK DATES:** 1975-2008

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9 linear feet (19 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** These papers are part of the sources gathered by Jan H. Boer for the writing of his eight-volume series *Studies in Christian-Muslim Relations*. The collection deals almost exclusively with the Nigerian situation, especially the entire history leading up to the sharia declaration and its aftermath. The materials include Nigerian magazines and newspaper clippings as well as scholarly articles and lectures, essays, and conference papers from Christian, Muslim and secular perspectives.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Jan H. Boer, 2010, 2014

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Preferred Citation

Jan H. Boer Collection on Christian-Muslim Relations in Nigeria (RG 228), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Jan H. Boer is a Dutch Canadian, who during his early teens immigrated to British Columbia, Canada, with his parental family. He studied theology at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan (1962-1965) and did African Studies at Michigan State University. He served in various capacities listed on his website as a seconded missionary of the combo Christian Reformed World Missions and Sudan United Mission, most of the time with the Institute of Church and Society, Jos, Nigeria. He sat for several months at the feet of the young Lamin Sanneh in Ibadan in 1967. During his Nigeria years, he also took time off to obtain a doctorate from the Free University of Amsterdam, where he studied under Prof. Johannes Verkuyl and obtained his degree on basis of his *Missionary Messengers of Liberation in a Colonial Context: A Case Study of the Sudan United Mission* (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 1979, 530 pages).

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## Scope and Contents

These archives were developed by Boer for his own private use. The organization is based mostly on year of publication. Within each year the materials have been divided according to format or genre, e.g. Papers/essays/printouts (includes photocopies from books and web printouts as well as typescript papers, etc.), Newspaper articles, Magazine articles, Letters/emails/printouts. The format categories overlap. Of use in discovering materials within these folders is a set of notes compiled by Boer for materials dated 2000-2008. These notes are available in digital form on a CD contained in the final folder of the collection (Box 13, folder 11). Keyword searching of the notes for each year will enable the researcher to make connections with the documents available in the collection.

Additional notes, writings, clippings, articles, and books were received in 2014 and are organized in Series III, Addendum.

An overview of Boer's eight-volume work, *Studies in Christian-Muslim Relations* (Belleville, Ont. : Essence Pub.), is available at <http://www.socialtheology.com/islamica.htm>.

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## Arrangement

- I. Documentation of Christian-Muslim Relations in Nigeria, 1950-2008
- II. Boer Notes on Documentation, 2000-2008
- III. Addendum - 2015

## Collection Contents

### Series I. Documentation of Christian-Muslim Relations in Nigeria, 1950-2008

1950-1960s		
b. 1, f. 1	Papers/essays: "Religion of Islam"	1950
b. 1, f. 2	Papers/essays: "Nigeria Background to Nationalism"; "Design of My World"; "Studies in Islam"	1958, 1962, 1964
b. 1, f. 3	News articles	1965
1970s		
b. 1, f. 4	Papers/essays: "The Aristotelian and Islamic Concepts of Slavery"; "Social Justice in Islam and the Muslim Countries"; "Political Role of Islam in West Africa"; "Second Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers - text of the Address of General Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan"; "Democracy: Greek, Roman and Islamic Concepts"	1970
b. 1, f. 5	Papers/essays: "Islamic Culture and Socio-Economic Change"; "Religion and Political Culture in Kano"; "Islam and the Confluence of Religions in Uganda 1840-1966"; "Charter of the Islamic Conference"; "Modern Trends in Islam"	1971-1975
b. 1, f. 6	Papers/essays: "Human Rights in Islamic Law"; "A Draft Constitution for Nigeria"	1975-1976
b. 1, f. 7	Papers/essays: "How Islamic are Nigerian Laws"; "The Constituent Assembly A Case for a Canon Law Courts System in Nigeria" "Notes by I.S. Usman"; "The Role of Education"	1977
b. 1, f. 8	Papers/essays: "Religious Pluralism and the Draft Constitution for Nigeria"; "The Hour of Decision: Sharia or Jihad (Chaos)"; "Islam in Focus d. Education and Nation Building"	1977-1978
b. 1, f. 9	Papers/essays: "Society and State in Islam An Introduction"	1979
1980s		
b. 1, f. 10	Papers/essays: "Major Themes of the Qur'an"; "Islam From Within"; "Quotable Quotes of Alhaji Bashir Othman Fofa"; "Moslims onze nieuwe landgenoten"	1980, 1993
b. 1, f. 11	Papers/essays: "Islamic Life and Thought"; "Islam in Transition"; "Jesus More than a Prophet"; "Letter concerning Religious Disturbance of 10/30/82"	1981-1982
b. 1, f. 12	Magazine articles	1982
b. 2, f. 1	Papers/essays: "Non-Muslims in Islamic State: Their Rights and Privileges"; "In Search of Meaning and Identity: Conversion to Christianity in Pakistani Muslim Culture"; "Observations on the Interpretation of the Concept of Religious Freedom in Christianity and Islam"; "Letter to Arch Bishop Peter Jatau"	1983-1987
b. 2, f. 2	Papers/essays: "Religious Tolerance and Peaceful Coexistence Among Nigerians"; "Religious Disturbances in Nigeria"; "Islam, Secularism and Nigeria"	1985-1986

## 1980s (continued)

b. 2, f. 3	News articles	1985
b. 2, f. 4	Papers/essays: "Religious Tolerance in Islam"	1986
b. 2, f. 5	News articles	1986
b. 2, f. 6	Magazine articles	1986
b. 2, f. 7	Papers/essays: "In the Name of God"; "Worshippers of Baal"; "Islam and the Muslim Community"; "Islamic Liberation Movement"; "Borneo State Council of Understanding"; "The Church and the Government as Partners in Progress"; "The 1987 Kaduna State Religious Disturbances"; "Relationship Between the Police Force and Christians in Plateau State"; "A Catalogue of Atrocity"	1987
b. 2, f. 8	News articles	1987
b. 2, f. 9	Magazine articles	1987
b. 2, f. 10	Papers/essays: "Is This Islam (Politics in Religion); "Human Rights and Islam"; "Directorate for Social Mobilization"; "Islamisation of the Country Through the Nigeria Police Force"; "A Meeting of the Action Committee of Tekan"; "Construction of a Mosque at Government House"; "Call 'The New Nigerian' Newspapers and Agents of Destabilization to Order Now"	1988
b. 2, f. 11	News articles	1988
b. 3, f. 1	Magazine articles	1988
b. 3, f. 2	Papers/essays: "Neighbors: Muslims in North America"; "Islam and Human Rights"; "Fulani Muslims Follow Christ"; "Proposals for Restoration of Religious Peace"; "Erection of Religious Building in the L.G.C. Secretariat"; "Paper Presented to General Ibrahim Babangida"; "On Christian Moslem Relation in Nigeria"	1989
b. 3, f. 3	Papers/essays: "Conference on Christian Worldview- Address"; "The Prospects for Sharia in Nigeria"; "Islam in Africa"; "Da'wah in Africa and the Question of Methods"; "Da'wa and the Challenge of Secularism"; "Shura as an Integral Aspect of Political System in Islam"; "Aspects of Politicization of Religion in Nigeria and the Roles of N.A.S.R. and Nareto"	1989
b. 3, f. 4	News articles	1989
b. 3, f. 5	Magazine articles	1989-1990
1990s		
b. 3, f. 6	Letters and Papers/essays: "Letter to Ibrahim B. Babangida"; "J. Hudson Taylor and Samuel Zwemer Mission Pioneers"; "Egypt's Religious Minorities Face Islamic Dominance"; "Turkey to Clarify Religious Rights"; "Algerian Movie Review"; "Iraqi Aggression Stirs Northern 'Condominium' to Action"; "The Third Eye"	1990
b. 3, f. 7	News articles	1990

## 1990s (continued)

b. 4, f. 1	Papers/essays: "The Last Resort for Christians in Nigeria is Resistance or Self-Defence"; "Striving Together-A Way Forward in Christian-Muslim Relations"; "Promoting Religious Peace and Security in Nigeria"; "War Against Christians"; "Victorian Images of Islam f. Premeditated Killing of Innocent People in Kano"; "Islamic Forum of Nigeria-Summary of Decisions Reached"; "The Truth About Uniformed People Christian Fellowship"; "Statement Issued by the National Executive Committee"	1991
b. 4, f. 2	Magazine articles	1991
b. 4, f. 3	News articles	1991
b. 4, f. 4	Papers/essays: "The Kaduna State Religious Riot"; "Bishop Josiah Feason's Comment": "The Southern Kaduna Question"; "Personal Recommendations to the Tribunal"; "Two Faces of Islam The Lessons of a Modern Sufi Manual"	1992
b. 4, f. 5	Magazine articles	1992
b. 4, f. 6	News articles	1992
b. 4, f. 7	Papers/essays: "Islamic Fundamentalism: The Shias in Katsina"	1992
b. 4, f. 8	Papers/essays: "The Enduring Revolution"; "The Draft Constitution"; "Problems of Corruption, Politics and Religion in the Nigerian Society"; "A Global Ethic: The Declaration of the Parliament of the World's Religions"	1993
b. 4, f. 9	Magazine articles	1993
b. 4, f. 10	News articles	1993
b. 4, f. 11	Papers/essays: "At What Kind of Understanding are we Aiming in Christian-Muslim Dialogue"; "Dialogue Between Muslims and Christians"; "Dialogue Between Christians and Muslims in Nigeria: How Feasible?"; "The Theology of God's Word from the Biblical and Qur'anic Perspective"; "The Role of Faith in Religious Dialogue"; "The Influence of Politics on Religious Dialogue"	1993
b. 5, f. 1	Papers/Letters: "Beyond Liberation Theology"; Letter to John Boer from Jurgen Quack	1994
b. 5, f. 2	Magazine articles	1994
b. 5, f. 3	News articles	1994
b. 5, f. 4	Letters/Papers "National Council on US-Arab Relations"; "The Malcolm H. Kerr High School Scholars Program in Arab and Islamic Studies"; "The Hidden Agenda d. Letter to Emman Usman Shehu from Jan Boer"; "The Western Mind of Radical Islam"; "First, Second and Third in Nongo Kristu U Sudanhen Tiv"; Letter to All Staff at CPJ from John Boer	1995
b. 5, f. 5	Magazine articles	1995
b. 5, f. 6	News articles	1995

## 1990s (continued)

b. 5, f. 7	The Second International Conference on Christian-Muslim Mutual Relations: 1995 "Justice and Peace The Qur'anic Perspective"; "Justice and Peace from the Biblical Perspective"; "Secularism and Religious Pluralism A Christian View"; "Secularism versus Multi-religion. A Muslim View"; "Inter-Religious Dialogue-Cordiality and Divine Love"; "Biblical Teaching on the Love of God and its Implication for Dialogue between Christians and People of Other Faiths"; "The Christian View of Forgiveness Implications for Christian-Muslim Dialogue"; Address by Sheikh Dahiru Bauchi; "God's Mercy in the Bible"; "God and His Mercy in the Holy Qur'an"; "Why Do We Experience Fanaticism? A Muslim View"; "Why is it that we Experience Fanaticism? A Christian View"; "The Importance of our Moral Conscience in Improving our Co-Existence: The Muslim View"; "The Importance of Moral Conscience in Improving Co-Existence Between Christians and Muslims: The Christian Perspective"	
b. 5, f. 8	Papers/essays: "Three Nigerian Christian Schools Closed for not Teaching Islam"; "Human Rights Abuses in Nigeria"	1996-1997
b. 5, f. 9	Magazine articles	1996
b. 5, f. 10	News articles	1996
b. 5, f. 11	Letters/Papers/essays: "An Analysis to Time Allocated for Christian Versus Muslim Programmes for Selected States in Northern Nigeria"	1997
b. 5, f. 12	Magazine articles	1997
b. 5, f. 13	News articles	1997
b. 5, f. 14	MA thesis: "The Rise of Islamic Fundamentalism in Northern Nigeria and its Impact on the Church as an Erector of the signs of God's Kingdom"	1998
b. 5, f. 15	Magazine articles	1998
b. 5, f. 16	News articles	1998
b. 5, f. 17	Magazine articles	1999
b. 5, f. 18	News articles	1999
b. 6, f. 1	News articles	1999
b. 6, f. 2	Papers/essays: "Zakzaky, Toro Oppose Sani on Sharia"; "A Communique Issued at the End of the Meeting of Zamfara State Chapter of Christian Association of Nigeria"	1999
2000-2008		
b. 6, f. 3-4	News articles	2000
b. 6, f. 5	Conference Papers at First National Seminar of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council: "Understanding Christians and Muslims over the Adoption of the Full Scope of the Islamic Sharia Law in Nigeria"; "The Sharia Law and its Application in Nigeria"; "A Paper on Dialogue Between Muslims and Christians: Sharia Issues in Nigeria"; "The Sharia in Nigeria: Issues and Perspectives"; "The Constitutional and Legal Status of Sharia in Nigeria"; 2000 Annual Report on International Religious Freedom: Niger; "Center Testifies on Persecution in Saudi Arabia"; "Shariah: The Misunderstood Legal System"	2000



## 2000-2008 (continued)

b. 7, f. 1	Papers/essays: "Sharia and the Constitution"; "Summary of Memoranda Submitted to the Committee on the Implications of Sharia on Christians and Non-Muslims in Gombe State"; "Minutes of the Meeting of 129 Northern States and Abuja"; "Minutes of Can Northern States and Abuja"; "A communiqué of the Christian Association of Nigeria (C.A.N.) Northern States and Abuja"; "Sharia in Nigeria: Its Meaning and Implication for Christians"; "The Sharia Issue: Working Papers for a Dialogue"	2000
b. 7, f. 2	News articles	2001
b. 7, f. 3	Magazine articles	2001
b. 7, f. 4	Papers/essays/printouts	2001
b. 7, f. 5	Papers/essays/printouts	2002
b. 7, f. 6	Letters	2002
b. 7, f. 7	Magazine articles	2002
b. 7, f. 8	News articles	2002
b. 8, f. 1	Papers/essays/printouts	2003
b. 8, f. 2	Magazine articles	2003
b. 8, f. 3	Letters	2003
b. 8, f. 4	News articles	2003
b. 9, f. 1-4	Papers/essays/printouts	2004
b. 9, f. 5	Audu Letters and Related News Articles	2004
b. 9, f. 6	Letters/email/printouts	2004 Jan-Jun
b. 9, f. 7	News articles	2004 Jan-Jun
b. 9, f. 8	Magazine articles	2004 Jan-Jun
b. 10, f. 1	Letters/email/printouts	2004 Jul-Dec
b. 10, f. 2	News articles	2004
b. 10, f. 3	Magazine articles	2004 Jul-Dec
b. 10, f. 4-5	Papers/essays/printouts, including from Jos International Conference on Comparative Perspectives on the Shari'ah in Nigeria, and ""Rejoinder to World Igbo Conference"; "North's New Ordeals: Killing in the Name of God"; "Dissecting Moral Decadence", etc.	2004
b. 10, f. 6	News articles	2004
b. 10, f. 7	Papers/essays/printouts, including "Adversary and Kukah in National Dialogue"; "People and Politics by Mohammed Haruna"; "Social Justice and Resource Control in Nigeria: a Crisis of Legitimacy", etc.	2005
b. 10, f. 8	News articles	2005

## 2000-2008 (continued)

b. 11, f. 1	Letters/email/printouts	2005
b. 11, f. 2	Magazine articles	2005
b. 11, f. 3	Letters/email/printouts	2005
b. 11, f. 4	News articles	2005
b. 11, f. 5	Magazine articles	2005
b. 11, f. 6-8	Letters/email/printouts	2006
b. 11, f. 9	Magazine articles	2006
b. 12, f. 1	News articles	2006
b. 12, f. 2	Re. conference: "Muslims, Political Violence and the Security Establishment"	2006
b. 12, f. 3	Articles from Light Bearer	2006
b. 12, f. 4	Papers/essays/printouts	2006
b. 12, f. 5-6	Letters/email/printouts	2007
b. 12, f. 7	Magazine articles	2007
b. 12, f. 8	News articles	2007
b. 13, f. 1	Papers/essays/printouts: "Communique Issued by the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC)"; "Don't Let Them Do This to Us: A Message to Nigerian Youths"; "Repositioning Religion, Faith and Ethics for a Sustainable Economic Transformation of the Nigerian People"; "Releasing the Trigger: The Nigeria Factor in Global Christianity"; "How to Reach Muslims with the Gospel"; "The Little Mosque that Couldn't"; "Whoever is Pro-Oha-Na-Eze's 2006 Declaration Speaks for Ndiigbo: It is That Simple"; "It is Against Bdigbo's Strategic Interest for Dr. Eddy Oparaoji to Liken Umaru Yaradua with Islamist"; "Plateau's Politics of Religion"; "Liberating Christianity"; "I Won't Die for Nigeria"; "G-S and Africa: Why do we Always to be Like Beggars"	2007
b. 13, f. 2	Letters/email/printouts	2007
b. 13, f. 3	Magazine articles	2007
b. 13, f. 4	News articles	2007
b. 13, f. 5	Magazine articles	2008
b. 13, f. 6	News articles	2008
No date		
b. 13, f. 7	Letters/email/printouts	no date

No date (continued)

b. 13, f. 8	Papers/essays/printouts, including: "An Examination of Shaikh Adam Abdullah Al-Ilori's View on Religion and Politics"; "Political Order and the Plural Structure of Society"; "Political Shariah: Aren't the Fulanis Pushing Us to the Abyss"; "Sketch of the History of Shari'a"; "Christian-Muslim Dialogue: Its Historical Perspective in West Africa"; "Christian Association of Nigeria National Executive Committee Communique on Recent Events in the Country"; "The Christian and the OIC w. Terrorism and Islamism - Politics in the Name of the Prophet"; etc.	no date
b. 13, f. 9	News articles	no date
b. 13, f. 10	Magazine articles	no date

## **Series II. Boer Notes on Documentation, 2000-2008**

b. 13, f. 11

CD contains notes by Boer re. documentation listed above

2000-2008

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**Series III. Addendum**

## Writings and notes of Boer

b. 14, f. 1	Notes, drafts, press releases re: Kaduna	1987
b. 14, f. 2	Draft Kaduna Hargitsin Addini '87	1987
b. 14, f. 3	Notes, drafts, correspondence re: Muslim-Christian relations	1994-2009
b. 14, f. 4	Drafts re: Christianity, Islam vs. secularism	2003-2005
b. 14, f. 5	Notes, drafts re: Islam in Nigeria	1992-2005
b. 14, f. 6	Publications	2001-2003

## Collected newspaper clippings

b. 15, f. 1	Newspaper clippings	1984
b. 15, f. 2	Newspaper clippings	1985
b. 15, f. 3	Newspaper clippings	1985
b. 15, f. 4	Newspaper clippings	1986
b. 15, f. 5	Newspaper clippings	1987
b. 15, f. 6	Newspaper clippings	1991-1999
b. 15, f. 7	Newspaper clippings	2000
b. 15, f. 8	Newspaper clippings	2001
b. 15, f. 9	Newspaper clippings	2002
b. 15, f. 10	Newspaper clippings	2003
b. 15, f. 11	Newspaper clippings	2004
b. 15, f. 12	Newspaper clippings	2005
b. 15, f. 13	Newspaper clippings	2007
b. 15, f. 14	Newspaper clippings	2008
b. 15, f. 15	Newspaper clippings	2009
b. 15, f. 16	Newspaper clippings	2010
b. 15, f. 17	Newspaper clippings	2012-2013

## Collected research papers and articles

b. 16, f. 1	Notes and research	1997-1999
b. 16, f. 2	Notes and research Includes CD-ROM The World of Islam: Resources for Understanding	2000
b. 16, f. 3	Conferences, events and research	2001-2003

## Collected research papers and articles (continued)

b. 16, f. 4	Newsletters, events and research	2006-2008
b. 16, f. 5	Colleagues published research	1995-2003
b. 16, f. 6	Colleagues published research	1978-2003
b. 16, f. 7	Magazines	1986
b. 16, f. 8	Magazines	1989
b. 16, f. 9	Magazine clippings	1993
b. 16, f. 10	Magazines	1995-1996
b. 16, f. 11	Magazine clippings	1999-2004
b. 16, f. 12	Magazine clippings	2007-2008

## Correspondence

b. 17, f. 1	Correspondence	1957
b. 17, f. 2	Correspondence	1995, 1997
b. 17, f. 3	Correspondence	1998
b. 17, f. 4	Correspondence	1999
b. 17, f. 5	Correspondence	2000
b. 17, f. 6	Correspondence	2001-2002
b. 17, f. 7	Correspondence	2003
b. 17, f. 8	Correspondence	2004

## Collected books and pamphlets

b. 18, f. 1	English language books These are primarily duplicate copies of books held at Yale. Other titles received from Boer have been added to the Library's cataloged collection. Titles in this box include: Sharia in Nigeria: A Christian Perspective; African Religion Meets Islam; Politics and Religion in Nigeria; Christians in Nigerian Politics; The Tragedy of Sharia, Cry and the Voice of Masses; Towards the Right Path for Nigeria; Honourable Justice J.H. Dandaura : Apostle of Religious Harmony	
b. 19, f. 1	African language books Titles include: Tarihin Ekklesiya; Linjila; Fassar Littafi Mai Tsarki Filibbiyawa; Fassarar Littafi Mai Tsarki Yohanna Ta Fari; Kirista Kuzo Muduba Mugani II; Alhajjul Mabruur; Rayuwan masu ciwon AIDS da iyalensu a cikin jama'a; Koyaswar Sabon Alkawali game da Ekklesiya; Babban Priest Mai Girma; Binciken Kolossiya Wa; Bible lessons and scripture in Hausa language; Compendium Catechism in Hausa	
b. 19, f. 2	Proceedings and journals	1974-1982
b. 19, f. 3	Reports and case studies	1999-2004

Collected books and pamphlets (continued)

b. 19, f. 4

Road and street maps of Nigeria, Lagos, Kaduna, Kano

1964-1975

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Christianity and other religions -- Islam  
Islamic law -- Nigeria  
Islam -- Relations -- Christianity  
Religion and politics -- Nigeria -- History -- 20th  
Century  
Religion and politics -- Nigeria -- History -- 21st  
century

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