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Autobiography of Dr. Oliver Meru Duku: Physician and Priest (1935–2013)

The self-effacing portrait of a man who made his way from a traditional polygamous family in southern Sudan through British Colonial schools, followed by medical education at Tübingen University, to help build up the public health service of a fledgling African state and the theological schools of a church

multiplying exuberantly during fifty years of devastating war.

Duku resisted government officials bent on islamization but made friends with a traditional Muslim healer. He candidly recalls the internal struggles of a multiethnic group of first- and second-generation believers in Jesus as paramount chief over all tribes of the earth. As a Bible teacher, he ponders how the homelessness of civilian Sudanese populations in his lifetime seems to repeat the ancient pattern of God's punishing his disloyal Chosen People by exile in Babylon.

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