Faith as a Means of Healing: Traditional Medicine and the Ethiopian Orthodox Church In and Around Lalibela

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Abstract
This paper examines and explores the relationship between indigenous medical traditions in Ethiopia and the healing rituals of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The practices still upheld by the Church today are explored in depth as is the prevalence of debtera, church educated traditional healers in Ethiopia. The relationship between traditional and modern modes of medical treatment in Ethiopia is explored as well as the legitimacy of both church healing and alternative medicine worldwide. Present research into the benefits of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) including mind/body healing is also examined.

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Retrieved from http://digitalcollections.sit.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1104&=isp. Demonic Possession and Healing of Mental illness in the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church: the Case of Entoto Kidane-Mihret Monastery. American Journal of Applied Psychology. 2015; 3(4):80-93. doi: 10.12691/ajap-3-4-2. They transmit from one host to the other by using parts of the body, an eye for example, as a bridge or through other means like conjuration. Once people get possessed by the evil spirits, they show different common symptoms. Possessions may be of a different type. Lalibela - the history behind the Rock churches of Ethiopia. Axum: Legendary Kingdom of Ancient Ethiopia. The Cliff Churches of Tigray Ethiopia ( CC BY ND 2.0 ). This however proved unsuccessful and the Ethiopian church maintained its non-Chalcedonian theology and non-Romish character. Through the centuries, the Ethiopian Church has been successful in preserving its character and existence both in the onslaught of non-Christian opponents such as Muslim invaders and other Christian groups which have disagreed with its theology. and Tadesse Tamerat (1970). The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Faith and Order. Available at: http://www.ethiopianorthodox.org/english/ethiopian/prechristian.html#expansion.