KOUYANET REVIEW OF 2020

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The best books, websites and posts of the year.
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Thank you to everyone who has read, shared, commented on, enjoyed or been irritated by the things I've written over the last year. I appreciate the interaction.

At the end of the year, I'd like to highlight a few things from the last year of blogging. Generally, I find that the post that gets the most hits during a year is an obscure thing about languages in Ivory Coast back in 2007. It obviously turns up in lots of Google searches. However, this year, my most popular post, which was received almost 40,000 hits (enormous by my historical readership) was about my reaction to President Trump posing with a Bible.

During the year, I mentioned two books that I thought would be the best book of the year; the first is the absolutely excellent Stumbling Towards Zion by David Smith. The other was Biblical Theology According to the Apostles. I think that given the context we are living in, David's book get's the nod. If you haven't read it, please do. An honourable mention must be given to the excellent Multicultural Kingdom by Harvey Kwiyani.

Outside of the theology/missiology area, the best book I've read this year is Children of Ash and Elm, an excellent history of the Vikings.

Allow me also to mention these two publications (again); Mission Agencies in Crisis, The Way Forward.

The best blog post that I have read this year was from a series in which Mark Pickett engaged with a statement from a group called the Southgate Fellowship. His demolition of the shallow, culturally biased statements from Southgate is a model of the sort of blogging that I aspire to but rarely achieve.

The best new website of the year is From Every Nation, the brainchild of Chris Howles. If you have not subscribed to the newsletter, you should.