THE BIBLE, ORALITY AND THEOLOGY

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Normally today, I would be posting the next in my series of videos on local churches and God's world wide movement. However, I will have another video to post later in the week and I don't want to overwhelm the video and podcast subscribers. So, today, I'm going to post a couple of quotes from an excellent book that I'm still reading - the review will follow, probably later this week.

> *Africans have the Bible and a basis for good exposition, but they also have a heritage of orality as their medium of communication and assimilation. The task ahead is discovering how to effectively blend these oral elements into sound teaching and preaching of Godâ€™s word so that Africans remain African but also richly biblical in their Christianity.*

> *Personal, silent reading of the Bible began over 1400 years after Jesusâ€™s ascension when printed materials became cheaper and more accessible through the invention of the Gutenberg press.But it is continuously substantiated that literacy is never at war with orality. They both complement each other in fulfilling the Great Commission.*

> *We should no longer be measuring authentic theology by the quality of a written piece of work done by an individual islander who has successfully gained the skills of a literate culture. Rather, theology â€“ as a passionate engagement with the God who became incarnate in Jesus Christ, who seeks to be the giver of life for all people of all cultures and the head of local communities of the church across a diverse world â€“ deserves a broader definition that will allow oral expressions of theology to find their place.*

From Expository Preaching in Africa: Engaging Orality for Effective Proclamation by Ezekiel A. Ajibade. A book which will have relevance in our increasing oral Western societies, too.