

Appendix

LIST OF CHRISTOLOGICAL TITLES OF JESUS CHRIST IN AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY

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Sources of the Christological Titles: A wide variety of articles, books, conference themes, drawings, hymnbooks, Sunday School lessons, names of (Independent) Churches and congregations, placards, sermons, slogans, symbols, and paintings-drawings (books, buses, buildings, churches, leaflets, walls, etc.). A good number come from *Jesus of the Deep Forest, Prayers and Praises of Afua Kuma* (1900–1987), Asempa Publishers, Accra Ghana 1980 (Twi) and 1981 (English translation by Jon Kirby, S.V.D.). Afua Kuma could neither read nor write, yet she composed, sang, and danced these prayers and praises (a beautiful example of African oral theology). Many African Christians are doing the same in their areas and their own languages. Independent churches are rich in these Christological titles. I assemble the titles wherever and whenever I come across them. I welcome and appreciate new ones to add to the list; please and thank you (mbiti.john@gmail.com).

Abiding (forever), Adored, Advisor, Advocate, All-powerful Jesus, Ancestor, Arbitrator, Beloved, Big Boat which cannot be sunk, Big Brother, Big Ram (of the sheepfold, equipped with courage and strength), Big Tree which lifts its vines to peep at the heavens, Big Tree, Blockades (road of death with wisdom and power), Big Brother, Blessings dispenser / giver, Born of a woman, Bread of Life, Brother, Builder, Bulldozer, Caller, Carer, Carrier of the double-edged sword, Chameleon, Chases Satan away, Chief among chiefs, Chief of all (young people, strong men, old women, rulers). Chief of farmers, Chief of Lawyers, Chief of many small villages, Chief of Police, Chief of the lepers, Chief, Cleanser, Clever One, Comforter, Communicator, Companion, Condoler, Conqueror (of Satan, Sickness, Death), Cornerstone, Counsellor, Cultivator (of souls), Custodian, Deep Well, Defender, Dispenser of Blessings, Diviner, Doctor of the sick, Doctor, Door, Driver, Elder Brother, Elder, Elephant Hunter, Elephant, Elevated above all, Enabler, Encourager, Enduring, Enhancer, Enlightener, Everlasting, Example, Exorcist, Expeller of evil,

Faithful, Family head, Family member, Father, Favourite, Fearless One (Tutugyagu), Feeder, Finder of the lost, Finder of the Way, Fisher, Flame, Food of prisoners, Forgiver, Found everywhere, Founder, Fountain of life, Fountain, Friend to old men and women, Friend, Full Moon, Gate, Giver of (cool) Shade, Giver, Giver of food, Giver of water of life, Grass Hut, Great Chief, Great City (called Soe-di-bi = Put down your load and have something to eat), Great Doctor, Great Forest Canopy, Great Jesus, Great Lion, Great Personality, Great Rock, Greatest Warrior among the soldiers, Grinding stone (for sharpening cutlass), Guardian, Guest, Guest Receiver, Guide of the blind, Guide Post, Guide, Hard working Farmer, Harvester, Head, Healer, Hearer, Helper of the crippled, Helper, Hero, Hiding Place, Holy One, Holy, Hope, Hope Giver, Host, Humble King, Hunter (helps other hunters), Hurricane of the rainy season (Ogyampanturudu), Husband, Ideal Brother, Illuminator, In whom is Safety, Inspirer, Intermediary, Inviter, Iron rod, Jesus at the Well, Joy, Just, Keeper, Keeper of secrets, Key, Kin, Kind, King of Africa, King of Kings, King, Kinsman, Knows all, Lamb, Lamb of God, Lamp, Lantern (brightest), Leader, Leopard (“whose cubs cannot be caught”), Liberator, Life-giver, Life, Lifter, Light, Lighter, Lightning, Lineage head, Linguist (truthful), Lion of grasslands (tears out entrails of enemies of Jesus’ people), Listener (to our cries, joys, praises, prayers and thanksgiving, etc.), Lord of hosts, Lord of Lords, Lord, Loved One, Lover, Magician who walks on the sea, Magnet, Magnificent Tree, Man of God, Master of Initiation, Master of Signs and Wonders, Master of Wisdom, Master, Mediator, Medicine man / woman, Medicine-Giver, Mender of brokenness, Merciful, Messenger, Messiah, Milk, Miracle worker, Mirror of life, Moon of the harvest month which gives us our food, Moon which-rises-from-a-hole-in-the-sea / -ocean, Mother, Muthamaki (Ideal Elder), Never dies, Nurse, Oil, Older Brother, Osagyefo (One who saves in the battle), Our Security, Overseer, Pastor, Path, Patient (in waiting, responding), Peace, Peaceful, Pencil of teachers, Physician, Pillar, Pointer, Powerful Chief (Okokurokohene), Powerful Jesus, Powerful One, Praiseworthy, Preacher, Present everywhere, Priest, Prince, Promisor, Prophet, Protector, Proto-Ancessor, Proto-Elder, Provider, Python not overcome with mere sticks, Quencher of Thirst, Rainbow, Raiser of the fallen or downcast, Reassurer, Receiver of guests, Receiver of Prayers and Praises, Receiver of souls (at death), Reconciler, Redeemer, Refresher (of the pilgrims, the tired, etc.), Refuge, Repairer, Rescuer, Resurrector, Revealer, Reviver, Rewarder, Rich Man, River (of life), Rock, Route, Ruler, Satisfier (with food, water, wisdom, etc.), Saviour of the Nations, Saviour of the Poor, Saviour, Searcher, Seer among prophets, Sent by the Father, Shed, Shelter, Shepherd, Shield, Shining Light, Son of God, Soré Tree, Source of flowing waters, Source-of great-strength (Okuruakwaban), Sovereign (among great chiefs), Sovereign, Sower, Speaker, Spring, Stalwart of persons (stands firm as a rock), Star, Steward of God’s household, Storehouse of wisdom, Strengthener, String of priceless

beads, Strong one, Strong-armed One (Adubasapon), Strong-hearted One (Okokodurufu), Sun, Supplier, Support, Supreme and Objective Source of Knowledge, Sword-carrier (at the battlefield – Word of his Mouth is the weapon), Sympathizer, Tall Mountain, Teacher, The Crucified, Thumb (without which we cannot tie a knot), To Whom you can confide, Torch, Transcending Categories, Transformer, True, Trustworthy, Truth, Truthful, Umbrella, Unique Christ, Untiring Porter, Uplifter, Victor, Vine, Warrior, Watcher (over our lives), Water of life, Way, Welcomer, Winner, Wiper (of sorrows, tears, wounds), Wise, Wonder-worker, Word of God.