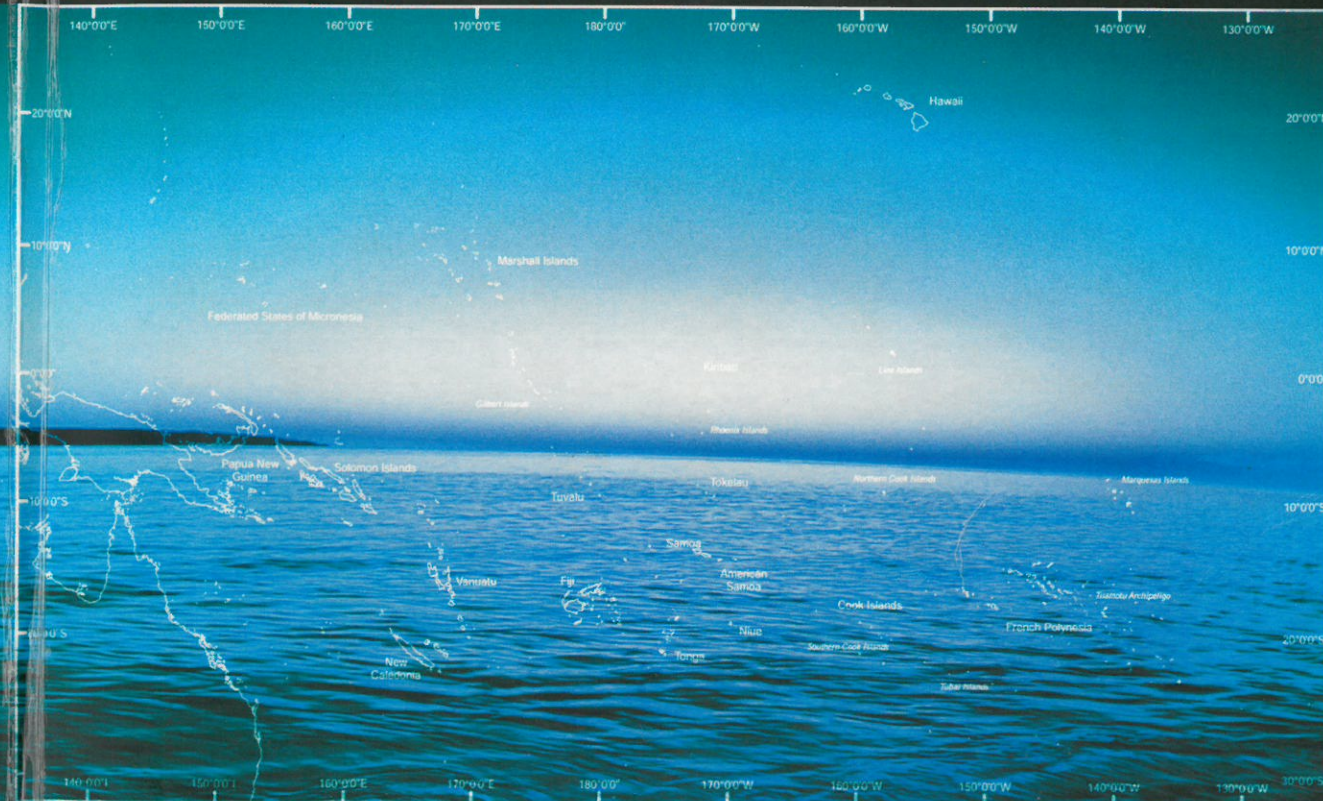


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In recent years religion has received a good deal of attention in the discourse on globalization. Christianity in its Pentecostal-charismatic, evangelical and fundamentalist forms, seems to have thrived in the globalizing

It will be clearly shown in detailed country case studies from the Pacific that there is overwhelming evidence that Pentecostal-charismatic, evangelical-fundamentalist and a number of marginal Protestant groups have experienced rapid growth in this region, as they have worldwide. This has led to an ongoing re-shaping of the religious landscape in the different island nations. The changes in religious affiliation have also led to an unprecedented diversity of Christian denominations in the region.

The information presented in this book is based on research carried out over the past four years in thirteen island nations of the region and attempts to provide an accurate account of changes in religious affiliation in the Pacific over the past 50 years. The authors examine the reasons for the ongoing re-shaping of Christianity in the Pacific Islands and provide background information about the variety of newer religious groups, mainline denominations and para-church organizations. In order to make sense of all the changes to the extent to which globalization processes have contributed to the growth and proliferation of a variety of Pentecostal-charismatic-evangelical-fundamentalist and other new religious groups in the region are detailed.

This is the most systematic account available of contemporary developments in Christianity in the Pacific Islands. The book will be enlightening not only to students and academics, but also to policy-makers, and all those interested in the profound effects of modernization processes on individual societies in the Pacific Islands.

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