Global Pentecostalism and Charismatic Christianity in all its diversity is the fastest expanding religious movement in the world today. Allan Anderson, a former Pentecostal minister and authority on global Pentecostalism, aims to make more visible the ‘non-western’ nature of Pentecostalism without overlooking the importance of the movement emanating from North America. Offering an innovative interpretation of Pentecostalism, he takes seriously the contributions of the Majority World to its development and, concentrating on its history and theology, reflects on the movement’s development and significance throughout the world. Anderson also examines those theological issues that helped form a distinctive spirituality and how this relates to different peoples and their cultures. Finally, Anderson discusses the development of Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity in the different countries from its origins at the beginning of the twentieth century to its theological emphases in the present day, together with the impact of the processes of globalization.

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Abbreviations

ACFCJ Apostolic Church of the Faith in Christ Jesus (Mexico)
AFC Apostolic Faith Church (UK)
AFM Apostolic Faith Mission (South Africa)
AG Assemblies of God
AGBI Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland
AIC(s) African Independent/Initiated Church(es)
AICN Africa Israel Church Nineveh (Kenya)
AJPS Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies
BFC Brazil for Christ
BP Brotherhood of Pentecostal Assemblies (Netherlands)
CAC Christ Apostolic Church (Nigeria)
CBN Christian Broadcasting Network
CC Christian Congregation (Brazil)
CGC Church of God (Cleveland, TN)
CGP Church of God of Prophecy (USA)
CMS Church Missionary Society (Anglican)
COGIC Church of God in Christ (USA)
COP Church of Pentecost (Ghana)
CPM Ceylon Pentecostal Mission (South Asia)
DRC Democratic Republic of the Congo
EPC Evangelical Pentecostal Church (Chile)
FG Full Gospel Assemblies (Netherlands)
FGBMFI Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International
HTB Holy Trinity Church, Brompton (UK)
ICFG International Church of the Foursquare Gospel (USA)
IMC International Missionary Council
IPCG Indian Pentecostal Church of God
IPHC International Pentecostal Holiness Church (USA)
JAG Jesus Assemblies of God (Korea)
JEPTA Journal of the European Pentecostal Theological Association
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<td>KAG</td>
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<td>MPC</td>
<td>Methodist Pentecostal Church (Chile)</td>
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<td>NAE</td>
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Preface

This study concentrates on the history and theology of Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity and its origins, development and significance throughout the world. The book traces connections between a maze of movements and leaders and the various ideas and controversies that constitute Pentecostalism. In the process of tracing the historical background to its early twentieth century emergence and its subsequent influence on older churches, the book examines those theological issues that helped form a distinctive spirituality and the creation of what was in effect a reformation and renewal of the church. It also shows how this emerging spirituality related to peoples and their cultures in different parts of the world. The book discusses Pentecostalism in the different continents from its earliest origins and development to the present day, and the relationship between Pentecostals and Charismatics and their religious, political and social contexts. It aims to provide a global, non-parochial and contextual perspective on the history and theology of Pentecostalism.

I write as a sympathetic yet critical insider, having had my own experience of ‘baptism in the Spirit’ in 1968, and having spoken in tongues since that time. I have been a Pentecostal and Charismatic minister in South Africa for twenty-three years, a theological educator for much of that time and involved in classical Pentecostal and Charismatic churches for thirty-five years, all my adult life. After seventeen years of teaching theological students in South Africa, I have taught postgraduate and undergraduate theological students at the University of Birmingham for the past eight years and have supervised over thirty doctoral and masters research students from half as many nations studying different aspects of Pentecostalism in different parts of the world. I am indebted to the stimulating interactions with these co-learners, from whom I have gained much. I have travelled and observed Pentecostalism in four continents and these experiences, together with my experiences as a Pentecostal and Charismatic minister, will be reflected in this study. In addition, academic studies, archival material and
early Pentecostal publications and popular literature are all used to illustrate that from its beginning, Pentecostalism has consisted of a variety of local movements with particular contextual responses to imported forms of Christianity. This study approaches Pentecostalism from two main perspectives. First it places the movements within their historical contexts; and second, it does this by drawing out their theological emphases as they developed.