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## *Preface*

This study introduces the reader to the history, theology and social scientific issues relating to Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity, and its origins, development and significance throughout the world. In the new edition I hope to have corrected some of the shortcomings of the original book, but more specifically, to become more analytical and address challenges of normative theological writing and historical description. This edition follows the general format of the previous one, but with significant changes, including completely reorganized and expanded chapters. One chapter has been removed and another expanded into two chapters in order to give more space for discussion of important social and political issues. The book discusses 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 issues that helped a distinctive spirituality to emerge and to create a new reformation and renewal of the church. It also shows how this emerging spirituality related to peoples and 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 Pentecostalism.

I write as a critical insider, having had my own Pentecostal experience in 1968. I was a minister in South Africa for twenty-three years in Pentecostal and Charismatic churches, a theological educator for much of that time and involved in these churches for most of my adult life. After seventeen years teaching theological students in South Africa, for almost two decades I have taught postgraduate and undergraduate theological students at the University of Birmingham, where I have supervised over fifty doctoral and masters research students from many nations studying

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different aspects of Pentecostalism in different parts of the world. Much has changed in my thinking since the first edition. I have travelled to and observed Pentecostalism widely in all continents but Australia – and these experiences are all part of the mix. In addition, academic studies, archival material and early publications and popular literature are 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. I approach this study from two main perspectives: firstly by placing Pentecostalism in its historical context, and then an analysis is made by drawing out the developing theological and socio-religious characteristics. It is my hope that this new edition will continue to reflect the dynamism of a series of movements that have been part of the transformation of world Christianity, and that it will help the reader understand this particular form of Christianity better.

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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)
<i>AJPS</i>	<i>Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies</i>
BFC	Brazil for Christ
CAC	Christ Apostolic Church (Nigeria)
CBN	Christian Broadcasting Network
CC	Christian Congregation in Brazil
CCR	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
CG	Church of God (Cleveland, TN)
CGP	Church of God of Prophecy (USA)
CMA	Christian and Missionary Alliance
CMS	Church Missionary Society (Anglican)
COGIC	Church of God in Christ (USA)
COP	Church of Pentecost (Ghana)
CPM	Ceylon Pentecostal Mission (South Asia)
<i>DPCM</i>	Burgess and van der Maas (eds.), <i>New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements</i>
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EPC	Evangelical Pentecostal Church (Chile)
FC	Foursquare Church (USA)
FGB	Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International
GloPent	European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism
IMC	International Missionary Council
IPC	Indian Pentecostal Church of God

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*List of abbreviations*

IPHC	International Pentecostal Holiness Church (USA)
<i>IRM</i>	<i>International Review of Mission</i>
<i>JEPTA</i>	<i>Journal of the European Pentecostal Theological Association</i>
<i>JPT</i>	<i>Journal of Pentecostal Theology</i>
KAG	Korean Assemblies of God
MPC	Methodist Pentecostal Church (Chile)
NAE	National Association of Evangelicals (USA)
NGO	non-governmental organization
PAOC	Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
PAW	Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (USA)
PCI	Pentecostal Church of Indonesia
PHC	Pentecostal Holiness Church (USA)
PMU	Pentecostal Missionary Union (UK)
<i>Pneuma</i>	<i>Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies</i>
SPS	Society for Pentecostal Studies
TBN	Trinity Broadcasting Network
TJC	True Jesus Church (China)
TSPM	Three Self Patriotic Movement (China)
UCKG	Universal Church of the Kingdom of God (Brazil)
UPC	United Pentecostal Church (USA)
WCC	World Council of Churches
YFGC	Yoido Full Gospel Church (Korea)
ZCC	Zion Christian Church (South Africa)