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Evaluation Criteria:

Please give each evaluation item a numeric rating on a 5-point scale, along with an explanation for each point rating.

<i>Questions</i>	<i>Rating Result</i> [Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]
1. The title is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.	5
<i>(a brief explanation is recommendable)</i>	
2. The abstract clearly presents objects, methods and results.	4
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3. There are grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.	2
The author must check to correct some typos.	
4. The study methods are explained clearly.	4
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6. The conclusions or summary are accurate and supported by the content.	5
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Overall Recommendation (mark an X with your recommendation) :

Accepted, no revision needed	
Accepted, minor revisions needed	
Return for major revision and resubmission	X
Reject	

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

The article looks more like the enunciation of a political-religious program than a scientific analysis. However, the author's effort is equally valuable, since it raises some crucial problems of the African continent. The article needs some insights, if the author believes he can intervene, which I indicate below:

The author should clarify some important things in his article: at what point are the Bible translations in local languages? In how many languages should the Bible be translated? Is it correct to talk about a monolithic African culture or would it be better to recognize the existence of different local cultural traditions? Homogenization is a consequence of colonialism. How to reconcile the adoption of the Bible in the life of a Christian and the right to remain in one's own cultural tradition? Even religion is culture, is not it? The Bible speaks a universal language and the gospel can certainly comfort men by helping them to understand, accept and overcome evil in a perspective of salvation. So not only is poverty bad, but also sin, greed, the arrogance of rulers, sickness, death. Not all evils are the consequence of poverty. Saint Francis created a community of absolute poor, who use the things they need without possessing them. The theology of liberation from poverty teaches that every Christian has the right to be freed from poverty: it is necessary to specify: from poverty imposed by violence, arbitrariness, oppression. But the Christian acts only with meekness and peacefully. Before tearing apart the material chains, the Christian is concerned with purifying, elevating the minds and hearts of all men. By transforming the individual, social change and progress can also be achieved.

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