

History and Mythology: The Social Significance of the Mystery Bible in Araya

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ABSTRACT The focus of this study is the story of the strange Bible that was found in the bush of Araya in the Niger Delta. The study raises fundamental questions on the reality of a Bible discovered in the bush. Hence, it is intended to critically evaluate the story of the strange Bible with the view of reducing the awe and mysticism surrounding the narrative. In its conclusion, the study shows that the story was a real event, which took place in Araya and had significant impact on the people. In traditional Isoko society, mythology is the means of transmitting information and events. Real events of history are therefore described in symbolic and supernatural terms.