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Jamir's "Racism, the thorn in the humanity's peaceful coexistence: With special reference to theological, tribal, gendered, and communication media perspectives" (book review)

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This book highlights a collection of papers presented at a two-day seminar held by the Clark Centre for Peace Research and Action (CCPRA) at Clark Theological College in November 2015. The theme of the conference and this volume revolves around the problem of racism in India, specifically within Northeast India. Not unlike events in the United States, the keynote address points out terrible instances of violence throughout the region that are rooted in racism. Each chapter, written by academic professors and faith leaders from India, focuses on a different aspect of racism. These topics include how racism is viewed within the biblical narrative, how racism seem to be absent from many Indian tribal customs and practices, how modern racism began with the African slave trade, and how racism has continued to develop in the North East region of India. The book concludes with a call to action and gives practical examples on how to live more inclusively in the world and also within faith communities.

While the content of this book is well-documented with footnotes throughout the text and endnotes at the end of each chapter, the volume lacks both an index and bibliography. The translation of the original papers into English makes the readability of the text difficult and hard to follow at times. In the United States, race and racism is on the minds of many scholars as they grapple with several violent protests and actions that have occurred over the past several months. A growing body of literature has been published in this area; however, this volume is unique in the fact that the book's intended audience is for people living in the region of Northeast India. This title would be useful for anyone studying racism around the globe, and/or racism found within the biblical narrative. It might also be helpful for seminary students planning to serve in India.

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