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Journal Name:	Journal of Education, Society and Behavioural Science
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JESBS_115123
Title of the Manuscript:	THE INTERFACE BETWEEN RELIGION AND FOOTBALL IN THE GHANAIAN EXPERIENCE
Type of the Article	

PART 1: Review Comments		
	Reviewer's Comments	Authors Comments (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)	The manuscript explores a unique and under-researched intersection of religion and sports within a specific cultural context, making it a significant contribution to both the fields of religious studies and sports sociology. By examining how religious beliefs and practices influence football in Ghana, it adds to the broader discourse on the role of religion in everyday life and public spheres, providing valuable insights for academics, policymakers, and practitioners interested in the sociocultural dimensions of sports.	
2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title aptly reflects the manuscript's focus on the intertwined relationship between religion and football in Ghana. It is specific, informative, and captures the essence of the study. Therefore, I find the title suitable and see no need for an alternative.	
3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?	The abstract provides a concise overview of the study's purpose, methodology, and key findings, effectively summarizing the substantial role of religion in Ghanaian football. It highlights the multifaceted benefits of religious practices while acknowledging that football success also relies on training, discipline, and commitment. The abstract is comprehensive, setting clear expectations for the reader about the study's scope and conclusions.	
4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The manuscript is well-structured, with clear subsections that logically progress from an introduction of concepts to an in-depth analysis of the relationship and interface between religion and football, followed by the role of religion in Ghanaian football, and concluding with implications for the future. This organization facilitates understanding and draws attention to the study's multifaceted approach, combining qualitative data with theoretical analysis.	
5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?	The manuscript appears to be scientifically correct, relying on a qualitative methodology that includes interviews, literature review, and analysis of secondary data to build its arguments. The use of diverse sources and firsthand accounts from football participants adds credibility and depth to the findings. However, the document does not mention a peer review or critical evaluation by experts in the field, which would further validate its scientific rigor.	
6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u>	The references include a mix of published works, dissertations, and interviews conducted specifically for this study, providing a solid foundation for its claims. While the references are sufficiently recent and relevant to the study's focus, additional sources comparing religious practices in sports across different cultures could enrich the analysis. Incorporating comparative studies could help contextualize the Ghanaian experience within a global framework.	

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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The manuscript's language is clear, formal, and suitable for scholarly communication. It adheres to academic standards, making complex concepts accessible without oversimplification. The professional tone and use of discipline-specific terminology enhance its scholarly value.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The manuscript titled "The Interface Between Religion and Football in the Ghanaian Experience" is a significant scholarly contribution that investigates the intricate relationship between religious practices and football in Ghana. It employs a qualitative methodology, utilizing interviews, literature reviews, and analysis of secondary data to explore how religion influences football in the region. The study finds that religious rituals play a crucial role in Ghanaian football, providing spiritual and psychological support, promoting unity and discipline, and offering assurance and hope to players and fans alike. However, it also acknowledges the multifaceted nature of football success, emphasizing the importance of training, discipline, and commitment alongside religious practices.</p> <p>The manuscript is well-structured, progressing logically from introducing the subject to detailed analysis and conclusions, making it accessible and informative. While the references are recent and relevant, suggesting a solid foundation for the study's claims, the inclusion of comparative studies could enhance its depth and global relevance. The language is clear and suitable for an academic audience, effectively communicating complex concepts.</p> <p>Overall, this manuscript offers valuable insights into the sociocultural dimensions of sports, particularly the profound impact of religion on football in Ghana. It highlights the need for further research in similar intersections across different cultures and suggests that future studies could benefit from a broader comparative perspective and peer review to strengthen its scientific rigor.</p> <p>Based on the comprehensive review of the manuscript "The Interface Between Religion and Football in the Ghanaian Experience," here are the marks out of 10 for each evaluated category:</p> <p>Importance for the Scientific Community:</p> <p>The manuscript addresses a unique and insightful topic that contributes to the fields of sports sociology and religious studies, although its niche focus may limit its applicability across broader disciplines.</p> <p>Title Suitability:</p> <p>The title is aptly chosen, accurately reflecting the manuscript's content and focus.</p> <p>Abstract Comprehensiveness:</p> <p>The abstract successfully summarizes the study's aims, methods, and key findings, offering a clear overview of the manuscript's content.</p> <p>Manuscript Structure and Subsections:</p> <p>The manuscript is well-organized with logical structuring and clear subsections that facilitate an understanding of the research and its implications.</p> <p>Scientific Correctness:</p> <p>The research appears scientifically sound and methodologically robust, although the document does not mention peer review, which could further validate its findings.</p> <p>References Sufficiency and Recency:</p> <p>The manuscript employs a relevant and recent set of references but could be enhanced by a</p>	

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	<p>broader range of sources, including comparative studies for global contextualization.</p> <p>Language/English Quality:</p> <p>The language is clear, formal, and suitable for scholarly communication, effectively conveying complex ideas to an academic audience.</p> <p>General Comments and Overall Evaluation:</p> <p>The manuscript is a valuable addition to its field, offering nuanced insights into the role of religion in Ghanaian football. Future research directions and a broader theoretical perspective could enrich its contributions to academic discourse.</p>	
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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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