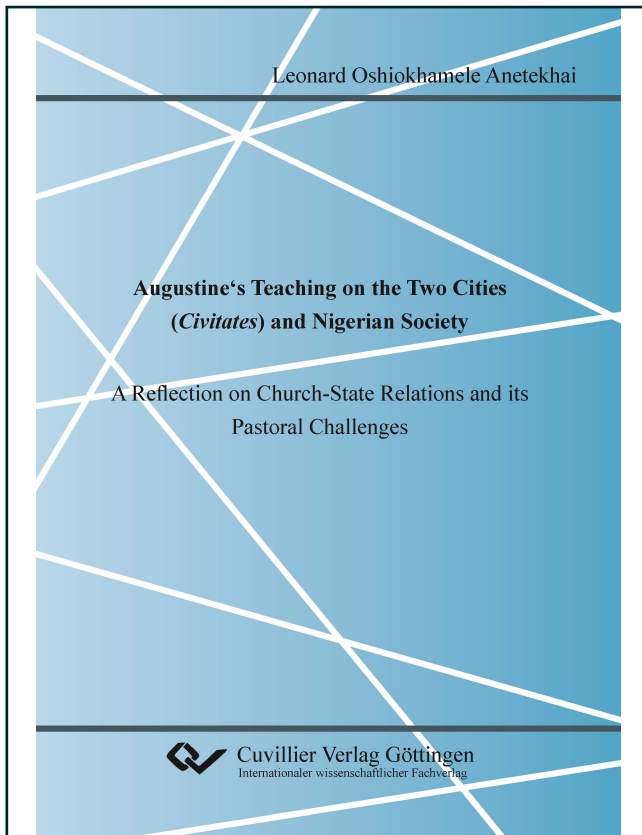




Leonard Oshiokhamele Anetekhai (Autor)
**Augustine's Teaching on the Two Cities (Civitates)
and Nigerian Society**
A Reflection on Church-State Relations and its Pastoral
Challenges



<https://cuvillier.de/de/shop/publications/8300>

Copyright:
Cuvillier Verlag, Inhaberin Annette Jentzsch-Cuvillier, Nonnenstieg 8, 37075 Göttingen,
Germany
Telefon: +49 (0)551 54724-0, E-Mail: info@cuvillier.de, Website: <https://cuvillier.de>

Contents

Dedication	i
Acknowledgement	iii
Contents	iv
Prologue	1
1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION	11
1.1 Statement of Problem	11
1.2 Aims and Relevance of the Study	14
1.3 Scope of Research	15
1.4 The Methodology of the Study	15
1.5 Clarification of Concepts	17
1.5.1 <i>The Church</i>	17
1.5.2 <i>The State</i>	21
1.5.3 <i>The Fusion of Church and State</i>	22
PART ONE	29
2. AUGUSTINE AND COMPONENTS OF HIS TEACHINGS	29
2.1 A Concise Chronicle of Augustine	29
2.2 Components of Augustine's Teachings	32
2.2.1 <i>North Africa: His Birthplace</i>	33
2.2.2 <i>Augustine and Manichaeism</i>	35
2.2.3 <i>Augustine and the Influence of Neo-Platonism</i>	40
2.2.4 <i>Augustine and the Influence of Early Christian Writers</i>	42
2.2.5 <i>Augustine and Donatism</i>	45
2.2.6 <i>Augustine and the Politico-Religious Outlook in North Africa</i>	47
2.3 Summary	50
3. AUGUSTINE'S TEACHING ON THE TWO CITIES	53
3.1 City of God: A Synthesis	55
3.2 Augustine's Idea and origin of the Two <i>Civitates</i>	67

3.3	The Meaning of the Two <i>Civitates</i>	75
3.4	The Features of the Two <i>Civitates</i>	80
3.5	The Church – ' <i>Civitas Dei</i> ' and its Theological Reflection	82
3.6	The State – ' <i>Civitas terrena</i> ' and its Social and Political Reflection	86
3.7	Objectives of Augustine's Theological, Social and Political Reflections	94
3.7.1	<i>Objectives of Justice, Common Good (Commonwealth), and its fruit Peace</i>	94
3.7.2	<i>Objective of Love</i>	101
3.7.3	<i>Objectives of Faith and Social Responsibility</i>	105
3.8	Summary	114

PART TWO **117**

4. THE ENTITY CALLED NIGERIA **117**

4.1	A Synopsis of Nigeria's History	117
4.1.1	<i>Political System (of Government) in Nigeria</i>	120
4.1.2	<i>The Nigeria Civil Crisis (War)</i>	122
4.2	Nigeria: A Blessed Nation	125
4.2.1	<i>The Political Situation</i>	125
4.2.2	<i>Economic 'Status quo'</i>	126
4.2.3	<i>Religious Situation</i>	128
4.3	Today's Reality confronting Nigeria and Nigerians	130
4.4	Summary	131

5. THE CHURCH IN NIGERIA **133**

5.1	A Brief Historical Survey	133
5.1.1	<i>The Church in the Southern Region</i>	134
5.1.2	<i>The Church in the Western Region</i>	135
5.1.3	<i>The Church in the Eastern Region</i>	137
5.1.4	<i>The Church in the Northern Region</i>	138
5.2	The Impact of the Church's Missionary activities in Nigeria	139
5.2.1	<i>Education and Nation Building</i>	140
5.3	The Impact of the Civil Crisis on the Church in Nigeria	143
5.4	Summary	145

6. CHURCH, STATE AND THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY **147**

6.1	Religion in Nigeria	148
6.1.1	<i>Religion and Politics in Nigeria</i>	149
6.1.2	<i>The Role of Religion and Politics in Nigeria</i>	152
6.2	Church and State Relations in Nigeria	155
6.2.1	<i>The Question of Separation of Church and State in Nigeria</i>	157
6.3	Religions and the Rule of Law	158
6.4	Summary	160

PART THREE	161
7. THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE VIS-À-VIS HER SENTINEL TASK TOWARD THE FAITHFUL	161
7.1 The Essential Nature and Task of the Church	163
7.2 Church Fathers' response in the Task of Church and State	166
7.2.1 <i>Dignitatis Humanae</i>	167
7.2.2 <i>Gaudium et Spes</i>	170
7.3 Nigerian Bishops' response in the Task of Church and State	174
7.4 The Basic teachings of the Church as concerns Church and State cooperation	182
7.4.1 <i>Respect for life and Human Dignity</i>	183
7.4.2 <i>Respect for Creation and Creatures</i>	185
7.5 The Church as a 'Sign of Hope' and 'Community of Love'	188
7.6 Summary	192
8. UNDERSTANDING AUGUSTINE'S TEACHINGS VIS-À-VIS THE NIGERIAN SITUATION AND PASTORAL CHALLENGES	195
8.1 Faith and Civil/Political Responsibility	197
8.1.1 <i>Christianity and Citizenship</i>	202
8.1.2 <i>Church and Civic Authorities</i>	207
8.2 The Concept of Common Good (Commonwealth) and Social (Civic) Realities	211
8.2.1 <i>Common Good (Commonwealth) as the Leeway to Good Governance</i>	216
8.2.2 <i>Love 'Caritas' as the Focal Point of Common Good and Respect for Human Right</i>	222
8.3 The Question of Justice and Social Existence	229
8.4 Summary	232
Epilogue Augustine: A Prophetic Voice	235
Abbreviations	247
Bibliography	249