created, or justifying their punishment through their coercion of those dissident African Christians. All of these writers represented themselves as participants in a continuous history of African Christianity stretching back into the distant past. In so doing, they perpetuated a conflict—and heretical opponents—more familiar to themselves and to their imagined audiences.

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