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Supreme perils and ruptures always call for grand reconstructions of meaning and order. How does one conceive new models of human coexistence in the African Great Lakes Region? Is it necessary to talk about reconstruction or of reorganization? Which resources should be mobilized? What to make of the millions of deaths whose origins are political in nature? These are questions that the book presents. Political engineering and neoliberal humanitarianism have shown their incapacity to promote an African recovery project. Unlike the technical issues presented, religious traditions symbolize powerful forces that can vanquish efforts of mass-violence and their goals of disintegration. Rather, these religious traditions serve to reunite the broken man with himself, with others, and with the cosmos. What are the conditions that Christianity must fulfill in order to play a driving force in the political reimagination of Africa and to institute

a new social mindset, that of the *sacralité* of life? The interdisciplinary approach of the author, who plunges in the human drama of the region of the African Great Lakes, introduces a discourse concerning the ethical, theological, political, and philosophical practices that are capable of permitting a communal lifting of the esteem of humanity.