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John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*, a key text of the evangelical Protestant missionary movement, was translated and consequently influenced African Christian intellectual traditions. This article examines one aspect of this influence. Bunyan's portrayal of literacy in *The Pilgrim's Progress* became a site around which African reworkings of the text in the post-colonial generation. Literate, literacy is a source of spiritual authority but also a source of powerlessness as documents are used by African Christians. African Christians likewise experienced literacy as a source of power and powerlessness. This contradiction often produces a 'magical literacy' in which believers magically gain the ability to read through spiritual gifts rather than via mission or colonialism.

Documents also gain talismanic or 'fetish-like' properties, a view not far removed from evangelical theories of text with extraordinary capacities.



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