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We are pleased to invite you to contribute to a Special Issue which will acknowledge the often marginalized African contributions to Christian theology, from its emergence to the present day. This Special Issue aims to redress the balance. The role of African writers and thinkers in theology needs to be recognised both historically and in contemporary theology. Thomas C. Oden's How Africa Shaped the Christian Mind (Downers Grove, II: IVP, 2007) offered a wake-up call to the recovery of such historial contributions, noting the significance of thinkers from both Alexandria and other North African contexts in the patristic period. In the contemporary period, inequalities in the global structuring of theology, such as access to resources, international conferences, consultations, and publishing opportunities, contribute to what Knut Holter, talking of his own discipline of Old Testament Studies, once identified as an "uneven playing field", in which African scholarship is effectively playing upfield and into the wind.

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