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The Alliance for Vulnerable Mission encourages some missionaries from the West to engage in their ministries using local languages and resources.

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- **‘Intellectual sovereignty – Shifting the centre of gravity’** is the name of this article in University World News by Kwesi Kwaa Prah in South Africa. Prah insists that a genuine sovereignty in Africa must include having academia use African languages. See here for details: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20170321092208711>
- Jim Harries has had an article of his published, entitled **‘Faith in Christ the Way Forward in African Development’**. It has been published by the *Association of Christian Economists (UK)*, here: <http://www.christian-economists.org.uk/publications.html> The same article is under consideration for publication by the sister organisation in the USA. “Outside of specifically ecclesial circles, the history of Western civilization can be [wrongly] presented as if it is an outcome of the thoughts of rational beings who somehow escaped irrational strictures of pre-logical faith” says Jim in this article.

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- **Cultural Linguistics**



The April edition of the AVM Bulletin included a book review of a book by **Farzad Sharifian**, Professor of Cultural Linguistics at Monash University in Australia. Sharifian has articulated the, often hidden, underlying cause for a lot of what we are doing in the AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission). His work is worth more than a read!

See this book, **Advances in Cultural Linguistics**, in its pre-published form, [here](#) (over 10MB).

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- **‘The One-storey Universe’** is the focus of the first podcasts made by Father Freeman here. Father Freeman thus points to the problematic of the current dualistic scenario of the dominant churches in the USA. Although Fa Stephen presents this as a way of promoting Orthodoxy, he at the same time succeeds in unravelling many of the issues that continue to best the Western church. He thus effectively gives an inroad into understanding people who DO live in a one storey-universe, which is pretty much everyone outside of the West. Go to the EARLIEST of these podcasts:

<http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/freeman>



- **Is English Language a Trojan Horse (for India)?** Mangalwadi, author of *The Book that Made your world (referring to the bible)*, here discusses the merits or otherwise of the ongoing use of English in India. He concludes that English remains an important language for India, because materials available in English should be translated into Indian



languages. Mangalwadi is very open about the need for India, in order to ‘develop’, to adopt Biblical belief: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bny7tEZeBIQ>

- This blog by Jim Harries was posted on the global connections (UK) mission webspace:



<http://www.gc-connect.org.uk/pt-2-the-missionary-and-collateral-witchcraft-and-leading-by-example/#more-713> Jim concludes this blog by suggesting that: “The use of ‘collateral’ to protect yourself from witchcraft accusation makes the spread of the Gospel dependent on foreign resources. Indigenisation of the church is thus prevented.

Perhaps use of collateral, that postpones opposition, is not helpful? Better be accused of being a witch? Better to set an example that can be imitated by the poor?”

- **World Mission Associates** (wmausa.org) is a sister-organisation to the AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission). They produce some excellent output, including various blogs by Jean Johnson. Click on any of the links below:

[Believe Jesus is worthwhile ...](#)
[Better to give up than to give to ...](#)
[Day one affects day 100...](#)
[100 habitudes](#)
[Restaurant guy or food-truck guy](#)
[Jesus' orthopraxy](#)
[How Jesus' talks affect missions](#)
[Welcoming the refugee](#)
[Western mission has stolen ...](#)



- **So you want to change the world? Can you make this one sacrifice?** Asks Craig Greenfield in [this](#) blog.



- This is the most common temptation in doing good. 4 reasons you must resist, is the title of another blog by Craig, found [here](#):

- PhD written in South African isiXhosa hailed as milestone, see [here](#).



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Speakers to include: Jean Johnson, Director, World Mission Associates.
 Dr. Stan Nussbaum, Global Mapping International.
 Rev. Canon Dr. John Macdonald, Trinity School for Ministry, PA.
 Dr. Jim Harries, Chair, Alliance for Vulnerable Mission.
 Fred and Carol Lewis, Worldview, Portland, OR.
 and other speakers ...



'Emphasising the use of indigenous languages and resources as the norm for some intercultural workers.'
 We are looking for presenters of papers in other languages: Korean, Swahili, Spanish ...

Queries to: allyson@vulnerablemission.org or jmacdonald@tsm.edu (Details may still change. Registration to open 1st March 2017.)

