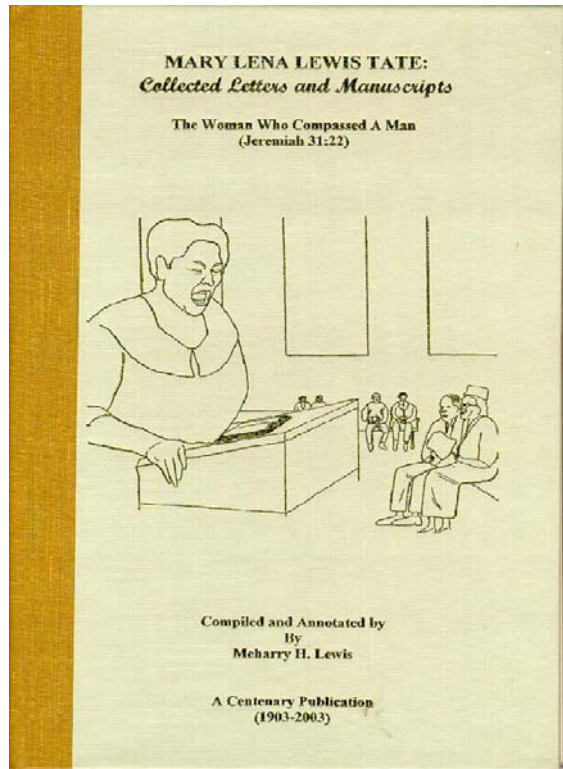


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## BOOK REVIEW

**Title:** *Mary Lena Lewis Tate: Collected Letters and Manuscripts*

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This book documents for some and introduces to others, the *Writings* of the first woman known to found an internationally recognized religious organization and be elevated to the bishopric.

Mary Lena Lewis Tate (1871-1930) is the Founder and First Chief Overseer of the international religious organization, *The Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth, Inc.* (1903). She is recognized as the first Afro-American matriarch to found an international religious organization; and perhaps the second female to head such an organization in the United States. The book contains a total of fourteen published and unpublished documents including Tate's founding document, the *Constitution, Government and General Decree Book* (1924 Edition). The small volume (232 pages) is catalogued under such sought-after titles as, Holiness preachers, Holiness Faith and Doctrine, Pentecostal preachers, women preachers, female clergy, Afro-American leaders, church leaders, and a myriad of other cogent titles and subject headings

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