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“This is a superb presentation of a philosopher, Paulin Hountondji, and a philosophy that have exercised the greatest influence on African Humanities and Social Sciences. Hountondji’s thought is indeed a trans-cultural philosophy as he insists that philosophy is never the simple emanation of a culture or a language but a critical, questioning, pluralistic, way of aiming at the universal. Simply said, Paulin Hountondji’s trans-cultural philosophy is an important answer to the ethno-nationalisms and the tribalisms that are fragmenting today our world and our common humanity that we urgently need to hear.”

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“Paulin J. Hountondji is a colossal figure in the field of African philosophy and yet there is hardly any definitive study (at least, in English) of his work. This book fills an obvious lacuna and firmly places Hountondji within a universal frame of reference.”

—Dr. Sanya Osha, *author of Postethnophilosophy*

“It is a profound introduction into African Philosophy which strengthens transculturally oriented philosophy.”

—Lachhab Mohamed, *Professor in the Department of Philosophy,
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