CONTENTS

page 1 Foreword by Dorothy Emmett

page 5

Introduction

- 1. The Disrepute of African Philosophy 2. Methodologies for African Philosophy
- 3. Translating Abstract Ideas and Translation Indeterminacy 4. Before We Begin

page 15 CHAPTER ONE

Indeterminacy and the Translation of Alien Behaviour

1. Introduction 2. Underdetermination of Theory: the Relationship Between Observation Sentences and Standing Sentences 3. The Indeterminacies of Alien Behaviour 4. Zande Indeterminacies 5. Introduction to an Experiment in Translation

page 40 CHAPTER TWO

An African Epistemology: The Knowledge-Belief Distinction and Yoruba Thought

1. Introduction 2. Quine on Indeterminacy of Universal Propositional Attitudes 3. To 'Know' in English Language Discourse and Philosophy 4. To 'Believe' in English Language Discourse and Philosophy 5. Relations and Comparisons Between 'Knowledge' and 'Belief' 6. The Onisegun Explain 'Mò' in Yoruba-Language Discourse and Thought 7. The Onisegun Explain 'Gbagbó' in Yoruba-Language Discourse and Thought 8. Relations and Comparisons Between 'Mo' and 'Gbagbo' 9. Comparisons of the 'Knowledge'-'Belief' Distinction with the 'Mò'-'Gbàgbó' Distinction 10. Final Comments on the Translational Indeterminacy of Propositional Attitudes 11. Conclusion

page 86

CHAPTER THREE The Secrecy of the 'Àjé'

1. Introduction 2. Analyses of Western Witchcraft 3. Analyses of African Witchcraft 4. Using African Witchcraft to Understand Western Witchcraft 5. Universals and Cross-Cultural Analyses 6. The Ajé in Yoruba Society 7. Is the Ajé a Witch? 8. Ajé as a Personality-Type 9. The Myth of Universal Theories

> page 119 Conclusion

126 Appendix 131 Bibliography

136 Index