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[Ethiopic illustrated prayer scrolls in
the Ge'ez language, circa 1900?]

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Libraries
Title:	[Ethiopic illustrated prayer scrolls in the Ge'ez language]
Date:	circa 1900?
Identifier:	SIL-DL.MSS001748B
Extent:	2 Volumes (ill. ;; 11 cm.)
Language:	Geez .

General

Title devised by cataloger.

General

Two scrolls, each handwritten on vellum in heavy black characters, with some rubrication. The vellum leaves of each scroll are sewn together with leather strips.

General

For collection management purposes, each scroll has been arbitrarily assigned a volume number and barcode. The unrolled length of one scroll is 155 cm. (designated as v. 1; bc no. 39088009319740); the unrolled length of the other scroll is 193 cm. (designated as v. 2; bc no. 39088012158044).

General

Date and exact place of the scrolls' creation are undetermined. Probably produced in Ethiopia during the late 19th or early 20th century?

General

With hand-drawn illustrations (faces, people, crosses) and decorations, in red and black inks.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Art, Ethiopian -- Themes, motives

Christian art and symbolism -- Ethiopia
Ethiopic language -- Texts
Manuscripts, Ethiopic -- Specimens

Names:

Ya'ityopyā 'ortodoks tawāhedo béta kerestiyān -- Prayers and devotions--Ethiopic