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The goal of this work is to analyse changes and their processes in Ethiopian society and culture of twentieth century. The first part deals with theoretical grasping of the category of change and its conception in sociology and anthropology. The second part outlines the general history of the twentieth century in Ethiopia, with emphasis on political course of events, which by its different attitudes and strategies toward selected areas to a large extent determined their form in corresponding periods. The first area is education and the second is religion, both subsections containing a summary. The third section synthesizes theoretical approaches of socio-cultural change from the first part of the paper peripherally and implies a possible alternative interpretation of real events by theoretical concepts.