

THE RELIGION OF RACISM

Only believing in white evil can save you now.

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Obama once called slavery, "America's original sin". Jim Wallis, a member of Obama's White House Faith Council, has a book out titled, "America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege".

Accusations of sinfulness usually tell us more about the values of the accuser than the accused.

If racism is America's original sin, then its redemption lies in anti-racism. For liberal theologians, Christian and Jewish, who no longer believe in the traditional biblical sins, racism is a godsend. It provides the moral drama of damnation and redemption, confession and absolution, in a way that is compatible with the larger secular culture and their own political ambitions.

Fighting racism isn't just a cause, it's a religion. And all that remains of major religious denominations.

The most resonantly dramatic events for Christian and Jewish liberal denominations remain the fight against slavery and the struggles of the civil rights movement. They revisit and recreate them ceaselessly. And each protest movement, whether it's Muslim migrants at airports, illegal aliens from El Salvador at the border or Black Lives Matter racists at coffee shops, is a religious revival experience.

The trouble is that the hunt for this particular sin has come to pervade our legal system, taint workplaces, terrorize campuses and unleash social media mobs on random offenders. We are not in a libertine age just because sexual morality is as dead as disco and drugs are on the verge of being legalized. The sins of traditional morality have been replaced by an even more ruthless moral code.

Employees, employers, students and businessmen still fear being fired, expelled and hounded out of society for offending the sensibilities of a fanatical sect and its zealous enforcers. They hide behind hypocrisy, denouncing others while living in terror that their own private offenses will be outed.

A drunken tweet, an indiscreet joke or a mere implication can end even the most respected career.

The religion of racism has become a twisted creed that has perverted its own origins. What began as a unitary effort to bring together different races around religion has instead become a cult that uses its beliefs to divide us with white people as perpetual sinners and black people as unstained saints.

Its fetishization of black victimhood is bad for black people and its conviction that white people are inherently sinful is bad for everyone. As real racism has diminished, its conviction in the ubiquity of this particular sin has not. Fighting the overt discrimination of segregation turned into hunting for

covert bigotry by working backward through disparate impact creating a guilt through lack of association.

If black people weren't visiting national parks or living in sufficient numbers in Utah, it was evidence that national parks and Utah were racist. Racism was no longer something to be discovered by witnessing its presence, but by noting the absence of some ideal multicultural diversity statistic. Civil rights shifted from lifting state sanctions that mandated discrimination against black people to imposing state sanctions that mandated discrimination on behalf of black people. Like the segregationists, they were abusing government power to impose the version of the ideal racial balance that they wanted to see.

The absence of the realization of this vision became its own evidence of racial sinfulness.

One fundamental difference between a free society and an oppressive society is that the former punishes bad behavior while the latter punishes the absence of good behavior. A free society, such as America, punishes theft. An oppressive society, such as the Soviet Union, punished the failure to work.

When civil rights shifted from punishing mandatory segregation to punishing the lack of integration, it ceased to be a movement pursuing freedom and instead became a totalitarian movement.

Racism diminished, but the religious, emotional and financial need for its existence on the part of the religion of racism did not. Their mission became manufacturing racism. The most mundane interactions were reinterpreted through the discriminating eye of the microaggression. Otherwise neutral institutions were accused of pervasive whiteness. Racism ceased to be an observable interaction between individuals and became the unseen gluonic binding block of all social matter in America.

The religion of racism had reached its logical conclusion. It was no longer the absence of black people, but the presence of white people that was racist. Racism was America's original sin. White people carried it everywhere with them like radiation. To be white was to have your body and your mind, your thoughts, your writings and even the inanimate objects around you be infected by racial radioactivity.

Racism was no longer an objectively measurable phenomenon. It had taken on all the characteristics of metaphysics. It was everywhere and yet undetectable. It was transmitted by the immutable nature of race, a phenomenon that was paradoxically a construct and yet inflexibly inescapable.

Every tragedy, grievance and outrage was ultimately attributed to this primal evil and original sin.

Political opposition to Obama, poor water management decisions, infant mortality rates, environmental shifts, the vagaries of entertainment industry casting, gun violence and a thousand others could be put down to racism. The religion of racism, like all religion, had found something that explained everything.

To understand America, all you had to do was understand racism. And then you would know that we were a country perpetually divided between privileged white people and powerless minorities.

Implicit bias is the final catechism of a faith in racism. It is a pseudo-religious ritual whose purpose is to force its victims to confess their sins and assert its doctrinal belief in the innate racism of white people. Like all cults, it does this through the familiar brainwashing process of challenging and breaking down identity, through twisted reasoning and emotional abuse, and then reconstructing it in its own image.

To its believers, implicit bias is the truth that we are all racist. But that we can be saved from our racism by confessing it. Activism is penance. Denounce others and you too can make it to multicultural heaven.

The religion of racism has the right to believe in its hateful creed. What it does not have the right to do is enforce it on others. And yet the left has made a mockery of the separation of church and state by making its own secular religion, obsessed with planetary and racial damnation, into a national creed.

And, like all efforts at imposing a religion, it has led to a religious war which some call a culture war.

The religion of racism is less concerned with actual racists, than with racial unbelievers. The ultimate heresy, the one it's rooting out with implicit bias and extreme prejudice, is that racism isn't everywhere. And it's not a burning national crisis that requires handing out unlimited witch hunting powers.

The theocrats of social justice prefer opposing views to skepticism. The existence of racists reaffirms their belief in the defining power of racism. It's the skeptics of racism who are the real threat.

If you don't believe that racism is significant, you challenge their entire reason for being.

And the religion of racism meets these challenges by manufacturing a racial crisis as it strings together anecdotal incidents from a Waffle House to a New York City apartment to a student dorm to a coffee shop, to support its unified field theory of universal bigotry and suppress skepticism about its powers.

The puritanical panic has less to do with fear of racism than the emotional needs of the witch hunters. Informing on your neighbors, denouncing fellow students and becoming the center of attention is

emotionally fulfilling for the same psychological reasons that it was for the Salem accusers, the Parisian mobs of the French Revolution and the rampaging Communist students of the Cultural Revolution.

But beyond the twisted psychology of the activist accusers, the judges of kangaroo courts and the town criers of the media eager for scalps, the human sacrifice of the purge releases social tensions. This was the social function of human sacrifice. The shocking spectacle of bloodletting, the mob psychology and adrenaline release, relieved the fears and anxieties bedeviling society and left them feeling cleansed.

The constant hunt for scapegoats is a feature of an anxious society fearful for the future. Social justice scapegoating gives a generation on the edge of history a temporary sense of control by abusing others.

The left likes to believe that it's a positive movement, defined by its utopian aspirations, not its brutal tactics. But it is a movement built on fear and hate, on a historical inevitability that is premised not on human progress, but on human collapse, on inescapable problems and necessarily ruthless solutions.

The religion of racism isn't unique to America. But there is something special about it in this country. It stinks of the soured beliefs of liberal religious denominations, their loss of faith in God and man, and their growing conviction that salvation lies only in wielding the unlimited power of their governments.

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Comments:

- Slavery occurred in virtually every observed society in which it was viable, but Arabic world was the unequivocal leader in sheer volume of slaves captured and sold.
- Slavery thrived in Africa a thousand years before Europeans traded for African slaves.
- There were more Europeans enslaved by North Africans than there were Sub-Saharan Africans enslaved and sent to the Western hemisphere
- More Sub-Saharan Africans were sold to the Islamic world than to Europe and the Western Hemisphere combined.

The West did its share of evil, but it was also the only place where a significant movement arose to abolish slavery. If any civilization has a right to claim any moral high ground on this matter it is most certainly the one which almost single handedly fought to destroy it. Contrast that with slavery not only existing but thriving today in the Islamic and African worlds.

[ohio granny](#) Dan Develop • 5 days ago

The truth of this is something the race baiters will never admit. It is never taught that every race has been slaves at some point in time and that whites and blacks were slaves in this country or that the first slave owner in this country was black. Slavery is an abomination no matter what color the slave or the slave "owner".

[Coeurmaeghan](#) ohio granny • 5 days ago

In addition to your statement of 'It is never taught that every race has been slaves at some point in time' let me just add that the word 'slave' is derived from Slavic, a noticeably white population in eastern Europe.

[ignatz22](#) Coeurmaeghan • 4 days ago

Who were enslaved by the millions by the Muslim Turks!

[ShermanLogan](#) ohio granny • 5 days ago

It is probable that every person on earth is descended from both slaves and slaveowners. If you go back far enough, and especially if you're lenient on the definition of "slave."

- [truebearing](#) • 5 days ago

Brilliant illumination of the dark religion of leftism. It is a religion that practices human sacrifice, perhaps because it can't regress in any other way. The demon of power must be fed human bodies.

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The left hates competition, which is why it hates religion. It is competing for human souls, but definitely not to enlighten or save them. Leftism is misanthropic to the core. If Jews and Christians were all black, they would be the ones who the left would try to demonize, then force into atonement -- political submission. All of this nonsense about racism is nothing more than creating enough leverage to upend those the left has the most trouble confusing.

Why don't they see Islam as competition? Because Islam's telos is identical with the left's. Both are political religions that serve evil, with the destruction of mankind as the shared goal. But won't they destroy each other? Of course, but what does that matter when destruction of humanity is the ultimate goal? That is the evil genius of it.

- On a lighter note: A black kid asks his mother, "Mama, what's a Democracy?"
"Well, son, that's when white folks work everyday so we can get all our benefits, you knows, like free cell phones, rent subsidy, food stamps, welfare, school breakfasts and lunches, free healthcare, utility subsidy, and the list goes on and on, you knows."
"But mama, don't the white people get mad about all that?"
"Sure they do son, and that's called racism."

The first legal slave owner in America was black and he owned white slaves. Anthony Johnson owned 250 acres, and the services of four white and one black indentured servants. The black indentured servant John Casor demanded that Johnson release him after his seven years of indenture. The situation went to court. The courts ruled in favor of Anthony Johnson and declared John Casor his property in 1655. Casor became the first person of African descent in Britain's Thirteen Colonies to be declared as a slave for life as the result of Johnson's civil suit.