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The Religious Roots of Racism

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Jeremiah Camara is the creator of the popular YouTube video series Slave Sermons and the author of the books Holy Lockdown: Does the Church Limit Black Progress? and The New Doubting Thomas: The Bible, Black Folks, & Blind Belief.

Camara is also the director and producer of the film Contradiction: A Question of Faith that can be viewed in Amazon Prime Video.

Camara’s recent and upcoming movie is entitled Holy Hierarchy: The Religious Roots of Racism in America.

Camara earned domestic exposure as a frequent guest on the Michael Baisden Radio Show during the “Pimps in the Pulpit” section.

Camara continues to talk nationally and abroad about the adverse impacts of blind faith and the false components of religious belief and supernatural dependence.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, Camara was once a member of one of the largest African American churches in the city.

Baptized at an early age, Camara moved to Cleveland, Ohio, soon after high school, where he started his quest for a deeper understanding of Christianity.

While in Cleveland, Camara researched the Bible diligently and thought seriously about becoming a minister or at least living an active life in the church.

He attended church at least two or three times a week during his time in Cleveland.

Like many others, Camara felt that the Church could supply him with the substance he was missing in terms of life’s meaning and purpose, and the role that humans were “designed” to play.

In time, Camara started to question his lifelong dedication to the Church and to Christianity.

Camara began traveling and expose himself to many other world concepts and thoughts.

He also learned during his journeys that the Bible, Jesus, and many of the Christian stories and characters were clearly retelling pre-existing myths and legends.

Because the absence of “originality” within Christianity has been disclosed, Camara has studied even more, which, of course, resulted to more issues.

The variety of the globe and its kaleidoscopic array of infinite ideas and wisdom would not allow my spirit to be restricted solely to the language discovered within the church.

It also troubled me profoundly to witness Blacks praising so much, but generating so little, Camara claims.

Camara went back to church, but this time as an investigator. Visits to churches of different denominations brought to light a common thread connecting the vast majority.

Mostly, in his view, he preached a trike, anti-intellectual gospel of powerlessness that fostered supernatural dependence and produced a false reality.

Several years later, Camara experienced the same theological impotence as he relocated to Atlanta – despite the abundance of mega churches.

There, Camara discovered rapidly that the church was a big business. Camara said, “People in Atlanta would ask me what church I was attending before they asked me my name.”

Camara realized the time had come to write a book shedding light on the many psychologically crippling elements of church and Christian faith.

Faith is misleading because it leads individuals to think that prayer and blind faith are pragmatic and viable alternatives for achieving the required outcomes.
NOW is an especially good time to join the Freedom From Religion Foundation!

Their semi-annual convention, November 19-21 will be virtual and free to members.

FFRF is the largest atheist, freethought organization in the world and Lake Superior Freethinkers is a chapter of it. They do national legal and other actions that we as a local group can not do. Click on the link below to see the convention activities.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation is proud that more than 98 percent of its members are registered voters. Nevertheless, with an election year in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic, it is strongly advised that secular voters and prospective voters should make a voting plan now. Figure out when, where and how you will vote.

First, make sure you’re registered! Check out details on registering and voting at your local governmental websites or at rockthevote.org/how-to-vote/

If you’re concerned about risking your health by voting in person on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, here are other options:

Vote by mail
In a majority of states, you may vote by mail but must request a mailed ballot. Check out details at your local governmental websites or at rockthevote.org/how-to-vote/. Exceptions: You will automatically be sent a ballot by mail if you live in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Jersey, Vermont, Hawaii and District of Columbia. You must have an “excuse” to request an absentee ballot in: New York, Indiana, Tennessee, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana or Texas. (But don’t be discouraged. In many of these states, such as Texas, being 65 or older qualifies as an excuse.)

Make sure your vote gets counted
When you receive your absentee ballot, please fill it out and mail back as soon as you’re allowed to — and no later than eight days prior to the Nov. 3 election. Understandably concerned about current problems with the U.S. Postal Service? Find out if you live in a state that allows you to drop off your completed ballot at a designated site or early voting site.

Vote early to avoid crowds
Put on a mask and vote early in person. Most states provide walk-in and curbside options. Early voting should also ease lines on Election Day.

Let healthy colleagues know poll workers are needed
Please let healthy, low-risk colleagues or family members know that there is a shortage this year of poll workers, since many senior citizens who typically fill the ranks of poll workers are bowing out due to concerns about COVID-19 risks. Poll workers receive pay (with bonus pay in many states). Poll workers count mailed-in ballots as well as in-person ballots and help ensure that all votes count.