

DESIGNING A COURSE ON BLACKS IN THE BIBLE FROM AN EXISTENTIAL
PERSPECTIVE

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A COURSE DESIGNED ON THE TOPIC OF BLACKS IN THE BIBLE

Due to the racism that exploded in American culture in the 1960s, many brilliant African American men, though raised in Christian homes, culture, and schools, departed from the Faith and became converts and leaders in the nation of Islam. They called the pro-segregation Eurocentric brand of Christianity in the American south “a white man’s religion designed to keep the black man down.” This was the case of Malcolm Little who when he was six his father, a black Baptist preacher of the gospel, was lynched. He later departed from the Christian faith to Islam and became Malcolm X. This departure from the Faith to Islam was also the case of Bible Scripture quoting Louis Eugene Wolcott who after being raised Presbyterian converted to the Nation of Islam and his name is now Minister Louis Farrakhan. An African American named Cassius Clay was raised Baptist. When Malcolm X had him understand the “pernicious ways” White churches were preaching a brand of white primacy in the South, Mr. Clay converted to the Nation of Islam, and he is now known as Muhammad Ali. A basketball player named Lew Alcindor was seven foot two inches tall and he was raised in Catholic schools. After understanding Catholicism’s pro-slavery stance against Black people until Vatican II in 1965 condemned slavery a hundred years after it ended, when Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize, Mr. Alcindor, feeling their politic was too little too late, converted to Islam, and changed his name to Kareem Abdul Jabbar. These former Christians appear to be pragmatic in their belief system, so to win this type of man back to the Lord a show-and-tell existential approach should work.

WHY THE EXISTENTIAL PERSPECTIVE

Since these types of black males departed from the Faith because they saw and experienced a brand of Eurocentric Christianity based in prejudice that had nothing to do with Bible based Christianity, perennialism may not be the best approach to reach them. Perennialism's viewpoint teaches things that are everlasting and what these men saw and experienced from the human nature of fallen men vacillates indicating no stability in any everlasting principle to draw these men back to the Faith. Knight states that perennialists endorse a time-honored permanence in their teaching.¹ And early U.S. divinity schools such as Harvard, Brown, Dartmouth, Princeton, Rutgers, and Yale all began with slaveholding ministers as their founding rectors that held a pro-slavery views and passed their discriminatory value system to their ministers-in-training that would hold sway over the value system of white Christian culture in the United States.² Such rectors taught white primacy as permanent and that the white race, Japheth's descendants, were ordained to rule over the children of Ham, rather than abide by the biblical admonition that only Canaan's seed were destined to be enslaved rather than the "whole seed of Ham is obnoxious and cursed" as John Calvin proposed.³ Such a thought of permanence

¹ Knight, George. *Philosophy & Education: an Introduction in Christian Perspective*. (Berrien Springs: Andrews University Press, 2003), 109.

² Wilder, Craig Steven. *Ebony & Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities*. (New York: Bloombury Press, 2013), 17, 123-153.

³ John Calvin. *Genesis: The Geneva Series of Commentaries*. (Pennsylvania: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1979), 302-309.

in being eternally subjugated degrades any self-respecting man regardless of nationality and therefore a perennialists approach in this matter would be foolhardy.

THE CURRICULUM FOR BLACKS THAT DEPARTED FROM THE FAITH

The recommended methodology to retrieve and recover souls that have been damaged so much that they have departed from the Faith due their a misperception of “Christianity as a white man’s religion designed to keep the black man down” requires a reformation of traditional Eurocentric thought that bleaches biblical black characters contained in Scripture. This can be achieved by combining using the concrete realism found in Scripture along with idealism to form an existential perspective that can give a credible balance of accurate biblical black history according to Scripture rather than a black history that begins and ends in slavery as Eurocentric Christianity purports. This will be accomplished by designing a course covering those found in the brief lineage of Ham contained in Scripture to disprove traditional Eurocentric theories that are assumed true.

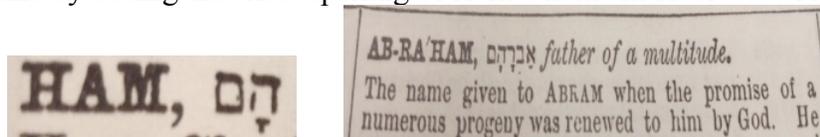
The teacher analyzes the lineage of Ham, the father of the black race. He or she will take these men and women that are suspicious of the Bible being based in prejudice and not God-breathed but rather man-made. It should be pointed out that the author of Genesis was Moses, a Hebrew that God selected to lead His chosen people out of Africa and write the first five books of the Bible about the Hebrews interactions with black tribes such as the Egyptians of the land of Ham (Ps 106:22), Philistines (Gen 10:6,14), and Hittites, Jebusites, Hivites, Sinites, Gergashites, and Sidonians, along with the half-black/half-Semites tribes such as the Amalekites, Moabites, Amorites, and Ishmaelites. Banishing the Eurocentric verbiage of Egypt being in the Ancient Near East (ANE) or Mid-East, it should be stated clearly to such African Americans that Egypt is

a north African country on the continent of Africa. Next it should be shown that Moses the author of the first five books of the Bible was married to an “Ethiopian woman” according to Numbers 12:1 in the King James Bible so he did not write with prejudice against black people and Ethiopians were known for having dark black skin according to Jeremiah 13:23. Two chapters after Moses writes that he was married to a black woman, God offered Moses and his Ethiopian wife the opportunity to raise up a new race of Hebrews “greater” and “mightier” than the original Hebrews that He wished to “disinherit” per Numbers 14:12. Moses declined the Almighty’s offer. This existentialist view shows that the God of the Bible was not prejudice.

As a babe and young adult, Moses passed as the greatest king in Africa’s grandson when all Hebrew males were to be drowned in the Nile at the time of his birth, plus the fact that he married an Ethiopian woman, a Cushite descendant of Ham, the new race would have been black skinned Hebrew descendants who would have delivered this world a dark skinned Messiah from the lineage of Shem since Semitic lineage is taken from male’s in the Old Testament regardless of the nationality of the birth mother as Joseph’s half black sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, showed. This should soften the defectors of the Faith that the whole race of Ham was not cursed as Calvinism’s founder stated.⁴ It also should be shared that the “blessing of Abraham” was conferred on Joseph’s half-African sons before any European was welcomed to be enjoined to it. Hence the Old Covenant name of God is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of Ephraim, and the God of Manasseh per Genesis 48:16. Blacks were first to share in this “blessing of Abraham”, when Jacob conferred this most sacred blessing in the Old Testament on his half-black grandsons by his favorite son Joseph.

⁴ John Calvin. *Genesis: The Geneva Series of Commentaries*. (Pennsylvania: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1979), 302-309.

Second, the teacher is to identify that Christianity was in Africa before the first white missionary was sent there and 650 years before Islam became a religion (Acts 8).⁵ The instructor is to explain that at the fall of the Roman Empire, the prophet Muhammad's Arabians invaded North Africa enslaving black Egyptians, Libyans, and Tunisians and made them convert to Islam or face death, so these gentlemen have ditched their American slave names only to dawn Arabic ones. Next the teacher should point the integrated history between Hebrews and Hamites i.e. Ham's descendants by pointing out that the first Arab was a product of Abram making a sex slave of a black woman from "the land of Ham" named "Hagar the Egyptian" according to Genesis 16:1-3. After the black woman bore Abraham an alleged heir, God visited Abram and changed his name by adding the exact spelling of Ham's name in Hebrew to Abram's calling

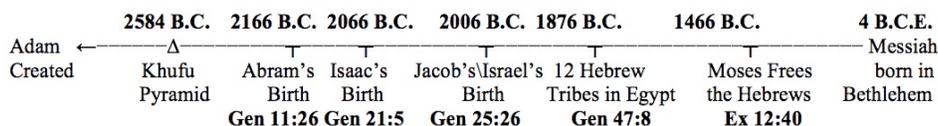


him *Abraham* father of a multitude of nationalities due to his half-Shemite half-Hamite son; the recipe that produced the first Arabian. Since such blacks are realists, it should be contrasted that an intelligent God did not attach the name of a cursed man to call His friend Abrahacanaan, Abrajudas had it been in the days of Jesus, or Abrahaitler had it been in the 20th Century. This should show them that Ham was not cursed as Eurocentric Christianity would lead the world to believe because God would not attach the exact spelling of Ham's name if he was cursed to his friend Abram. The force of logic that pragmatist require is supplied by this existential view.

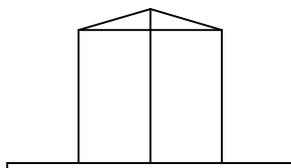
Now would be the best time to point out to these defectors from the faith that the order of the world wonders of the ancient world tells that tale that blacks were the first who are now last

⁵ Walls, Andrew F. Walls. *The Cross-Cultural Process in Christian History: Studies in the Appropriation of Faith*. (New York: Orbis Books, 2002), 86.

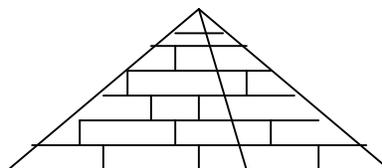
and white were the last that are now first with the first world wonder standing in Egypt “the land of Ham” being the Great Pyramid of Giza. According to Dr. Eugene Merrill’s book *Kingdom of Priests* it will be pointed out not one Hebrew placed one of the 2.5 million stones in the Great Pyramid built in 2584 B.C. and their father Abram was born 418 years later in 2166 B.C.⁶



Africans intended their Great Pyramid never to be forgotten. For thousands of years, this gigantic wonder stands as one in a trinity that can be seen from space as markers of remembrance of three Black kings that ruled Africans and valued architectural and artistic genius. In deference to “the land of Ham” the first standard bearer of superpowers, America acknowledges Africa on the back of her one-dollar bill that pictures the Great Pyramid. While Lincoln is seated in a memorial styled after Athens’ Greek Parthenon, America honors its first President by styling Washington’s



Obelisk



Pyramid

Monument after Africa’s architectural marvel called an obelisk. Prior to Egypt, the land of Ham, being the first superpower in the Old Testament, these men should be told that the first man that the Bible acknowledges as having a kingdom and thus being a king was a black man being Ham’s grandson by Cush whose name was Nimrod and he ruled all humans on earth after the

⁶ Merrill, Eugene H. *Kingdom of Priests*. (Grand Rapids: Baker Publishing, 2008), 47, 59.

Flood (Genesis 10:8-10). Due to the fact that this hard evidence exists in our time, should arouse the curiosity of these apostates by the existential approach taken.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW OF HAM'S LIMITED GENEALOGY IN SCRIPTURE

A general overview of the Old Testament that highlights character profiles of Hamites, i.e. blacks in the Bible from the lineage of Ham, it will be formatted in a curriculum to awake the consciousness that has been numbed by Eurocentric Christianity superimposing themselves in Old Testament stories. In Genesis, it should be pointed out after Nimrod's kingdom was disbursed Egypt became the superpower and its African king took Abram's wife and made him rich. Later, the Canaanite city of Sodom was a black kingdom was destroyed by God for their wickedness, and Genesis' last verse ends with a Hebrew corpse lying in a coffin in Africa. The second book of the Bible is God leading His people out of Africa, by an African prince finding Moses floating down the Nile that changed world history from the dark continent where the first Passover was initiated. Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy are about Moses and his people wandering in circles around black Canaanite tribes they were afraid to attack only having brief skirmishes with them. In the book of Joshua, the land of Canaan, a large black province is in process of being conquered by Joshua. In the book of Judges, Samson continuously dates black women from the line of Ham's great-great grandson Philistim the father of Philistines (Genesis 10:14, Judges 14:3). The book of Ruth is about a woman whose founding mother was a Sodomite-Canaanite that produced her tribe through incest that gave rise to King David. The books of first and second Samuel is about Israel fighting Ham's black tribes of Philistines with David killing its chief champion a black giant power of darkness called Goliath. In the book of Samuel, King David has a black man killed name Uriah the Hittite-Canaanite for his wife a

Gilonite a Canaanite tribe conquered by Joshua 15:51 whose grandfather was a proselyte Canaanite named Ahithophel that was adopted as an Israelite and became the advisor of King David but betrayed him to follow his son Absalom (2 Sam 15:12). The teacher should point out the Hebrew David felt very confident in the fact his child by his adulteress affair could pass as his black Hittite-Canaanite warrior's who would think the black child born to him was fathered by him had he slept with his wife. The teacher should point out that Eurocentric Christianity continuously projects a white skinned Messiah in spite of the fact the women listed in Jesus' lineage in Matthew had strong ties to the lineage of Ham and none to Japheth the father of Caucasians. Rahab was a Canaanite in the Canaanite city of Jericho, both founding women of the tribe of Judah were black Canaanites named Shuah and Tamar. The instructor is to "remember Lot's wife", she was the black woman of the city of Sodom that was the mother of the Moabites from whence Ruth sprang due to a incestuous relationship involving Lot and his half-Sodomite-Canaanite daughters. Therefore, if Ham's seed is that cursed, then why are they in the lineage of the Son of God? (Matt 1)

Next the blacks found in the books of 1st and 2nd Kings, were the forbidden Canaanite women in Solomon's harem. Next Solomon had an experience with the queen that Jewish Historian Flavius Josephus called the queen of Ethiopia called the Queen of Sheba of the South, when Shem's Semite Sheba was in the east.⁷ In the book of Kings, Zerah the king of Ethiopia took a million man army to invade Jerusalem, so the black Million Man March on Washington was "nothing new under the sun". The last African Pharaoh in Scripture is found in Kings and he was doing the will of God and Judah's king Josiah attempted to stop him and Pharaoh-Neco

⁷ Josephus, Flavius translated by William Whiston. *The Works of Flavius Josephus Complete and Unabridged*. (Peabody: Hendricks Publishers, 1993), Book 8, Chapter 6, page 223.

warned him to stop but he would not and was killed as a result. In the New Testament, the first Gentile convert to Christianity was the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8 when the first white man converted in Acts 10 and his name was Cornelius an Italian.

Lastly, these men must be shown that the only evidence that the Flood of Noah occurred that exist today came from the descendants of Ham. Bible translators during the slave trade era hid the names of Ham's sons in Hebrew but the lands that were called by their names, they chose to translate in English. They did not change Canaan's name to keep his curse attached to Ham's lineage. Ham's other sons' names were written in Hebrew as Cush, Mizraim, and Phut, but the lands that are called by their names are translated Ethiopia, Egypt, and Libya. Had Bible translators not have "handled the word of God deceitfully" (2 Cor. 4:2), the theory of evolution would have no legs to stand on because the names of Noah's grandsons of Ham still grace world maps and would have shut the mouth of such theorist. Such an overview should serve to plow the soil of their minds that the Bible is not a book about the exploits of white people in the Old Testament as Eurocentrism has led the world to believe in their Renaissance art, literature, and movies that white washes biblical black characters that descended from Ham in Scripture.

Hopefully, such a course as this will began the dialog to retrieve these precious soul's for whom Christ died that were diverted due to depraved men's worship and exaltation of white flesh in America that began being taught in divinity schools i.e. seminaries. Such an existential philosophical approach that shows concrete evidence that the Bible is not prejudice against blacks may attract and recapture families that were raised by Christians that departed from the faith due to racism's legacy that was taught in early America's divinity schools.

The instructor should explain the data that Hebrews and Hamites in Scripture have a very intertwined heritage as seen when examining when Joseph summoned the total Hebrew

population of seventy to Africa to survive a famine. The Bible states that one was Joseph's sister and his eleven brothers, then it names the sex of all of his brothers' children in Genesis chapter 46. There we are surprised to find that only one was the remaining 58 was a female named Serah Asher's daughter (Gen 46:17), so the 57 Hebrew bachelors had only the women of "the land of Ham" with which to marry to produce Hebrews for the twelve tribes of Israel. Hence, the dark skinned line of Hebrews according to Scripture has a longer history than the Askenazi (European) Jews of today with even Moses and Joseph, their chief leaders, sired children in interracial marriages with Ham's descendants (Number 12:1, Genesis 41:45, 50). Since existentialist rest their beliefs on solid empirical proofs, the verifiable evidence produced in this course should cause those that departed from the Christian Faith and dropped their American slave names to only call themselves by Arabian slave names to rethink why they may be wrong and reconsider the claims of the biblical Christian faith that is without prejudice as opposed to the Eurocentric and Arabic ones. Since these men defected to Islam, it should be pointed out to them that in the opening pages of the book revered by Black Muslims called the Holy Quran/Koran, you will find in Sura III verses 105-108:

Be not like those who are divided amongst themselves and fall into disputations after receiving Clear Signs: for them is a dreadful Penalty. On the day when some faces will be white, and some faces will be black: to those whose faces will be black: Did ye reject Faith after accepting it? Taste then the penalty for rejecting Faith." But those whose faces will be white – they will be in Allah's mercy therein to dwell. These are the signs of Allah....

According to the Holy Quran, if you stand before God on Judgment Day and God turns your face is white it is because you are in Allah's mercy, whereas in the Bible God turned your face white with the skin disease of leprosy is you displeased Him. However according to the Quran, if your face is black on that day, it is because you rejected faith after accepting it. There is color-based

racism in the Quran the holiest book that Black Muslims and Islam use to worship Allah, whereas no such statements of these are found in the Holy Bible.

After being exposed to the empirical data in this course, the student will be able to detail specific black characters that held prominent places in Scripture such as the black pharaohs of the land of Ham along with Israel's first black queen a Sidonian-Canaanite named Jezebel the daughter of a Canaanite king name Ethbaal (1 Kings 18:4, Genesis 10:15). This may give the students a cause to pause and rethink the claims of the Christian faith and study more of the Faith from whence they have departed.