



INFORMATION SHEET

SEMINAR: RACE, DIVERSITY & SPIRITUALITY: CROSSING BOUNDARIES – CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

November 2-3, 2018, Benedictine University, 5700 College Rd., Lisle, IL. 60532

Fee: \$49 - \$69, July 1st thru November 1st - Online Registration at RACIALIDENTITY.ORG

Event Day Fee: \$90, November 2nd at the door, with Visa or Cashier's Check only, made payable to Racial Identity Organization, Inc.

Ticket Purchase: Group, Club, Organization, and Corporations can purchase tickets with a check or purchase order.

Friday, November 2nd, 7-9 p.m., **Panel Presentation:** THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE OF LIVING IN A POST-RACIAL WORLD, 7 – 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 3rd, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., 13 Topics/Sessions will be presented in 2-3 rooms simultaneously, complete schedule will be posted online on or before September 15th. All presenters will be listed online, and 2-3 sessions will be streamed with out-of-state presenters by Skype or Zoom.

Book signings will take place on and off campus during the week of October 28th, in Naperville and Oak Park.

ABOUT THE FOUNDER:

Gregory James Evans, African American and Catholic (born February 15, 1954) is a Certified Hypnotherapist, Medium, Animal Kommunikator, holds an Advanced Certificate in the Akashic Records and uses Tarot/Oracle Cards in his practice. He has a Masters of Science Degree in Health Education (1979), Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and minor in Psychology (1977); however, the course work in Psychology was equal to that in Philosophy. As a graduate student in Health Education, he continued to take courses at the 400-500 level in Philosophy. He attended DePaul University in 1986 to pursue his doctorate degree in Philosophy and had completed 25 academic courses in Philosophy which included course work in phenomenology, metaphysics, existentialism, and ethics. His continued education on Soul Development, Psychic Research with historical practioners like *Edgar Cayce*, *Suzane Northrop*, *James Van Praagh*, *Raymond Moody M.D.*, *Brian Weiss M.D.*, Peter Woodbury, *Linda Howe*, Danielle MacKinnon and others in the Mystical Arts led him back to his earlier studies on Sociology, Racism, and Humanities.

When he was ten years old, and a student in 5th grade at St. Mel's Holy Ghost Elementary School on the Westside of Chicago he led a movement to have a Catholic Nun removed from the institution because he witnessed her preferential treatment towards white students over black and brown, especially students that had a dark complexion. She would spend most of the classroom time denigrating black males, and she saw them talking to Puerto Rican women on the corner. A preference is not a crime, but excluding others from equality, fairness, and participating in projects at school, workplace, clubs, and organizations is a form of discrimination. In one of his verbal exchanges with the nun, she asked him "So what do you want me to call you, green or a gorilla? During the last 54 years, he has experienced additional occurrences of prejudice, racism, biases, and bigotry, which led into a filing of two federal lawsuits.

IF WE WERE ALL THE SAME, WOULD RACISM END?

Fifty-Four years later this racialized ideology and bigotry permeates the core of the United States and holds all of us captive. It holds us captive because we elect to consciously or otherwise make prejudgments on others based on skin color, racial appearance, national origin, religion, faith, gender, sexual identity/preferences and political ideology. In 2016, Donald J. Trump received 62,979,636 (46.1%) votes with the hopes and aspirations that he would *Make America Great Again*. The electoral college gave him the seat at the table with a vote of 304/228 over Hillary Clinton, and this made him the forty-fifth president of the United States.

Racism, Islamophobia, and Xenophobia are at a crossroads with the new political landscape in this country, and it continues to grow. The Human Experience of Living in a Post-Racial World perhaps was a fantasy; however, there are enough good people on earth that can elevate us back towards living in a mindful universe with love and compassion. The Seminar on Race, Diversity & Spirituality is designed to begin the healing process. And I welcome all of you to join me in this soulful and spiritual quest.

"The morality of a sovereign nation depends on the ethical character of its leaders and citizens. The moral fiber of a country as we understand it solidifies all of our human rights with dignity, justice, and courage. The threads that hold the American flag together will become unstitched unless we create an atmosphere of meaningful dialogue and communication. Human nature in-itself is fragile and will not sustain the petulance of racism, bigotry, and hatred. So, we need to have a dialogue about mindful communication, tolerance, and respect", said Gregory J. Evans, Founder – Racial Identity Organization, Inc.

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