

**9 DEVASTATING ACTIONS WHITE SLAVES MASTERS TOOK TO CONVERT BLACK PEOPLE TO CHRISTIANITY- PORTION TAKEN FROM ATLANTA BLACKSTAR MARCH 2016 ISSUE.**

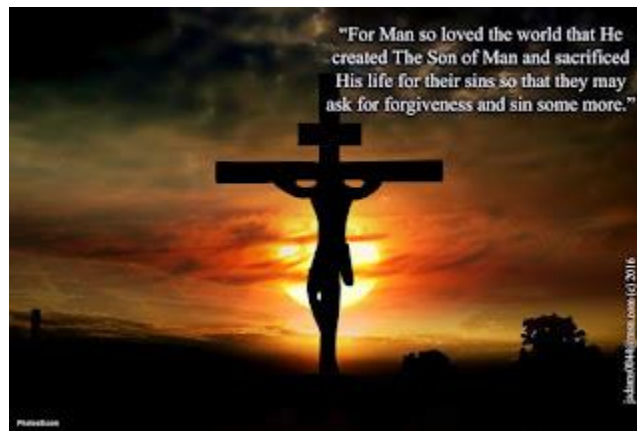


**IF YOU ARE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND ARE DECEDEDENTS OF SLAVE ANCESTORS AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A CHRISTIAN. YOU SHOULD DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH SEE WHY BELIEVE AS YOU DO. IT IS MY JOB TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION AND WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU. WHEN YOU ASK AFRICAN AMERICANS WHY, "IF JESUS WAS THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, THEN WHY DID THE WHITE SLAVE MASTERS HAVE TO BEAT OUR ANCESTORS INTO SUBMISSION AND USE OTHER TRICKS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO ACCEPT THE WHITE MAN'S GOD AND CHRISTIANITY?"**

**1. THE PROMISE OF HEAVEN**

**THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF CHRISTIANITY FOR THE ENSLAVED WAS THE PROMISE OF HEAVEN – A PROMISE MADE BY PLANTATION OWNERS. THIS IDEA PREACHED THE NOTION THAT FOR ALL THE SUFFERING THAT IS DONE IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD, YOUR SOUL WILL BE PRESERVED, AND YOU WILL EXPERIENCE A HARDSHIP-FREE SPIRITUAL LIFE, ACCORDING TO SLAVE RESISTANCE, A CARIBBEAN STUDY. WHAT THIS DID FOR ENSLAVED BLACK PEOPLE WAS GIVE THEM HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. CONVERTED ENSLAVED PEOPLE'S**

**BELIEF IN HEAVEN ALLOWED SOME TO PASSIVELY RESIST THEIR PLANTATION OWNERS AND FOCUS ON THE AFTERLIFE. WITH THAT BELIEF, ALL OF THE BEATINGS AND LASHINGS MEANT NOTHING BECAUSE IN HEAVEN THE ENSLAVED PERSON WOULD BE REWARDED, AND THE MASTER WOULD BE PUNISHED.**

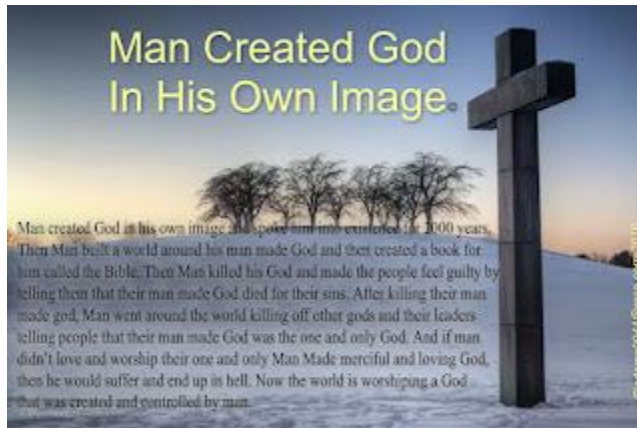


## **2. CONSTANT WORK**

**THE VIGOROUS, CONSTANT PLANTATION WORK ASSIGNED BY OWNERS LEFT THE ENSLAVED PEOPLE HARDLY ANY TIME FOR THEMSELVES, AND THAT INCLUDED RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES,**

## **3. BLOCKED COMMUNICATION**

**PLANTATION OWNERS SEPARATED THE ENSLAVED PEOPLE WHO SPOKE THE SAME TRIBAL LANGUAGE SO THEY COULD NOT WORSHIP TOGETHER AND COULD BE TAUGHT CHRISTIANITY AT THE SAME TIME, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE TITLED THE INCONCEIVABLE STATE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY ON CHRISTIANITYTODAY.COM.**



#### **4. SEPARATED FAMILIES**

**MOVING FAMILY MEMBERS FROM ONE ANOTHER BROKE DOWN THE SPIRIT OF THE ENSLAVED, AS THEY BELIEVED WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN WORSHIPPING TOGETHER, ACCORDING TO ACADEMIA.EDU IN A STUDY ON THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN AFRICA. WITH THEIR FAMILY UNITS BROKEN, THEIR AFRICAN BELIEFS WERE BROKEN, TOO, MAKING THEM MORE WILLING TO ACCEPTING ANOTHER RELIGION.**

#### **5. DEMONSTRATION OF POWER**

**WHEN AFRICANS WERE CAPTURED AND BROUGHT TO AMERICA BY THE EUROPEANS, THEY OFTEN ATTRIBUTED THE EUROPEANS' POWER TO THE POWER OF THE EUROPEANS' GOD. THEREFORE, IT WAS OFTEN EASY FOR SOME ENSLAVED AFRICANS TO BEGIN TO WORSHIP THE VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN GOD IN PLACE OF THEIR OWN GODS**

#### **6. SOCIAL CONTROL**

**IN THE CARIBBEAN COLONIES OF CUBA AND SAINT-DOMINGUE, RELIGION WAS TAUGHT TO ENSLAVED AFRICANS AS A MEANS OF SOCIAL CONTROL MORE THAN AS A MEANS TO EDIFY THEIR SOULS, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE TITLED SLAVERELIGION IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.**



**NATIVE AMERICANS 2.9 MILLION EXIST TODAY, DOWN FROM 7-10 MILLION BEFORE THE WHITE MAN LAND IN THE AMERICAS IN THE 1400'S.**

**ESPECIALLY IN THE COLONIES' EARLY DAYS, WHILE THE PLANTATIONS WERE SMALL AND THE ENSLAVED POPULATION WAS NOT HUGE, PLANTATION OWNERS USED RELIGION TO TEACH OBEDIENCE. IN CUBA AND BRAZIL, CATHOLIC SAINTS WERE OFTEN EQUATED WITH GODS FROM AFRICA – GENERATING FAMILIARITY FOR THE ENSLAVED.**

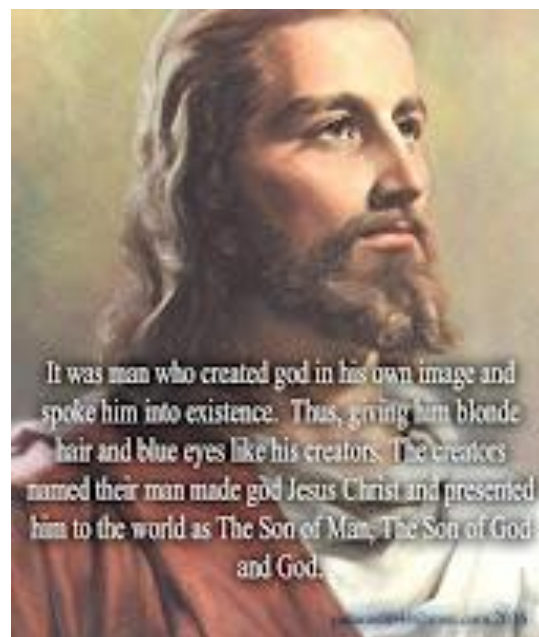
### **7. CATHOLICS' CONVERSIONS**

**OFTEN, AFRICAN PRACTICES WERE BROUGHT INTO CHRISTIANITY IN NEW AND INTERESTING WAYS AS A WAY OF LURING THE ENSLAVED INTO CHRISTIANITY AND AWAY FROM THEIR RELIGION, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE AT THE MARINERS MUSEUM CALLED CAPTIVE PASSAGE. ENSLAVED AFRICANS IN ROMAN CATHOLIC NATIONS OFTEN CONVERTED EASILY BECAUSE OF CATHOLICISM'S ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE AND ABSORB OTHER BELIEFS**

### **8. MIXING OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICES**

**SYMBOLS AND OBJECTS, SUCH AS CROSSES, WERE CONFLATED WITH CHARMS CARRIED BY AFRICANS TO WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS. CHRIST WAS INTERPRETED AS A HEALER SIMILAR TO THE PRIESTS OF**

**AFRICA, ACCORDING TO PBS' SLAVERY AND THE MAKING OF AMERICA.  
IN THE NEW WORLD, FUSIONS OF AFRICAN SPIRITUALITY AND  
CHRISTIANITY LED TO DISTINCT NEW PRACTICES AMONG ENSLAVED  
POPULATIONS, INCLUDING VODOO OR VODUN IN HAITI AND SPANISH  
LOUISIANA. ALTHOUGH AFRICAN RELIGIOUS INFLUENCES WERE ALSO  
IMPORTANT AMONG NORTHERN BLACK PEOPLE, EXPOSURE TO OLD  
WORLD RELIGIONS WAS MORE INTENSE IN THE SOUTH, WHERE THE  
DENSITY OF THE BLACK POPULATION WAS GREATER.**



**AFTER READING THIS ARTICLE, THE QUESTION REMAINS', IF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN'S WHO CONTINUES TO SERVE THEIR FORMER SLAVE MASTER'S WHITE GOD, BETRAYING THEIR ANCESTORS? KNOWING THAT THEIR GREAT ANCESTORS WERE FORCED TO ACCEPT, CONVERT, AND WORSHIP THEIR SLAVE MASTER'S WHITE GOD? IS SERVING THE WHITE MAN'S MAN-MADE GOD FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN HE WHO CREATED HIS OWN GOD IN HIS OWN IMAGE AND PAINTED HIM WHITE? IN ORDER SO THAT HE CAN RULE THEM WITH HIS SUPREMACY.**

**THE ACTIONS WHITE SLAVE MASTERS TOOK TO CONVERT BLACK PEOPLE TO CHRISTIANITY IS AN ATROCITY.**

**THE DECISION IS TOTALLY LEFT UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL BLACK OR BROWN AMERICAN WHO CALLS HIM OR HERSELF A CHRISTIAN TO FOLLOW CHRISTIANITY INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.**



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**ALL PRAISES TO THE MOST HIGH**

**AHAYAH ASHAR AHAYA BAHASHEM YASHAYA**

**SHALAWAM**