

The Final Call: Reflections on the Life and Work of Francis Cress Welsing, MD



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Dr. Welsing's *The Isis Papers*, was published 1991. For many *The Isis Papers* is considered required reading for those interested in the psycho-biological origins and manifestations of White supremacy.

She was our Queen Mother.

While some will say her greatest contribution is found in the melanin theory and others her "Unified Field Theory Psychiatry," I think to honor Frances is to always let her speak for herself.

In her "Unified Field Theory Psychiatry" she proposed a broader framework, encompassing biology, psychology, and physics, as prerequisites to understanding the etiology of a unified field of energy phenomena, specifically the "behavior-energy" underlying racial conflict.

... Frances along with Dr. Bobby Wright Jr. used their expertise in western psychiatry and psychology to critically examine the behavioral dysfunctioning of the advocates of White supremacy. Her scholarship, in my opinion, helped to consecrate Black Psychology's separation from the toxic psychopathic core of Western thought.

In this moment of quietude, listen to this mighty Black woman, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing whisper to our souls. Read her thoughts and ideas that can bring forth our electric vibration. Because Frances Cress Welsing lived, our sense of who we are can never be the same. Whisper Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, as a great mighty Black woman, existed.

Or maybe rather than whisper, we should shout out loud. She, Frances Cress Welsing, exists. She exists in the realm of the invisible. She exists amongst the Dwellers of Heaven. She exists in the fabric of our minds. Dr. Frances Cress Welsing exists. This great soul, my friend and sister, will exist forever.

Source: Nobles, Wade. "Giving Thanks and Praise to Dr. Frances Cress Welsing: Memorial Service in D.C." in *Black Star News* (www.blackstarnews.com), January 17, 2016.

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The fact that she was largely unknown and/or caricatured when discussed at all in white public discourse reflects the tremendous gap that continues between black and white public spheres.

Source: "Activists Mourn Race Theorist Dr. Frances Cress Welsing", <http://www.npr.org>, January 2, 2016, 1:39 PM ET

Janell Hazelwood

Her research was groundbreaking in opening modern-day dialogue about colorism and racism in America

Source: Hazelwood, Janell. "Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, Author of *The Isis Papers*, Dead at 80 (author, researcher, and psychiatrist was known for her research on racism)." *Black Enterprise* (www.blackenterprise.com/news/), January 19, 2016.

Herb Boyd

Her Cress theory was the touchstone for a generation of African American activists determined to overthrow the domination of European racism.

Source: Boyd, Herb. "Remembering Frances Cress Welsing, Natalie Cole, Jocelyn Cooper, and Billie Allen-Henderson" in *Afro* (<https://afro.com>), January 9, 2016.

Imam John S. Bilal II

In her 1991, seminal treatise - *The Isis Papers: The Keys to the Colors*, Dr. Welsing offers her readers a compelling reason for *why* the injustice of racism.

... Dr. Welsing says, no one should speak about racism until they have informed themselves properly about racism, and recommends reading materials, and films.

... her words and ideas are helping to bring understanding to future generations of young people to make sense of and how to guard against the evils of racism.

Dr. Welsing's importance in history should not be minimized because she made us feel uncomfortable. The truth is, her work was designed to take us out of our comfort zones, to make us all think more deeply and commit to act against what is arguably one of the world's most persistent and intractable problems - Racism/White Supremacy.

Welsing was a true intellectual who routinely dispensed penetrating scientific and cultural evidence designed to move the people to finally become determined to replace the system of Racism with a system of Justice.

Source: Bilal II, Imam John S. "Dr. Francis Cress Welsing, A Legacy of Eradicating Racism, and Educating the Human Being" in *Muslim Journal* (<http://muslimjournal.net>), January 8, 2016.

Sureshi M. Jayawardene and Serie McDougal, III

Francis Cress Welsing ... advanced one of the most notable and controversial theories about the perpetuation of global White supremacy.

Indeed, what sets Welsing's analysis apart from theories of domination and racism, like the aforementioned, is that she (a) dares to examine White psycho-pathology in relation to racism and (b) goes back further in the causal order of racism beyond economic explanations of racism or material-istic explanations of racism.

Welsing's theory is not simply an exercise in polemics of the biological or socially constructed nature of racism, but rigorously demonstrates the degrees to which race and racism are simultaneously biologically and socially configured

Welsing's theory registers on both the level of clearly identifying the source of oppression and the level of arming Black communities with knowledge useful to emancipatory strategies.

Source: Jayawardene, Sureshi M. and Serie McDougal, III. "Francis Cress Welsing's Contributions to Africana Studies Epistemology" in *The Journal of Black Studies*, vol. 48, no.1, October 2016, pp.43-56.