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Introduction

Indigenous Africans, Hunger for Learning

There is enough written about the indigenous Africans— the so-called “Negroes” or ”Africans South of the Sahara,” and things African, to satisfy anyone’s hunger for learning about this topic.


Learn for Mistakes

We must learn by our own mistakes; and must certainly by the mistakes of others …. 


Literate in Ancient Language, Feel the Oneness

We must become literate in [the] ancient language of our forefathers. We must be able to make distinctions between the various types of writings…. But most of all, we must be able to feel the oneness with the inner-self of the Mysteries….


Researcher and Student

…it is my fervent hope that *African Studies* be equally taught in the future with emphasis on apprenticeship between researcher and student, and not solely between professor and student.


Open the Flood-Gate

I do hope that you, my students, shall open the flood-gate to further information on Ethiopia’s history, and let the waters of knowledge inundate the closed mind of the uninformed, as the flood-waters from the Ethiopian highlands along the trails of the Blue Nile ….


First World Member

I am not a member of the third world, I am a member of the first world.


Marcus Garvey and George G.M. James

Few men have influenced my academic career as the late Honorable Marcus Moziah Garvey and Professor George G.M. James.

*Black Man of the Nile and His Family*  

Thirty-Two Books on Africa

Since 1938 I’ve published thirty-two books on Africa, and I write them in such a way that even a seventh-grader should be able to read them.


No Apologies to Make

I have no apologies to make to anyone or institution for any of the citations or indictments and hypothesis in this work; for I have carefully examined each and every one of them before they were finally printed.


Editing Attack

Because the area of editing is constantly the only weal point in my works the destructive critics find to attack ….


All Redundancies Are Intentional

… all redundancies are intentional. Besides being my style, they are included to make you familiar with the proper terms, names, corrections and general semantics distorted by existing European and European-American so-called Africanist [holy white race] scholarship now presented as unbiased and/or objective history, etc.

Original Government

All civil compacts today had their original basis of government in Africa ….


Simplicity of Language and Style

The final factor for my personal appeal to you is the simplicity of the language and style I have employed in this and all of my works to date. This too, although having been criticized by many who feel I could be more academic [whatever that means], is purposely done in order to communicate with the broadest base of African people without any of them having to feel that my book was not written for their level of intelligence.


Luxury of Exclusivity

… the Black academician in any discipline whatsoever cannot in good conscious claim the luxury of exclusivity at the price of cultural and physical genocide ….


Defending My Ethnocentricity

Am so different from other human beings that I will not stand tall in defending my own ethnocentricity while others are counted in terms of their own, at the same time condemning me for mine? No! I am first an African/Black man before I am anyone or anything else.

History

Nonsense about “Holocausts”

Nobody bothers me with non sense about “holocausts,” because let me tell you about my “holocausts.” Let me tell you what Cecil John Rhodes, Dr. Leander Starr Jameson and others did to my people in South Africa (Monomotapa) when they brought in Captain John Lugard, who made Hitler look like a sissy boy.


History is Incomplete

… the history of nowhere is complete …


Higher Education Origins

… even Europe’s very first higher education system – Universidad de Salamanca [University of Salamanca] – came from Africans who were extending their own higher education system – University of Djene [also known as: Djénné, Jenné and Jenne] – that later became – University of Sankore ….


The ‘Jews’ Owned ‘Slaves’

… why are the ‘children’ of all races not told that the ‘Jews’ [Black, White, or whatever else they may have been] also owned ‘slaves’ in biblical times, and that they even stopped to purchase their own ‘slaves’ while they were in fact fleeing from their fellow Africans to escape their own ‘bondage in Egypt’ ….


The Bicentennial Celebration

How can I, an “African American”, continue teaching about my background in African history and heritage and not write a single sentence, pro or con, with regards to the Bicentennial celebration of [lily white] America’s freedom that supposedly includes Black Americans and others just like me?


No Bicentennial Celebration of Freedom

There is no bicentennial celebration of freedom by the so-called Black Africans until they are all free of European and European-American domination ….


The Masters Freedom

… I could find no precedence in ‘world history’, even biblically, where any kind of ‘slaves’ voluntarily celebrated their ‘masters freedom’!


Writing, History, Master-Slave Relationship

The Black man [indigenous African and his decedents] must once more write about himself, his cultures, and his continent Alkebu-lan [Africa, Ethiopia, Libya, etc.]. For no one cares about another’s history to the point where he can feel the emotional values of the inheritors. Moreover, when a man’s history is written by his master’s religion or economic philosophy, such history is always distorted to suit the master-slave relationship, which is the only possible result from such an enforced union.

Black Man of the Nile and His Family

High Priests: Far Better Historians

We know that the Egyptian high priests were far better historians than anyone else of their time. This we know from the many writings that they left us on the walls of their tombs and monuments in Egypt and Nubia; also from the many papyri found and deciphered.


Slave History and Heritage

A master can never see his slave’s history and heritage in the same light as the slave sees his or her master’s own; neither will their descendants, be they Black or White.


Reading Africa

The more one reads the earlier works, the more the beauty and glory that was Africa and her sons and daughters unfold in splendor.


Truth about the Africans

The *truth* about the Africans must be brought forward, especially that which presented the greatness of the Africans in their role as economists, sociologist and political scientist ….


Decide Our Own Truths

Hopefully everyone will appreciate that Africans, African-Americans and African-Caribbeans alone must decide our own truths about ourselves ….

Freedom and Truth

… the master and the slave do not have the same concept of freedom/truth.


Consistent About Freedom

We must be consistent in everything we do in terms of our commitment to our own freedom.


African-Centric Interpretation

… the history of the Black Africans whether revisionist or not will never again be written until the so-called Black African ourselves, write it from our own African-Centric interpretation.


Continue the Struggle for Freedom

I shall continue the struggle for my freedom at my terms and not that of the descendants of the people who enslaved my African ancestors for hundreds of years ….

Psychology

Black Mental Health

… a Black who has adjusted to his condition and/or has accepted the ‘value system’ of the White oppressor is more in need of the services of the Black [etc.] mental health provider than the traditional ‘patient’.


Adversary/Enemy Approval and “Authority”

How can you expect your adversary/enemy to approve you as his/her “authority” in his/her education [mysteries] system, religious institution, family structure, and God concept? Does your enemy use you as his/her “authority”?

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White Mis-Educators

… we have been too much accustomed to having White mis-educators constantly as the ‘authorities’ who decide who are our “Black [formerly ‘Negro’] heroes” and what should be taught about them ….


Colonialist and Imperialist Genocide

Strange as it may seem, the racist colonialist and other imperialist who took turns exterminating the Africans by means of genocide also took pride in debasing each other over their stolen lands and captured slaves ….


Those Who Shape and Control

… those who shape our thinking of right and wrong also control the funds that underwrite Black and African Studies curriculum and Departments ….


Know Africa

The Africa that I have spoken of, you need to know, and no one can keep you a slave after you know.


Cultural Genocide

… the manner in which Black cultural genocide appears is not always noticeable to the average trained or untrained person …


Misuse of the Word “Race”

… the common misuse of the word “race” is intentional; purposefully arranged and manipulated by those who are in the position to have others drugged by it.


A Free Mind

The very first step and last step to physical freedom is a free mind.

Freedom of our Minds

When Africans, every one of us, become ready to question the writings of the ancient scribes who wrote, and those of contemporary times who revised the ancient “inspired works of God,” we would have begun the final stage of our own liberation – freedom of our minds.


Religion

Sacred Scriptures, Adaptation from Indigenous Nile Valley Africans

The co-option of the “sacred scriptures” (writings) by various religious groups was common among the ancients. The practice came down through the adaptation of the basic tenets from the indigenous Nile Valley Africans’ “mystery system” into Judaism.


Looking Outside Africa

If Judaism is based on an African religion, if Christianity is based on an African religion, and if Islam is based on an African religion, then why is the African looking outside Africa for religion?


The Biblical ‘Moses’

What was the biblical ‘Moses’ other than an African like the ‘children’ of the Black communities ….


Feeling Afraid to Challenge

There is no doubt that our confusion as Christians, Jews and Muslims has forced us into feeling afraid to challenge any and all manner things coming forth from the so-called ‘Judeo-Christian Caucasian-Semitic’ and ‘Islamic-Hamite’ academic world as the ‘… inspired word of God …,’ even when such is totally directed towards our own genocide in every aspect imaginable.


Judaism and Christianity Origins

… both Judaism and Christianity had their origin and foundation in the *Book of Coming Forth by Day* [the so-called ‘Egyptian Book of the Dead and Papyrus of Ani’] and other works produced by African ‘heroes’….


No Lost Book of the Bible

… not a single *book* of the Bible was ‘lost’. The fact is that they were suppressed by the ‘Christian clergy’ and ‘theologians’ in order to maintain their dictatorial rule and arbitrary edicts ….


Jesus in Africa

… I could not find where Jesus entered Europe, nor where he was ever trained by a single European. Instead there is abundant evidence that he entered Alkebu-lan/Africa …


Convert the Heathens

It is certainly unfortunate that so many members of the clergy do not read about the historical origin of their religion before assuming the declared “God’s call to convert the heathens”.


Beauty

Black is Beautiful

“Black is Beautiful” only when one is informed of the historical facts, mythological beliefs, and biblical plagiarism of more ancient teachings which were responsible for the creation of the various so-called “Holy Scriptures”.


First Black Person

“Black” have always been “beautiful” from the day the first Black person was born unto a woman and a man in central Africa or Alkebu-lan.


Your Own Nation, Beauty

It is only when you have your own nation that you can decide the value and the judgment of beauty.

A Black Woman

Dipped in chocolate, bronzed in elegance, enameled with grace, toasted with beauty. My lord, she's a Black woman.

Relationships

Respect and Love

I don’t care if my woman doesn’t love me, as long as she respects me. Respect is higher than love.


Praise and Worship Black Women

I have so much time to praise and worship Black women, to kneel down and thank the heavens they are here!